



Midtown Project

ELECTRICITY INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL

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ON TRACK FOR COMPLETION:

We are pleased to announce that the project is on track for completion at the end of 2015 with final landscaping completed in the spring of 2016. Our contractor, Technicore, has completed its work at Bayview Junction and will now hand the site over to Hydro One.

To facilitate project timelines and meet commitments made to the community, the cable installation work and the rebuilding of the Junction will be conducted concurrently.

The cable installation work will include installing a construction access elevator in the shaft for day to day access and installing cable brackets within the tunnel. Hydro One has retained Arno Electric to undertake these activities, and we expect that the cables will be installed by August 2015.

SIGN UP TO BEAUTIFY THE JUNCTION:

As committed to in earlier discussions with the community, we are initiating the landscaping committee to secure community and TDSB feedback.

If you are interested in signing up for the committee, feel free to attend our next public meeting or send us an email.

With the project scheduled for completion by the end of this year, we may be able to begin some plantings in the fall and the remainder of the landscaping can be done in spring of 2016.

JUNCTION DESIGN CHANGE:

In previous discussions with the community, Hydro One had communicated that the request to reduce the size of the Junction could be accommodated. Unfortunately, after our engineers conducted a full analysis of this request, they have determined that there will be many challenges associated it, the sum of which would have many negative impacts:

- With the revised Junction layout we are able to reduce the height of the structures to 15 metres. The smaller Junction design would require these structures to be 22 metres, which we believe would not be visually suitable for the community.

- For public safety, we require two levels of barriers to ensure that the shaft is not accessible by anyone other than Hydro One personnel. Locating the shaft within the junction fence will provide a second level of safety.
- In order to accommodate earlier community requests to preserve the Oak Tree, we were required to modify the location of the shaft. Because of the new location, reducing the footprint of the Junction and connecting the cables from the shaft to the equipment in the Junction is not technically feasible.

For these reasons, we will need to increase the Junction size. The new design (see enclosed) will reduce the maximum height of equipment to 15 metres, and the fence will be expanded to enclose the shaft to ensure public safety.

Including the shaft within the fence will provide the flexibility to reduce the length of the driveway and allow for a more robust landscaping plan closer to the road.

We acknowledge that this design change is significant. We hope that the community understands that the new design is being made to reduce the height of the towers, their visual impact, and increase the overall safety of the site. We also want to assure the community that we are committed to providing a robust landscaping plan to help screen the junction and invite local participation.

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE:

You are encouraged to review the revised landscaping plan and site layout, attached to this update. A drop-in Public Information Centre is being scheduled tentatively for February 7, pending the permit from Bennington Heights Elementary, to discuss the new design and review the overall landscaping possibilities for the project including the Old Pottery Road Allowance. Details on the meeting will be provided when available.

We look forward to meeting with you at our upcoming Public Information Centre. In the interim our project team can be reached at 1-877-345-6799 and by email at Community.Relations@HydroOne.com