

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

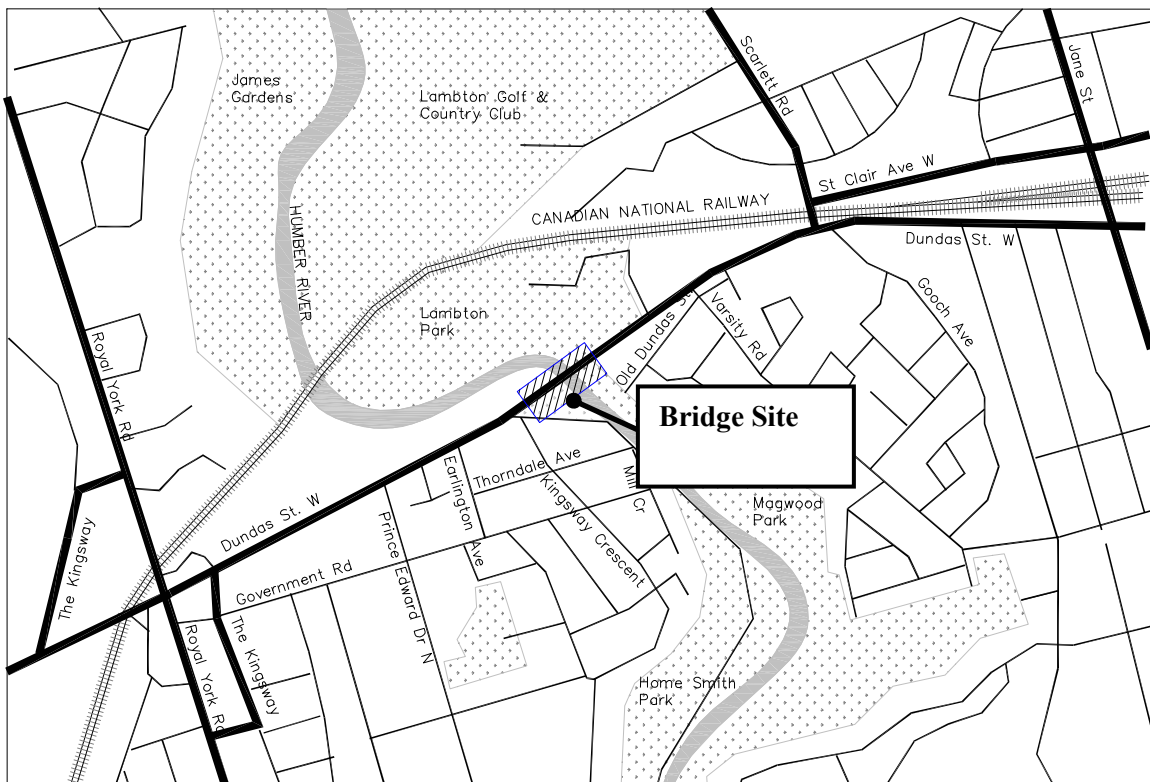
Dundas Street West over Humber River Structure Rehabilitation

The second (final) stage of the reconstruction of the Dundas Street Bridge over the Humber River is scheduled to start in the week of May 11th, 2009 and continue through 2009. This stage of the work will involve the reconstruction of the south side of the bridge.

Traffic operation

- One lane of vehicular traffic will be maintained in each direction on the north side of the Dundas Street West bridge.
- **Old Dundas Street** will **not** be accessible from **westbound Dundas Street West** (except for emergency vehicles). Westbound Vehicles on Dundas Street West will have to access the area served by Old Dundas Street via Earlington or Prince Edward .
- **Dundas Street West** will **not** be accessible from **Old Dundas Street** (except for emergency vehicles). Vehicles in the area of Old Dundas Street will have to access Dundas Street West via Kingsway to Thorndale. to Earlington or via Government to Prince Edward Drive.
- **Old Dundas Street** will be accessible from eastbound Dundas Street West.
- Pedestrians will be restricted to the sidewalk on the north side of the bridge.
- Access to the neighbouring homes and businesses will be maintained.
- Advance traffic warning signs will be posted in the area to advise the public of traffic restrictions, lane closures and pedestrian access.
- The set-up for the traffic operations will be carried out on or about May 9th, 2009, depending on the weather during the waterproofing and paving at the completion of the first construction stage.

Map of Work Area



Noise

The bridge is to be kept fully open to traffic during weekday morning and afternoon peak traffic periods. Due to this traffic requirement, part of the demolition and construction work can only be carried out during night-time hours. This will result in construction noise during the over-night hours, as was the case during stage 1 of the project. The City regrets the inconvenience and appreciates the understanding of the residents.

In particular, removal of bridge girders requires demolition of girder connections. Several noisy pieces of equipment are used to break the connections, including hoe-rams, crunchers and jack-hammers. The girders become unstable once the connections are broken, so breaking the connections is the last step before removal, which (due to day-time traffic operations) can only be done at night-time. Advance preparation will be made during day-time hours in order to reduce the night-time noise. Exemption from the noise By-law has been issued for this project.

Construction work will take place from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. Extended hours and weekend work may be required in order to complete construction on schedule.

Restoration of the Humber River and banks

Demolition and construction of the bridge span over the Humber River and the adjacent span over the west bank will be affected by the requirements of the Toronto Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) regarding the fish spawning season from April 1st to July 1st. The construction schedule has taken the TRCA's requirements into account.

Upon completion of the project, the contractor will restore the site to its original condition. This includes retrieval and removal of debris that escaped the protection systems. Trees and shrubs will be planted in the greenspace.

Nature Trail

Hoarding will remain in place over the nature trail on the east bank of the river and flaggers will control movement under the bridge during periods of overhead demolition and construction.

Dust

Every effort will be made to keep dust to a minimum; however, please note that dust from construction sites is not unusual.

More information

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