

Dear U of T community member:

Our geothermal drilling continues on King's College Circle (KCC) with five drilling rigs on site. We've been able to make great progress as drilling has not been affected by the province-wide shutdown or adverse winter conditions.

In total, we've completed 123 boreholes and 33 are in progress. We're on track to complete 374 boreholes by the end of May 2021. (Again, you can read why we're excited about boreholes and drilling in this [U of T news story](#).)

You'll also note that site trailers have been set up at the north end of the KCC. Three additional gates were installed for construction access around the circle.

As always, construction signage is temporarily redirecting traffic.

Construction begins:

The first phase of landscape construction is scheduled to begin on March 15 in the Sir Daniel Wilson area and is expected to be completed by the end of June 2020 (weather permitting and barring any unforeseen events). Again, construction signage will temporarily redirect traffic and address construction safety on-site. It's important to note that building fire exits and vehicular fire routes will be maintained.

We will be removing some trees in order to make way for this construction. The university has selected some of the larger tree trunks for salvaging and will be working with a local contractor to re-use the tree trunks as furniture or alternate features around campus. If there is anyone on this list who is a wood carver, and would like a block of ginkgo, please let Scott know and he will have one put aside for you.

Did you know?

Under the Landmark project, we are planning to add 247 deciduous and six evergreen trees to our downtown campus. This does not include thousands of shrubs and perennials.