

Fairbank Silverthorn Basement Flooding Protection Project

Storm Trunk Tunnel and Local Sewers Projects

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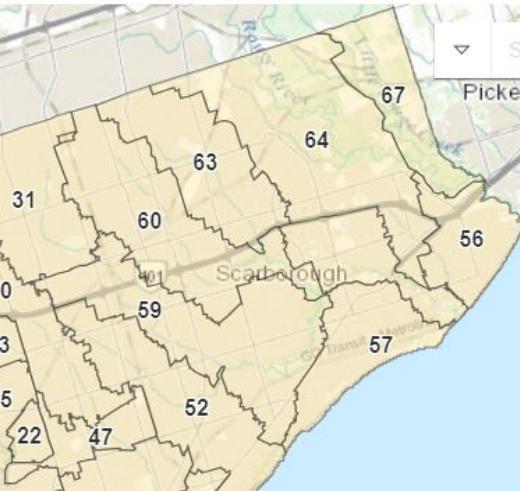
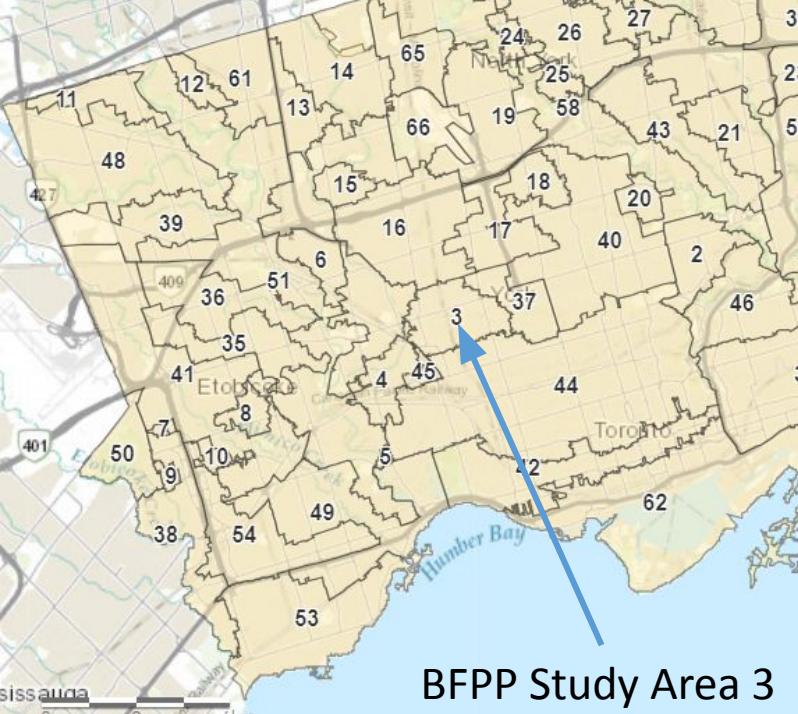
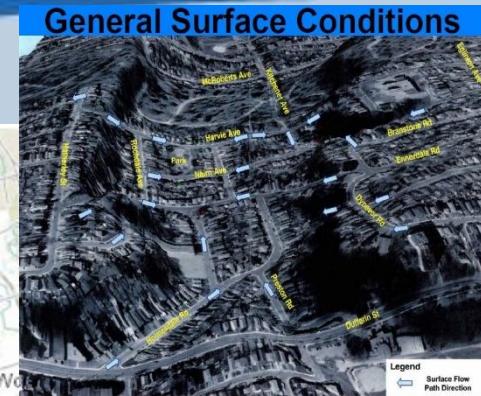
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Presentation Outline

Fairbank Silverthorn BFPP

1. Project Background
2. Design Approach & Solution
 - Storm Trunk Tunnel
 - Local Sewers
 - Inlet Control Devices
3. Delivery of the Projects / Construction Sequencing
4. Current Construction Progress
 - Tunnel Contract
 - Local Sewer Contracts
5. Future of the Project

Project Background – BFPP Area 3



- BFPP study Area 3 has a long history of severe and chronic flooding
- Serviced by mainly Combined Sewers built in 1950's
- Insufficient investment on sewer infrastructure
- Topography – "Soup Bowl"



Design - Timeline

- Project has been in the works for many years
- 3 major storms experienced in 2000, 2005 and 2008 resulted in a study of Area 3
- Class EA was completed in 2011 by CH2M Hill
- Conceptual design in 2012 by CH2M Hill
- Preliminary design completed by Hatch Mott Macdonald in 2015
- Design was refined by Jacobs in 2019 and proceeded to detailed design
- Construction started in July 2021

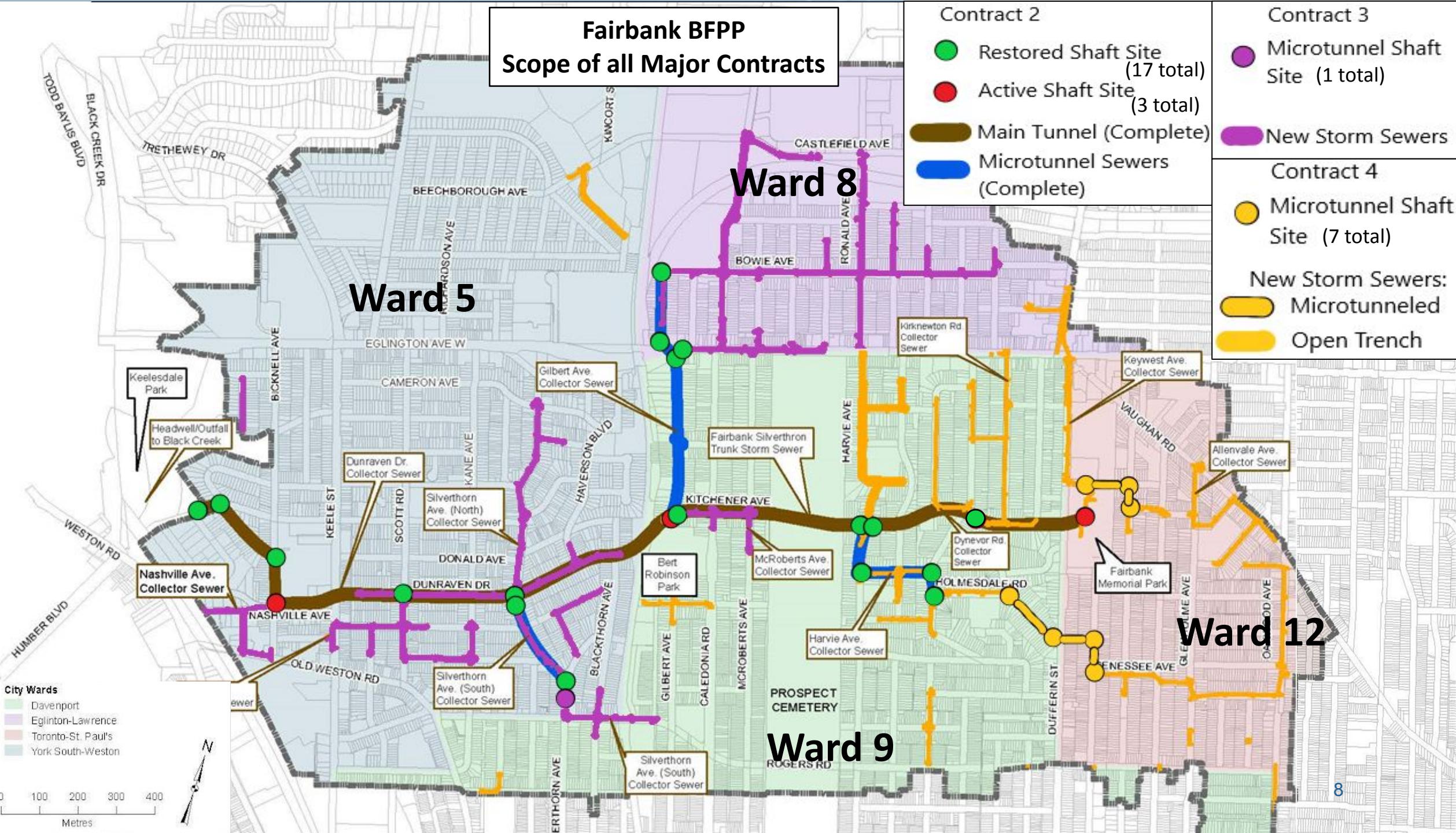
Project Background – Objectives

- HGL in sanitary sewers
- HGL in combined & storm sewers
- Depth of water on road
- Reduce Combined Sewer Overflows
- Completion of new infrastructure by the end of 2027
- Plan and stage construction, and bundling with other SOGR projects to minimize disruption to affected neighbourhoods
- Upgrading substandard water services
- Parks to be enhanced after post construction restoration

Design – Project Evolution

Design Iteration	Design Phase	Tunnel Length & Diameter	New Local Storm Sewers Length	ICD Quantity (Design ICD Capture Rate)				
1	EA Solution (2011, CH2M Hill Ltd.)	3.0 km & 3.0 m	10.0 km	~500 (10L/s capture rate)				
2	Pre-Design (2015, Hatch Mott Macdonald)	2.2 km & 4.0 m & 0.8 km & 1.8 m outfall section	11.0 km	~500 (10L/s capture rate)	Cause	Effect		
3	Detailed Design (2020, Jacobs [CH2M Hill Ltd.])	2.4 km & 4.5 m & 0.5 km & 1.8 m outfall section	16.1 km	326 (16L/s capture rate)				

Fairbank BFPP Scope of all Major Contracts



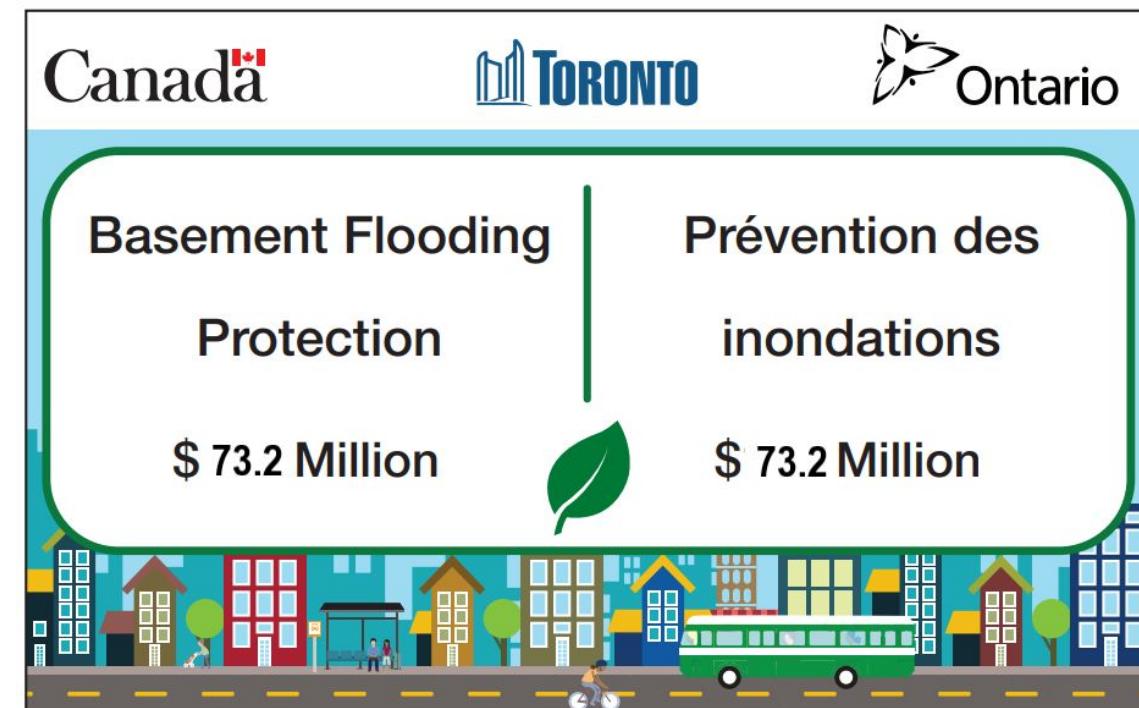
Construction – Planning & Sequencing

- Construction work being delivered through multiple contracts due to size, different construction techniques (tunneling, open-cut)

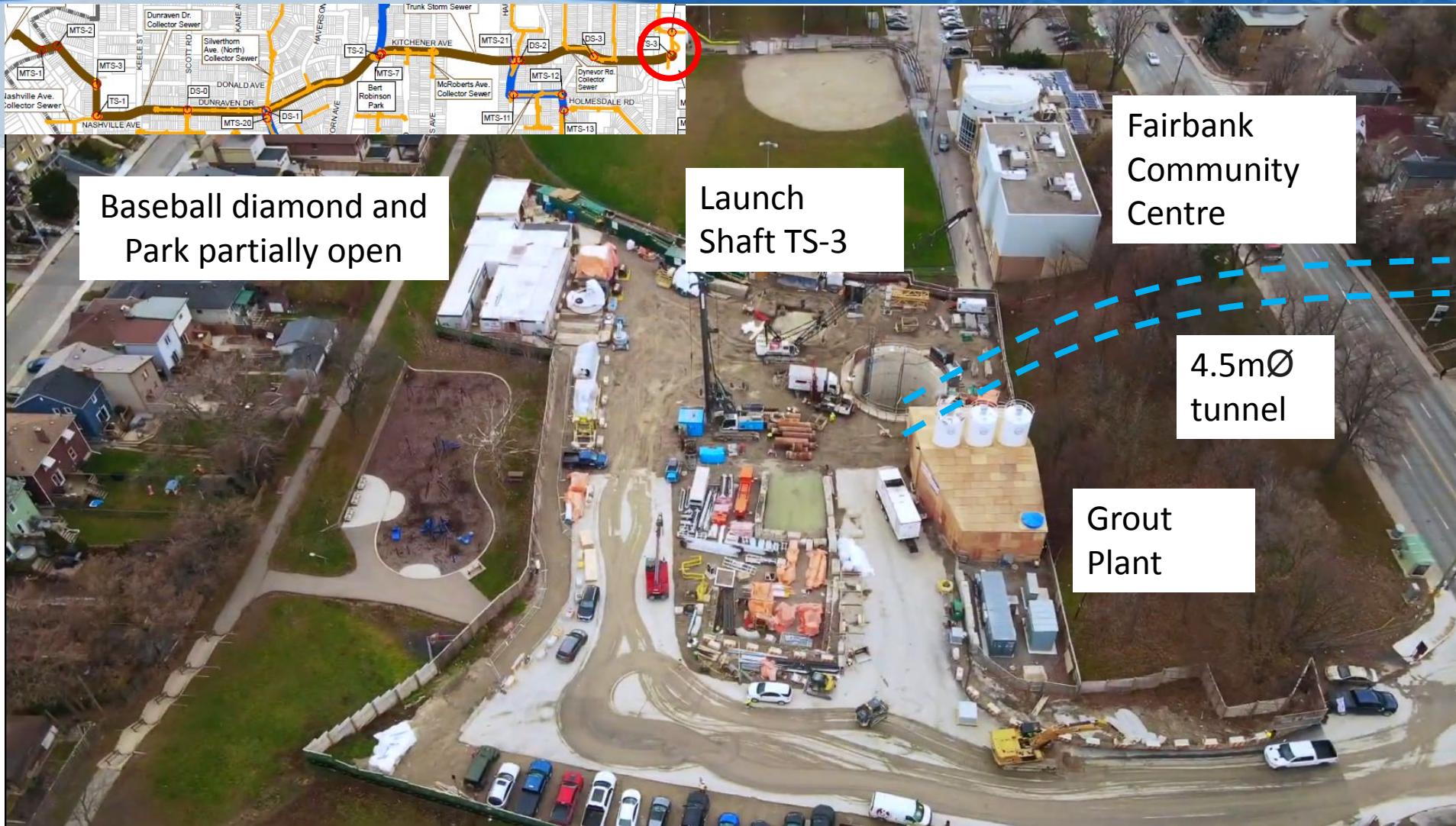
	Timeline	Description	Contractor	Contract Price
Contract 1	Completed 2022	Installation of inlet control devices on 67 catchbasins as a pilot	Aquatech Solutions	\$0.4M
Contract 2	2021-2025 (Brown Lines on Map)	3 km long, 4.5 m diameter new storm trunk sewer (STS) by tunneling from Fairbank Memorial Park and 1.4 km of collector sewers by micro tunneling	EBC-Bessac JV	\$202.0M
Contract 3	2024-2027 (Purple Lines)	Approx. 8 km of new storm sewers and other improvements and SOGR improvements	Drainstar Contracting	\$67.0M
Contract 4	2024-2027 (Gold Lines)	Approx. 8 km of new storm sewers and other improvements and SOGR improvements	GIP Paving	\$90.6M

Construction – Project Costs

- Tunnel Contract is in construction and the Contract was awarded for \$205.8M
- Local Sewer Contracts awarded for \$157.6M combined
- Project is partially funded by the Government of Canada's Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund (DMAF). Government of Canada is sponsoring \$73.2M towards the total of \$360M.



Construction – Launch Shaft

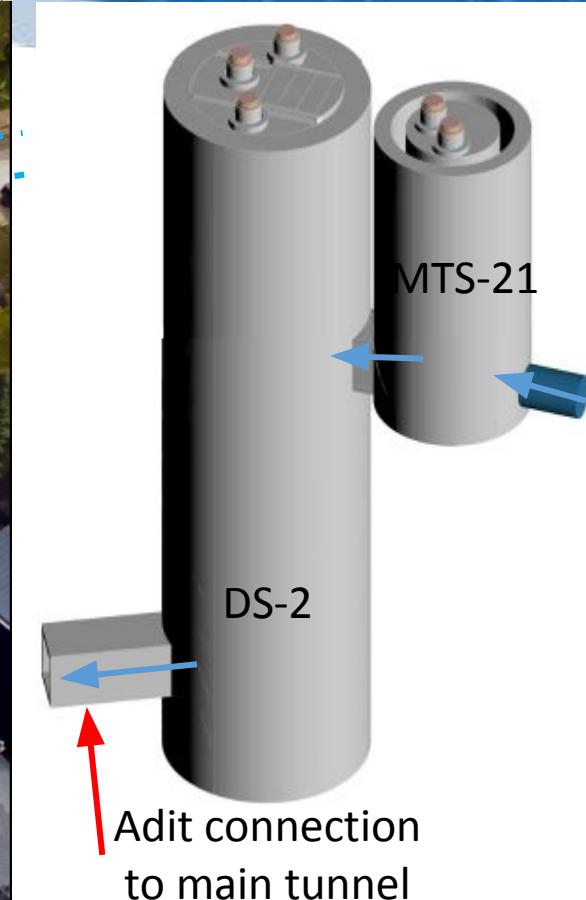
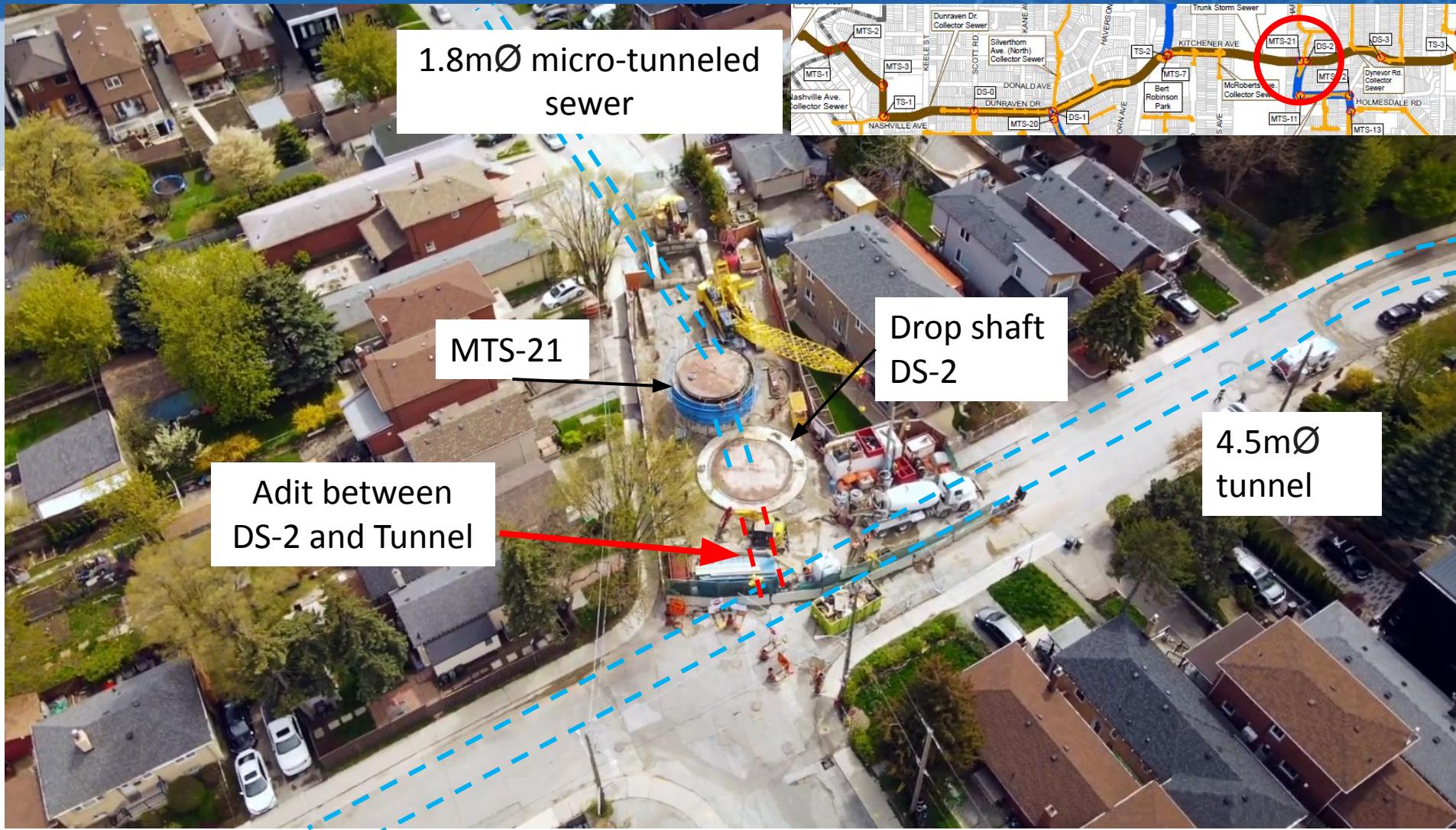


Local Sewers



TS-3
Maintenance Hole

Construction – Drop Shafts



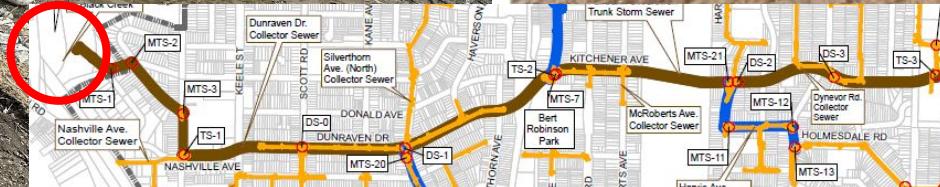
Kitchener & Harvie – DS-2/MTS-21 Harvie Collector
MTS-21 (6.0m ID, 16.9m deep), DS-2 (7.0m ID, 34.4m deep)

Construction – Extraction Shaft



Bicknell Ave. & Nashville Ave. - TS-1 TBM Extraction Shaft (9.2m ID, 17.0m deep)

Construction – Keelesdale Park Outfall



Construction – Shaft in Challenging Areas



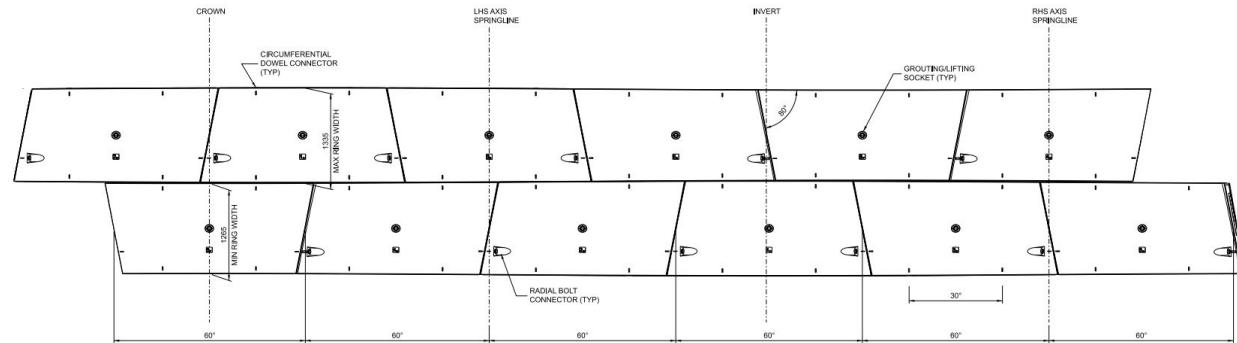
Silverthorn & Kenora - MTS-6 Silverthorn South Collector
(8.0m ID, 12.4m deep)

Construction – May 2023 TBM Launch



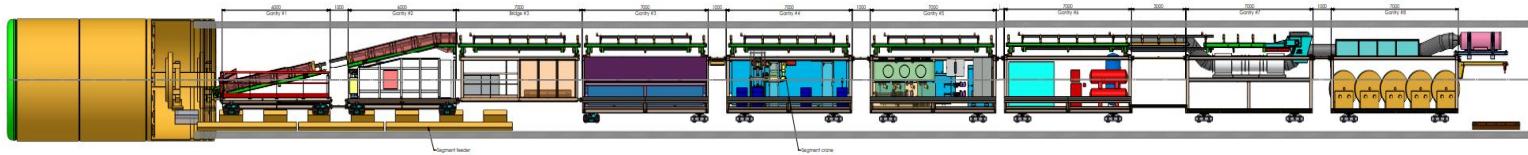
Construction – Tunnel

- Precast Tunnel Liner (PCTL) segments are used to build the ring of the tunnel. Six segments per ring. Each ring is 1.3m long. The full tunnel will have 1850 rings.
- PCTLs were manufactured at a faster rate than installation. Surplus PCTLs were stored at Decast Factory in Stouffville due to lack of storage on site.

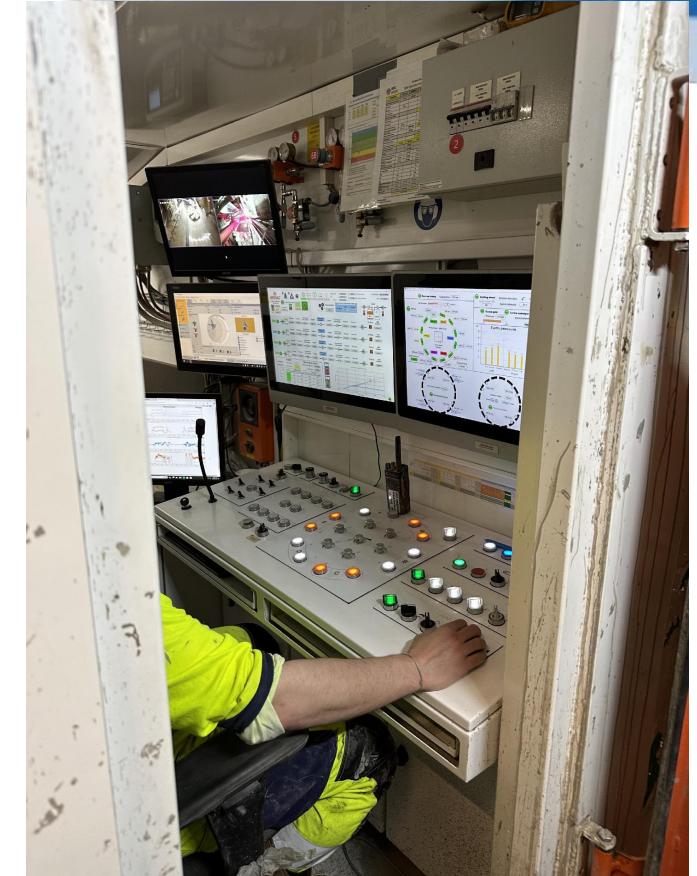


Construction – Tunnel

- 2410m of 2410m completed (100%)
- Rate of avg. 10.5 rings per day (ring = 1.3m length)
about 13.6m a day
- Contractors worked 24 hours Monday-Friday, 5 days a week with two 12-hour shifts.

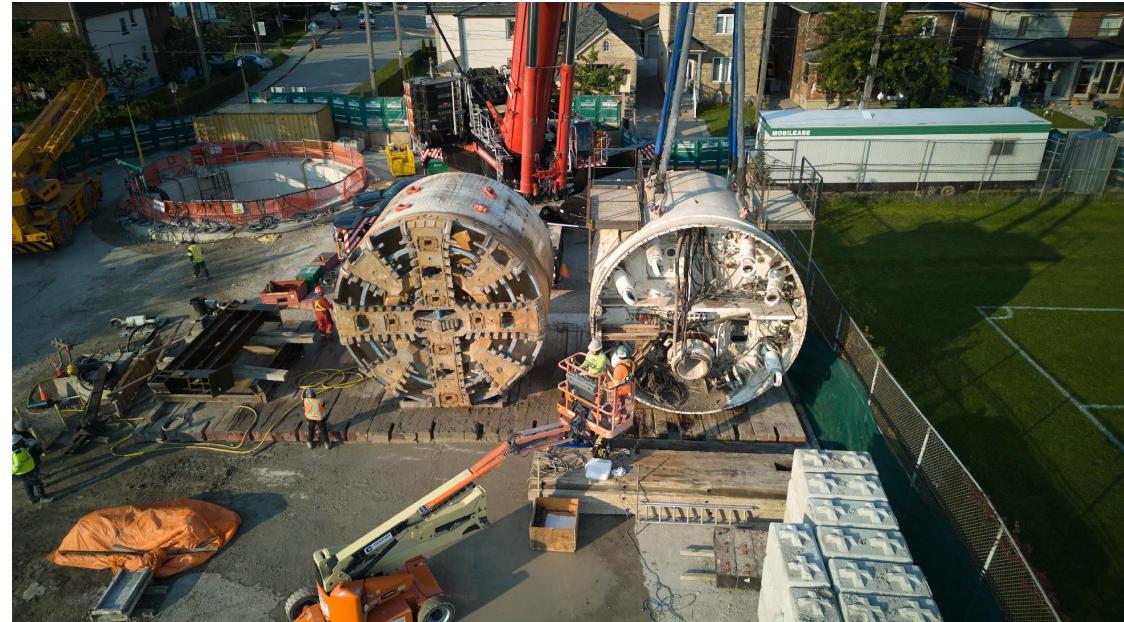


- TBM is about 80m long when fully assembled. TBM “Head”, 8 gantries and a bridge piece.
- Earth Pressure Balance Machine (EPBM) used to tunnel in soft ground



Construction – October 2024 Tunnel Breakthrough

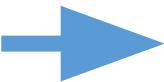
- TBM completed its 2.41 km journey and broke through at the extraction shaft on October 2, 2024
- TBM extraction by the Contractor took over two weeks.



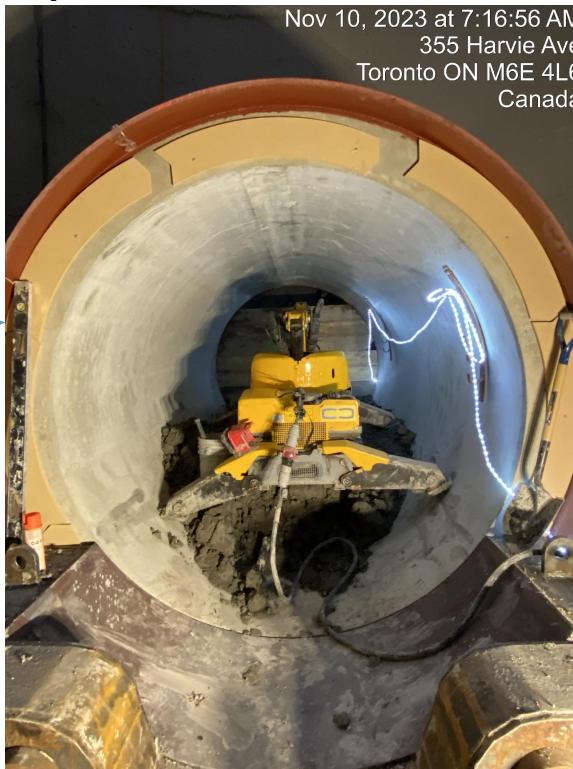
Construction – Challenges – Adit Sequencing



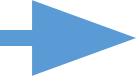
Ground Consolidation
(From Drop Shaft)



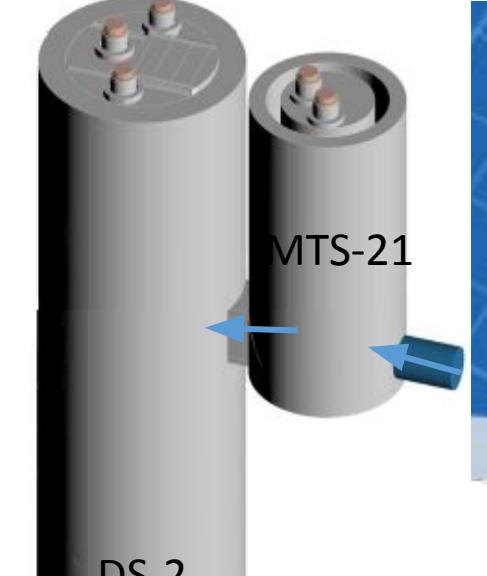
November 2023:
Drop Shaft DS-2 - Adit to Tunnel



Hand Mining
(Pipe jacking from Drop shaft to
few metres away from
proposed tunnel alignment)

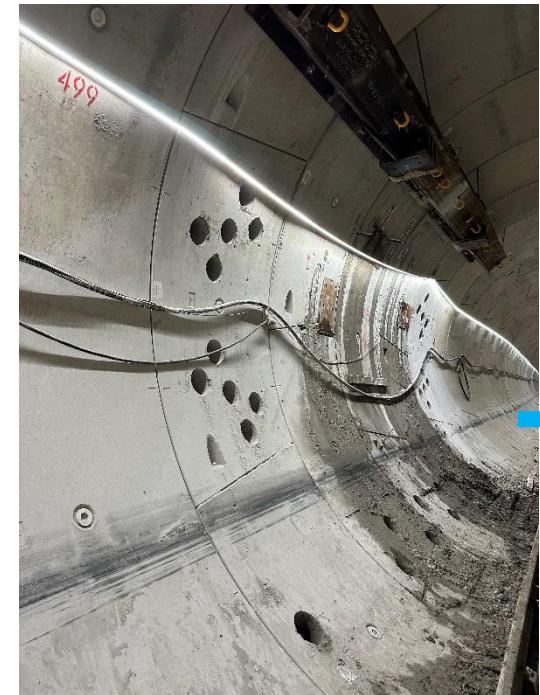


Adit completed
(From Drop Shaft)



Construction – Adits Continued

Jan 2025 to Date:
Adit Construction from inside Tunnel



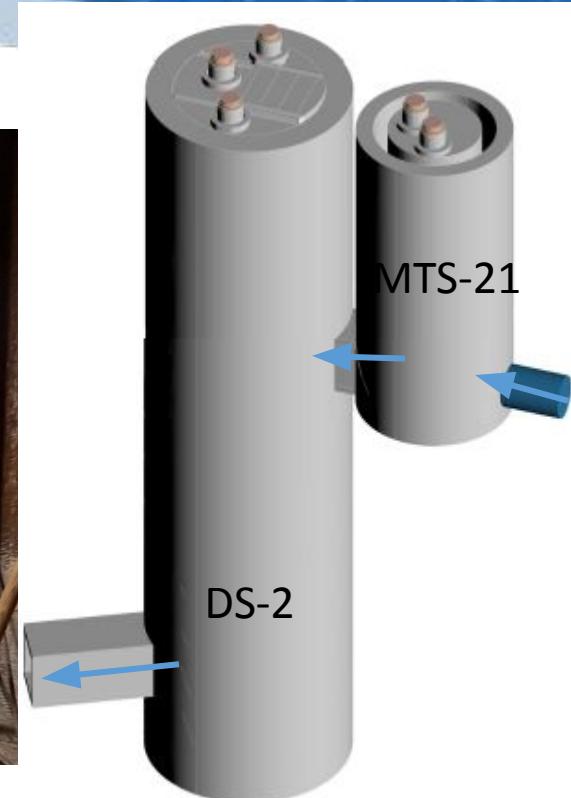
Ground Consolidation w/
Grout Injection



Support Frame
Installation

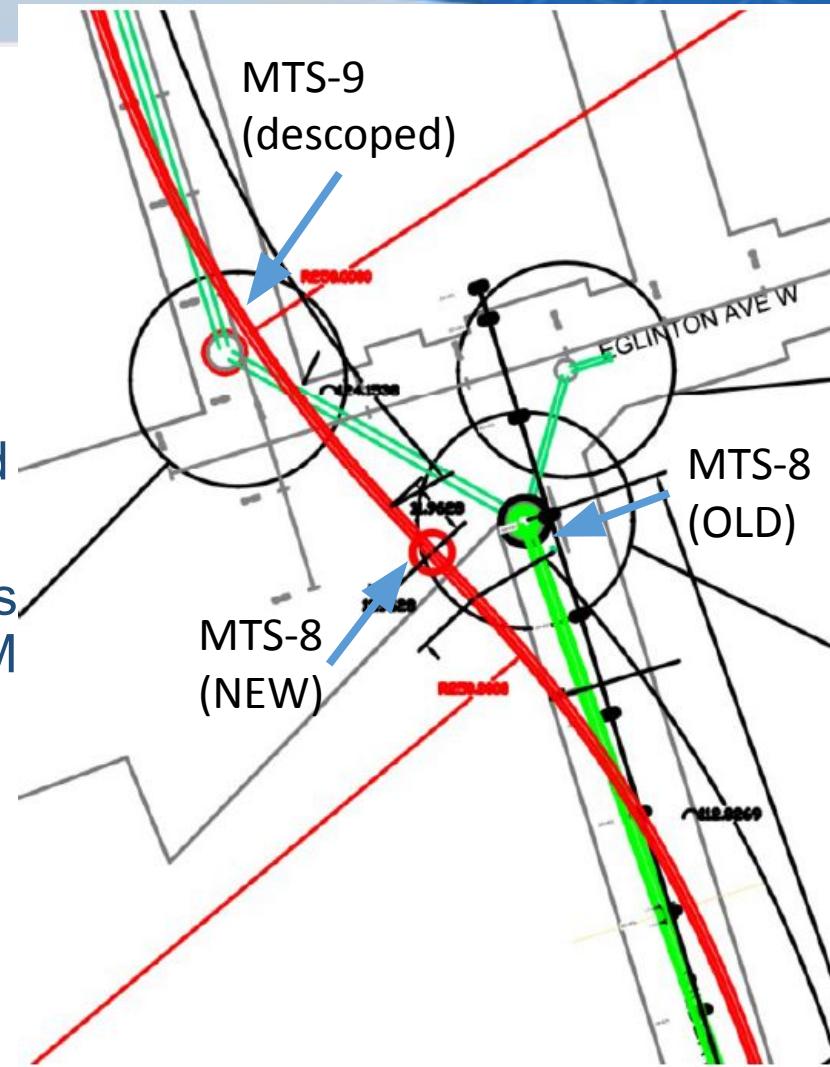


“Connection Zone”
Removal of PCTL & Locating
Previously Installed Adit



Construction Challenges – MTBM & Tie-backs

- New alignment was proposed and issued as a Change Order to the Contract
- Credit for one less shaft (MTS-9 was de-scoped)
- Additional cost for curved tunnel, and restoration of the park
- Better option than to risk delay claims, from the Contractor and costly MTBM recovery



Construction – Local Sewers Contract

January 2025 to July 2027 construction duration (2.5 years)

- Sewer Separation (Storm Tunnel Tie-in)
- Inlet Control Device Installation
- Watermain related works
- Substandard Water Services Upgrades:



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Future of Project

- Tunnel contract completed
- Local sewers construction commenced, coordinating works in large area, and managing the tie-in process
- Be proactive and avoid repeating same issues at the remobilized construction sites
- Now that the work areas are expanded, optimize work to minimize traffic impacts
- Continue to coordinate with other City Contracts to avoid conflicts
- Communication, communication, communication
- Finish the work!



Thank you