

August 27, 2015

Watermain Replacement On Victoria Park Avenue & Gerrard Street East

Contract: 15ECS-LU-02TT
Start Date: Late-August 2015
End Date: September 2016

**Timeline is subject to change.*

The City of Toronto will replace the cast iron watermain on Victoria Park Avenue and Gerrard Street East. The project involves 340 metres of watermain replacement along Victoria Park Avenue from Gerrard Street to just south of Wakehood Street. The replacement along Gerrard Street will extend from Kingswood Road to Blantyre Avenue, an approximate length of 400 metres.

This project is part of the Council-approved 2015 Capital Works Program to renew our aging infrastructure, improve water distribution and reduce the risk of water main breaks.

MAP OF WORK AREA



WORK DETAILS

In the first few weeks, the City’s contractor will move construction equipment on-site and prepare the work area before construction begins. Construction crews will then:




- Excavate the road and dig a trench to access and install the new water main
- Tunnel below the rail lines
- Restore all work areas with asphalt, concrete or grass when the underground works are complete






This project will be phased by location and scheduled accordingly:

- **Phase 1 (September 2015 - April 2016):** Victoria Park Construction
- **Phase 2a (March 2016 - June 2016):** Gerrard St. East, east of Victoria Park
- **Phase 2b (March 2016 – August 2016):** Gerrard St. East ,west of Victoria Park
- **Phase 3 (September 2016):** Final cleanup and watermain connections at all ends

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION

- You may experience dust, noise and other inconveniences. The City will make efforts to reduce the impacts. We appreciate your patience.
- Property owners should remove items located within City property limits (boulevard), such as landscaping and / or decorative objects. If you have a sprinkler system within the boulevard, please contact the Project Manager.
- The City will not be responsible for damage to any privately owned items on City property.

	<p>Work Hours: The Contractor on this project can work extended work hours to minimize traffic disruption and to shorten the project duration. Work will take place from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on Gerrard Street East and 6:00 AM to 11:00 PM on Victoria Park Avenue.</p>
	<p>Water Service Disruptions: If the water supply to your property requires shut-off to complete construction; the contractor will provide at least 24-hour advance notice. During water shut-off, it is recommended that you temporarily disconnect any water treatment systems (i.e. softeners or filters), water-cooled air conditioners or similar plumbing fixtures. Automatic lawn sprinkler systems may also be affected, therefore, you may need to water manually. In the event you did not received advanced notice, an emergency water shut off could have been necessary.</p>
	<p>Road and Sidewalk Access: In order to complete the work in a safe manner, there will be road and sidewalk restrictions within the construction work zone. Access for emergency vehicles will be maintained at all times.</p> <p>Driveway Access: The contractor will notify you of any temporary restrictions to your driveway access. If your property has two entrances, one entrance will be kept open at all times.</p>

	<p>Traffic Management: Efforts have been made to manage traffic in the area for the safety of workers, road users and residents. Some of these efforts include adding Local Access signs, revising traffic signal times. Road users should expect delays and increased traffic on nearby main and side streets.</p> <p>Traffic on Gerrard St East and Victoria Park Ave will be reduced to one lane one each direction.</p>
	<p>Parking: Parking in the active work zone is not permitted due to space requirements for construction equipment and materials. If your parked vehicle affects the construction work, it will be re-located with no charge to the owner. If your vehicle is moved, please contact parking control for its location at 416-808-2222.</p> <p><i>In the event you receive a traffic ticket for on-street parking during this period of construction, please immediately contact the Inspector Benny Chan at 647-502-0380, so that your ticket can be cancelled.</i></p> <p>Please note that parking tickets cannot be cancelled if vehicles were parked in illegal parking spots such as in front of a fire hydrant or in no parking zones, or if they are submitted to the Inspector later than three days after receipt.</p>
	<p>Garbage & Recycling: Please follow your normal routine. If required, the contractor will move bins to an appropriate location and return them. <i>Please ensure that you label your bins with your address.</i></p>
	<p>Restoration: The construction work area will be restored with sod and/or asphalt where required. Interlocking bricks, flagstone on a granular base, or other similar features that are removed from public and private property during construction will be replaced. Lawn seeding and/or laying of sod will be done as needed during ideal growing seasons only - in the spring (April to June) and fall (September to October).</p>
	<p>TTC Service: This project may affect travel times on the Kingston Road route 12 Bus and Rote 135 Gerrard Bus. Visit ttc.ca for accurate schedule information.</p>

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

If you have questions about the upcoming work, please contact us and quote Contract # 15ECS-LU-02TT

Project Manager	Niko Kalo, P. Eng. 416-338-5558 nkalo@toronto.ca
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General inquiries	311
Website	toronto.ca/improvements/ward32.htm or toronto.ca/improvements/ward35.htm or toronto.ca/improvements/ward36.htm

Thank you for your patience. Building a great city takes time. Better infrastructure for all of us is worth the wait.