



# CONSTRUCTION NOTICE

Macdonald Block Reconstruction Project

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## WEEKEND STREET CLOSURE AND CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY

**Wellesley St. West will be closed from Queen's Park Crescent East to Bay Street beginning at 9 p.m. on Friday, August 20, 2021 until approximately 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, August 22, 2021.**

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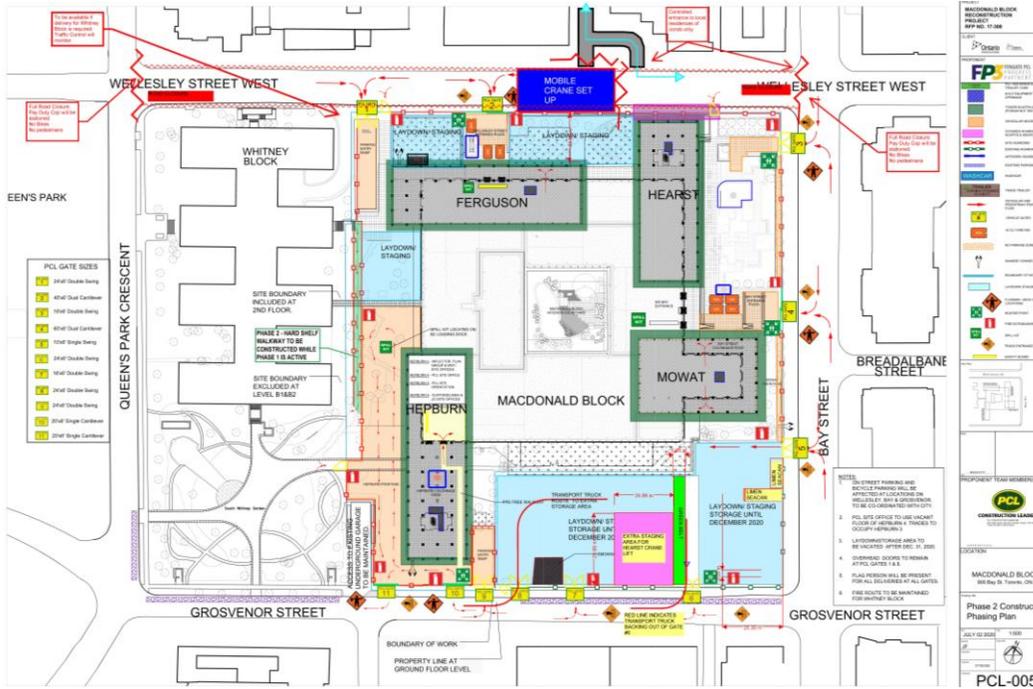
### What is happening?

- As detailed in the [March 2021](#) and [June 2021](#) Community Updates, a series of road closures were required over the past several months in order to move major mechanical and electrical equipment onto the Ferguson Tower.
- With that work now complete, similar crane activity is now required for the Hearst Tower.
- To enable this work, Wellesley St. West will be closed August 20-22, 2021 to ensure the safe operation of a mobile crane on the roadway.
- The crane will be set up on Friday evening, with hoisting of materials taking place on Saturday and Sunday, followed by the crane removal on Sunday evening.
- Paid duty Toronto Police officers will be onsite to help control traffic flow, allowing local vehicular traffic only along Wellesley St. West for the weekend. Officers will also control pedestrian and bicycle flow.

### How are you minimizing the impact to the community?

- The bulk of the work will continue during daytime hours.
- We undertake careful planning to minimize the impact of construction on the neighbourhood and to limit the frequency and duration of road closures.
- As per the City of Toronto, Wellesley St. is not permitted to be shut down during the week and the extent of the work cannot be completed during a single weekend.

We thank you for your patience and understanding as we strive to minimize disruption for the surrounding community while this work is underway. Details pertaining to any subsequent road closures will be confirmed at a future date.



**About the Project**

The Macdonald Block Complex is the administrative hub of Ontario government operations. It consists of five buildings: four office towers connected by a two-storey podium.

Completed in 1971, the Macdonald Block Complex has never undergone a major renovation. The reconstruction project will update all core building systems, including electrical, water, cooling and heating, which have reached the end of their useful life and must be replaced. Office accommodations will also be enhanced for modern accessibility standards.

Each building in the complex will be taken back to its original building core, remediated and rebuilt using modern technologies, systems and materials while preserving the integrity of its many heritage features.

The newly reconstructed complex will meet current building, health, safety, and accessibility standards and will accommodate significantly more employees through more efficient use of this government-owned office space.

Construction is expected to be substantially complete in the spring of 2024, with staged occupancy beginning soon after that.

For more information:

- If you have any questions related to site construction activities, please contact [MBRproject@pcl.com](mailto:MBRproject@pcl.com) or 647-373-9355.
- Information about the Macdonald Block Reconstruction project is available on [Infrastructure Ontario's website](https://www.infrastructureontario.ca).
- For questions or comments related to the overall Queen's Park Reconstruction Project, an initiative that involves the reconstruction of the Macdonald Block Complex and the rehabilitation of the Whitney Block, please contact [QPRP@infrastructureontario.ca](mailto:QPRP@infrastructureontario.ca).

