

Dear U of T community member:

Landmark's geothermal drilling continues and we've completed 257 boreholes, with 21 in progress. That's a grand total of 374 boreholes – narrow shafts drilled into the ground that we'll use to store surplus heat, generated in the summer by mechanical systems, to be used in the winter. We're still on track to complete borehole drilling by the end of May 2021.

A couple of other things to note:

- We're set to begin some re-routing on King's College Circle (KCC), pending municipal approval, which is necessary to build foundations for the future Pavilion Building and access to a drive ramp into the future underground parking garage. The site servicing will require temporary lane closures and some reduction in parking on King's College Circle; however, we will maintain single-lanes for driving.
- Landscaping continues in the Sir Daniel Wilson Quad and new pathways are currently being constructed. The site received its first shipments of granite paver stones this week so we'll start installing them next week.
- We're also beginning construction at the Medical Science Building Upper Plaza and soon we'll start work on the back campus. You'll see new fencing and signage to delineate the work areas.
- We've transplanted a 90,000-pound oak tree in the south-east corner of KCC to a spot 11 metres over due to future road alignment. Watch for a related upcoming U of T story about trees on campus (we'll link to it in a future issue).

Finally, as always, our construction crews continue to follow strict COVID-19 health and safety measures set out by the province.