

PRESS RELEASE

The first of Garrison Crossing's two bridge spans installed overnight

North bridge structure connects South Stanley Park extension to the Ordnance Triangle

TORONTO, ONTARIO – July 28, 2018 – CreateTO, the City of Toronto's new real estate agency, has announced the first of [Garrison Crossing](#)'s two bridge structures was erected in the early hours of Saturday, July 28.

This stainless steel bridge project is the first of its kind in Canada and is being led by CreateTO on behalf of the City of Toronto. Once completed, the Garrison Crossing pedestrian and cycle bridge will create a vital connection between Trinity Bellwoods Park in the north and the Fort York grounds in the south.

"As Toronto's downtown core continues to grow and evolve, the City continues to plan for new ways to enhance accessibility and connectivity around the expanding communities," said Councillor Mike Layton, Ward 19 Trinity-Spadina. "Connecting the Fort York and Lakeshore neighbourhoods to communities north of the rail corridor is a vital city-building initiative. This important new pedestrian and cycling link will allow for new transportation routes and will connect our parks and greenspaces for all Toronto residents."

The north bridge structure spans from the South Stanley Park extension on Wellington Street over the Kitchener rail corridor to the north side of the Ordnance Triangle Park. The 52-metre bridge span was lifted into place by a 600-tonne crawler crane. The installation of the second bridge span over the Lakeshore West rail corridor is anticipated in September.

"Each step of the way, CreateTO has worked with the City to achieve the highest quality design while respecting the City's budget so this vital community connection project could move forward and become a reality," said Mike Whelan, CreateTO's Vice President, Major Projects. "Through strong visioning and collaboration, this project has brought together the strength and expertise of municipal partners and the private sector."

The erection of the Garrison Crossing bridge is being managed by the Dufferin Construction Company, which was selected by Build Toronto, now part of CreateTO, through a competitive evaluation process to design-build the bridge. Pedelta, a structural engineering firm, was selected to design the bridge as a member of the Dufferin Construction Company team.



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About CreateTO

CreateTO is the City of Toronto's new agency established to manage the City's \$27 billion real estate portfolio, develop City buildings and lands for municipal purposes and deliver client-focused real estate solutions. As a catalyst for city building, CreateTO leverages the City's real estate to ensure its best use and create new opportunities. Building on the strengths of its partnerships, CreateTO seeks to add value at every stage and with every interaction – ensuring the balance of both community and economic benefits. As part of the City's new integrated real estate model, CreateTO is transforming Toronto's real estate. For more information about CreateTO, visit www.createto.ca.

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