

September 3, 2021

CONSTRUCTION NOTICE #2: York Street Park (*Love Park*)

Background

York Street Park (*Love Park*) will be a 2-acre park located at the southern foot of York Street and Queens Quay West in the southern Financial District and Harbourfront neighbourhood. Reclaimed as public space from its former use as the Gardiner's York-Bay-Yonge eastbound off-ramp, the park will be the ultimate ode to connection, community, and nature.

Construction of York Street Park (*Love Park*) began in July 2021 with completion anticipated in 2022.

Updates

Our contractor, Somerville Construction, is finalizing the approvals needed to begin demolition work to remove the 'bents' — concrete pillars used to support the former York-Bay-Yonge eastbound off-ramp from the Gardiner Expressway. On-site preparations have begun, and demolition of the bents is expected to begin September 8 and take approximately five to eight days to complete.

All construction related work will take place between the hours of 7am and 7pm Monday to Friday in compliance with the City's noise By-law.

What to expect

Loud noise is expected during the demolition, as well as an increase in dust and construction vehicle traffic. Mitigation measures include:

- Dust control fabric has been installed on hoarding and fencing
- During demolition, water will be sprayed on surfaces to prevent dust from becoming airborne
- Steel netting will be used to prevent debris from going over the construction hoarding to protect the public right-of-way near demolition areas.
- Mud mats will be installed at the York Street access point of the site to remove mud from truck tires before they exit
- The east sidewalk at York Street between Queens Quay and Harbour Street will be closed to pedestrian passage during construction. Pedestrians will be re-routed to the sidewalk on the west side of York Street.
- If required, a flag-person will re-direct pedestrians to a safer area during the removals.

About York St. Park (*Love Park*)

For more detail about York Street Park (*Love Park*), including the [history of consultation](#) head to our [project page](#).

Ownership and operations: Site owned by City of Toronto and operated by Parks, Forestry, and Recreation on completion.

QUESTIONS

Please send your questions to info@waterfrontoronto.ca