



## LANDMARK CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Dear U of T community member:

At King's College Circle we press on with our concrete works and construction of foundation walls, footings and columns despite the recently challenging cold weather conditions. Due to the high elevation of the water table in relation to the low level of the excavated area, we expect to encounter groundwater during construction.

We manage this risk by proactively dewatering the site to avoid waterlogging of the site which allows us to keep working. We recently completed vertical well drilling with the objective of pumping groundwater out of the site to maintain dry site conditions. We are now installing the piping from these subsurface wells where the pumped groundwater will be filtered and discharged to the city's underground storm water management system.

In terms of the fibre pulling, we have pulled 75% of the fibre cable lengths to date. The fibre pulling exercise from Gerstein to both Canadiana Galleria and Trinity Building has been completed. Work is progressing well and we have now moved on to the pulling from University College to Law Building which we plan to complete during Reading Week. We are also currently working on terminating and testing all the new fibre cabling and will eventually schedule a walkthrough of each building with University officials to continue the process of switching from the old system to the new system.

In Back Campus, one of two bleachers at Tower Road is completed. The second is currently under construction as the work has progressed to include rebar installation and to finalize the formwork. We are scheduled to pour this in the coming days, weather permitting. As previously mentioned, we have suspended all granite installation work until Spring. The primary reason being that the bedding components beneath the pavers must be installed at temperatures above 8 degrees Celsius. This affects work at Hart House and Tower Road. Planting work has also been temporarily paused because we are currently outside the optimum planting season as the ground is frozen. These frigid weather conditions affect work at MSB East, Tower Road West, and Hart House East.

At Hart House Terrace, we hope you are enjoying using the Arbor Room, which is now open to the public. Removals and excavation along Hart House West are currently underway in preparation for installing the granite pathway in Spring. The demolition work is progressing south on Hart House Circle towards King's College Circle. At the Observatory, the installation of rebar and formwork for the retaining wall footings will be commencing in the coming days, which is where the new Observatory patio will eventually be located.

East of Medical Sciences Building, grading of the new ramp is underway. Installation of the concrete pavers is ongoing, with work proceeding east towards Queen's Park. We are working towards installing light pole footings and bike rack footings in the coming days to make the area more accommodating to pedestrians and cyclists.

In March 2022, we will begin construction at Medical Science Building north plaza. We will ensure that the east side is open for public access into the building prior to close the north side. In April, construction will commence at the Alumni Plaza.

Kind regards,

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