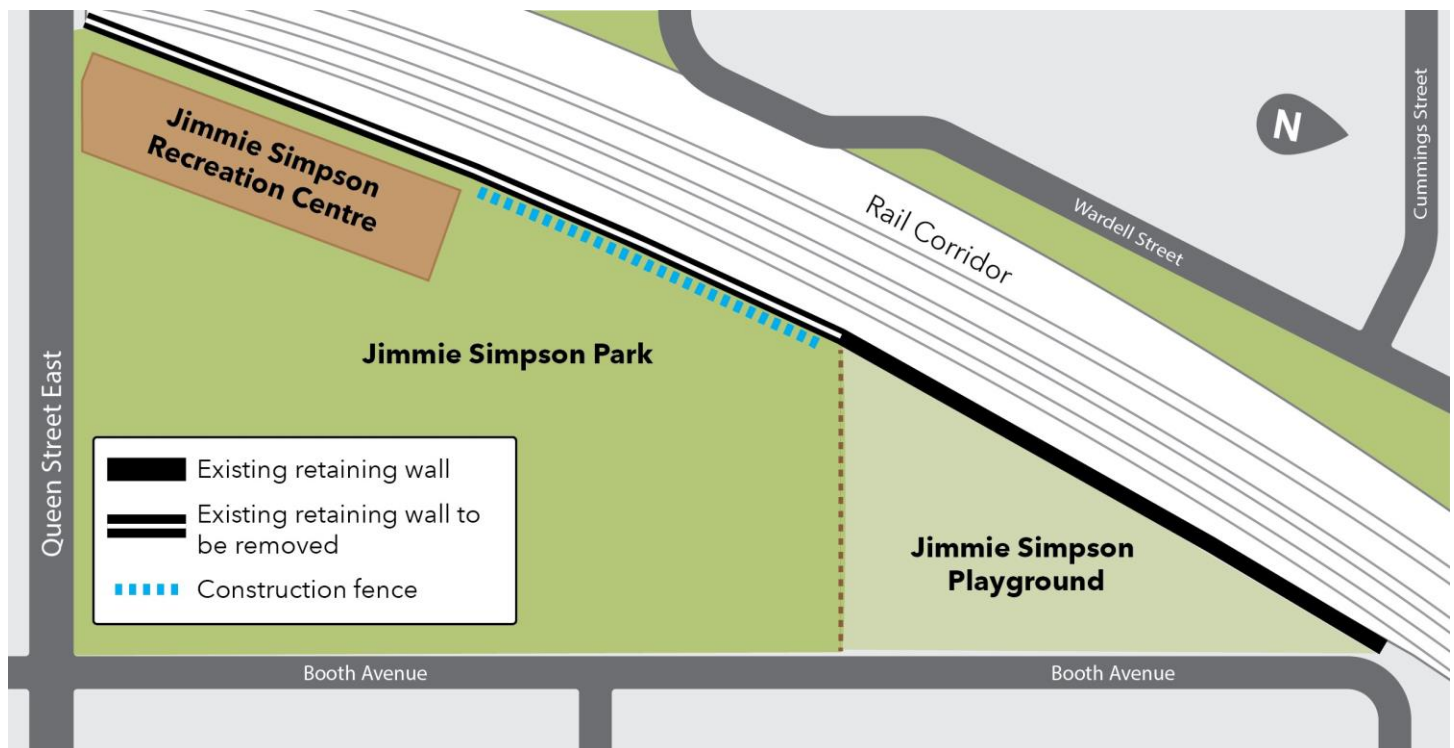


# Jimmie Simpson Park: Retaining wall reconstruction

**Expected start date:** As early as Tuesday, October 24, 2023

**Duration:** Eight months

**Hours of work:** 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.



## What is happening?

- As early as Tuesday, October 24, 2023, work will begin to remove and replace the existing retaining wall at Jimmie Simpson Park, in the area identified on the map above.
- Construction fencing will be installed in front of the existing retaining wall to delineate the work area.

- The existing retaining wall will be carefully demolished and removed, and a new retaining wall installed. The new retaining wall is required to support the rail corridor and a new noise barrier. It will have the benefit of creating more space in the park. The retaining wall and noise barriers were designed in consultation with the local community and were included in the scope of a design competition.
- No heavy construction equipment will enter the park; all major works will be done from within the rail corridor.
- Once the new retaining wall is built, there will be up to three meters of additional park space available for use by the public.
- Metrolinx is currently in discussions with the City of Toronto to provide a contribution, through its community benefits program, to the refurbishment of the Jimmie Simpson Playground in response to the motion adopted by Toronto City Council on Oct 12, 2023, related to Metrolinx's access to and impacts on Jimmie Simpson Park.

## Hours of work

- This work will take place Monday - Friday between 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Demolition of the existing retaining wall will take approximately one week to complete
- Construction of the new retaining wall will take approximately eight months to complete

## What to Expect

- The current chain link fencing, existing concrete retaining wall, and vegetation (shrubs and weeds) between the Lakeshore East rail corridor and the southerly part of Jimmie Simpson Park will be removed. No trees will be removed.
- Temporary construction fencing will be installed in front of the existing retaining wall to separate the work zone.
- Filter cloth will be installed on the construction fencing to mitigate dust.
- Construction fencing will be removed from the park once the new retaining wall is built.
- Noise from construction equipment including excavators, lifts, saws, loaders, and drills and other hand tools can be expected.
- No heavy construction equipment will enter the park; all major works will be done from within the rail corridor.
- Site lighting will be positioned downward and away from residential properties.

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