

Charles & Benton Parking Garage Construction Update
As of May 7, 2010

Construction on the Charles & Benton parking garage is progressing well.

The top floor is currently being formed and the concrete pours will commence shortly. The installation of brick on the facade will begin shortly. Work being completed inside the parking structure includes; installation of electrical, mechanical, elevator and lighting systems.

The garage will provide both hourly and monthly parking for a number of visitors and businesses in the Downtown. The recently completed King Street streetscape design will continue on the outside the parking garage from Benton Street to the corner of Charles Street.

Public art will be a prominent feature of this garage with elements both on the street as well as the exterior walls. The proposed artwork, by Ted Fullerton and titled "Pedestrian", will consist of seven "people" walking in stride. The figures will be slightly larger than life. Six of them will be mounted on the building's exterior from second storey to fourth storey levels. The seventh figure will be installed at street level near the Benton Street entrance.

It is anticipated that the construction of the garage will be completed by late October 2010.

Downtown visitors can find alternative parking during construction and keep up-to-date with construction news on the City's website at www.kitchener.ca/charlesbenton

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