

April 8, 2016

Watermain Replacement & Road Reconstruction on Gerrard Street East and West from Yonge Street to Sherbourne Street and from University Avenue to Elizabeth Street

Contract: [16ECS-TI-15SP]

Start Date: April 18, 2016

End Date: October 28, 2016

**Timeline is subject to change.*

The City of Toronto is replacing a section of the watermain and City-owned portions of substandard water services on Gerrard Street East and West from Yonge Street to Jarvis Street, University Avenue to Elizabeth Street.

The water service is the underground pipe that brings water to your house and is owned by you and by the City. The part you own is from your house to the end of your property, the part the City owns is from the end of your property to the watermain.

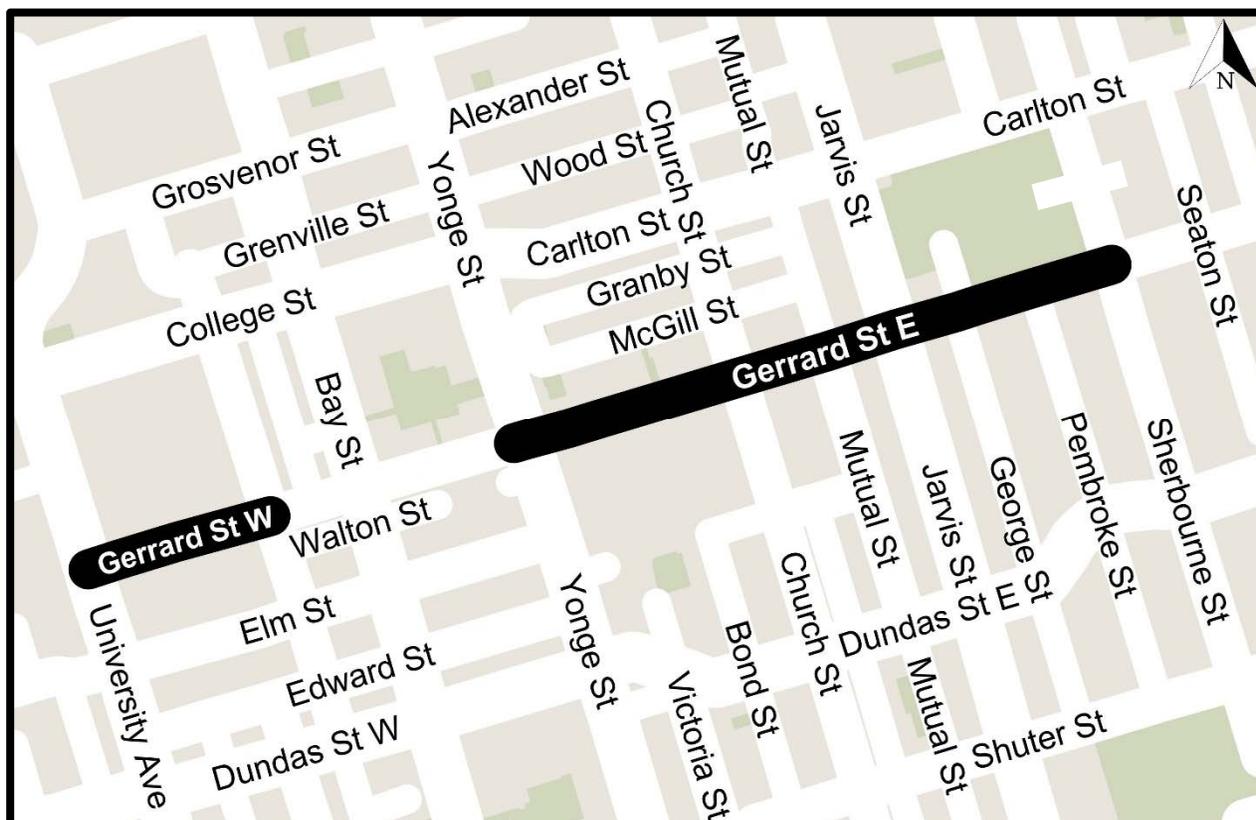
This project also involves reconstructing Gerrard Street (Yonge Street to Sherbourne Street), installing improved cycling lanes and improving sidewalks and streetscaping in some areas. This project is part of the Council-approved 2016 Capital Works Program to renew our aging infrastructure, improve water distribution, reduce the risk of watermain breaks and improve the roads and cycling infrastructure.

You may receive more than one Pre-Construction or Construction Notice from the City of Toronto because there are a number of projects planned near the community this summer. You can sign up for email updates using the webpage listed on page 2.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT LEAD WATER SERVICES

If you live or own a property on Gerrard Street where the watermain work is planned (see map below) in a house that was built before the mid-1950s, your water service may be made of lead. Please read the attached fact sheet with important information about the risks of lead in drinking water, especially if someone in your house is pregnant, there are children under six years old, or there is an infant drinking formula made using tap water.

MAP OF WORK AREA



WORK DETAILS

Work will be staged in three phases. Before each phase of work begins, the City's contractor will move equipment on-site and prepare the work area for construction including survey work to mark out utilities and sidewalks for replacement.

Phase 1: April 18 – September 9 (Yonge to Sherbourne Street) work involves:

- Excavating the road and dig a trench to access and install the new watermain (Yonge to Jarvis)
- Replacing any City-owned water service pipes that do not meet City standards from the watermain to the private property line
- Installing new sidewalk / BIA streetscaping and improved cycle lanes.
- Reconstructing the road

Phase 2: July 4 to October 28 (University Avenue to Elizabeth Street) work involves:

- Excavating the road and dig a trench to access and install the new watermain
- Replacing any City-owned water service pipes that do not meet City standards from the watermain to the private property line
- Installing new sidewalk
- Resurfacing / reconstructing the road

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: This project will use extended work hours from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturdays to reduce the project duration.</p>
	<p>Pre-Construction Inspection: OZA Group, a sub-contractor to the City of Toronto, will survey all properties within 30 metres of the construction area before construction starts. Participation in the survey is voluntary; however, participating is important in determining if the construction caused damage. The inspection will look at both the interior and exterior of all properties to verify existing conditions. The company will deliver a separate notice requesting time to set up appointments. All inspection staff will be wearing photo identification and carrying photographic equipment during their work.</p>
	<p>Water Service Disruptions: From time-to-time, the water supply to your property will be shut-off to complete construction; the contractor will provide at least 24-hour advance notice. Throughout the work, 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>Substandard Water Service Replacement: Please take the time to read the attached fact sheet carefully as it contains important information on lead in drinking water and how to prepare for replacement. If you want to replace your part of the water service pipe, contact the City's contractor for one of your quotes.</p> <p>Water Service Replacement Contractor: Company/Contractor: Kenco Construction Limited Contact Person: Tony Cotroneo Phone: 416-688-7098 Contract No.: 16ECS-TI-15SP</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE: any contract entered into to replace water services is between the home owner and the contractor.</p>
	<p>Road and Sidewalk Access: In order to complete the work in a safe manner, there will be road and sidewalk restrictions in the work zone. Access for emergency vehicles will be maintained at all times.</p> <p>Driveway Access: The contractor will notify you of any 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. These efforts include revising traffic signal times and signs. Road users should expect delays and more traffic on nearby streets.</p> <p>Traffic on for each phase and work zone on Gerrard Street will be reduced to one lane in each direction.</p>
	<p>Cyclist Information: <i>Due to the nature of the work on Gerrard Street, there is not enough road width to complete construction and maintain cycling lanes in the work zones.</i> Cyclists are encouraged to share the lane through the phased, construction work zones.</p> <p>Alternatively, Cyclists may choose to adjust their routes, so that they travel on Wellesley Street instead.</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 Project Manager listed below, 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 Project Manager no 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. Please ensure that you label your bins with your address.</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>

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

If you have questions about the upcoming work, please contact us and quote **Contract #16ECS-TI-15SP**.

Project Manager	Mario Goolsarran, 416-392-9187, mgoolsa@toronto.ca
TTY Hearing Impaired Service	416-338-0889 (7 Days a week, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, closed holidays)
General inquiries	311
Website	toronto.ca/downtownconstructionprojects

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