

November 30, 2015

Via E-mail

Paula Fletcher
City Councillor
Ward 30 – Toronto-Danforth
Toronto City Hall
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Dear Councillor Fletcher,

I am writing to provide you with an update on progress related to the repair of the Ship Channel Bridge, something I know is of interest to you and your constituents.

As you know, over the past couple of years, in recognition of the importance of the bridge to the local community, PortsToronto has invested \$2.5 million of its own funds to restore the bridge to a level of operation that would enable marine passage and pedestrian/bike usage, and provide one-lane of access for vehicles. Today, I am pleased to confirm that through funding from the Toronto Port Lands Company (TPLC), PortsToronto will be entering into an extension of work agreement with the bridge contractor to have the bridge restored to its full operational capacity. Work will commence the first week of January and be completed by March 2016, in time for the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway.

During this period of repair, vehicle, pedestrian and bike access will continue to be permitted via the bridge. One-lane vehicular access will continue to operate as it does now with traffic control lights provided by PortsToronto. Pedestrians and bike users travelling along the east side of Cherry Street on the Martin Goodman Trail will encounter a slight detour to travel over the west side of the bridge. Clearly marked signage indicating this detour will be installed prior to the start of the repairs. Marine passage under the bridge will not be permitted during this time, as the bridge cannot be lifted while work is underway. Fortunately, the timing for the commencement of repairs will coincide with the closure of the St. Lawrence Seaway on December 30, 2015, and was coordinated in close collaboration with tenants and users of the Ship Channel Bridge to ensure minimal disruption.

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Our goal is to minimize any impact of the repair of this public roadway on the people who live and do business in the area while restoring the bridge back to its full operational capacity as soon as possible.

Should you have any questions prior to or during the period of repairs, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Geoffrey A. Wilson
Chief Executive Officer

cc Mr. Michael Kraljevic, TPLC, President & CEO
Mr. John Livey, Deputy City Manager, City of Toronto