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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Underground Electrical Work to Supply Power to the New Acute Care Tower

1. Why is this work happening?

Duct banks are being installed underground to bring reliable electrical service to the QEII Halifax Infirmary's new Acute Care Tower. This new power infrastructure is essential to support modern hospital equipment, patient care spaces, and future system growth.

2. Who is doing the work?

Crews and contractors are completing the underground electrical work, in coordination with Build Nova Scotia, PCL Construction, Nova Scotia Health QEII Redevelopment, the Province of Nova Scotia and Halifax Regional Municipality and Halifax Water.

3. What can residents expect during the timeframe that work is taking place on their streets?

- Affected side streets will be closed to through-traffic during the work period.
- Local access for residents will be maintained where safely possible.
- Emergency vehicles and essential services will continue to have access.
- Detour routes and signage will be in place to guide drivers and pedestrians.
- Some noise and vibration are expected during excavation.
- Sidewalk access will remain open unless otherwise noted on site.
- No power outages are expected during this phase of construction.

This electrical upgrade is an important step in powering the new Acute Care Tower, part of the QEII Halifax Infirmary Expansion Project. We recognize this work can be disruptive, and we appreciate the community's patience and understanding as crews complete this essential infrastructure.



4. Which streets will be affected?

Affected streets include Robie Street, Cedar Street, Cherry Street, and Shirley Street. Detour routes and signage will be posted in advance to help guide local traffic.

5. Will I still be able to access my home?

Yes. Local access for residents will be maintained wherever safely possible. Crews may provide direction on the safest way to reach your property during active work hours.

6. What about emergency vehicles and essential services?

Emergency vehicles, waste collection, and other essential services will continue to have access throughout the closure. Crews will work with HRM to ensure emergency access is not interrupted.

7. Will sidewalks remain open?

In most cases, sidewalks will remain open. If a temporary pedestrian detour is required, signage will direct you safely around the work zone.

8. Will there be noise or vibration?

Some noise and vibration are expected while crews excavate and install underground ducts. Work is scheduled within approved daytime hours, and crews will take steps to minimize disruption.

9. Will my power be interrupted?

No power outage is expected during this phase of the work.

10. Why is this work taking place during the winter months (when the ground is more likely to be frozen)?

Work is taking place during the winter as crews have been scheduled to complete this work in alignment with overall project schedule and crew resourcing. The winter work is also closely coordinated with other ongoing residential developments in the area.



11. What if the work is delayed?

Schedules may change due to weather, ground conditions, or unexpected construction issues. Any major change in timing will be shared through updated signage, the project website, and resident notifications.

12. Where can I get more information?

Visit Halifax Regional Municipality's RoadWork's webpage for updates on closures:

www.halifax.ca/transportation/streets-sidewalks/roadworks

Visit Halifax Transit's webpage for bus stop closures and detours:

<https://www.halifax.ca/transportation/halifax-transit/service-disruptions>

Contact the QEII Renew team at: QEII.Redevlopment@nshealth.ca

Subscribe to our newsletter for updates on the project by scrolling down to the bottom of www.QE2Renew.ca

13. How can I stay informed about the Halifax Infirmary Expansion Project?

On-site signage and detour markers will also be in place before work begins. Residents will receive periodic updates. Updates will also be posted on www.QE2Renew.ca and on Build Nova Scotia's and Nova Scotia Health's social media channels:

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