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## Early Spring Weather Causes Premature Closing of The Bentway Skate Trail

After an extremely successful launch in January 2018, the early taste of spring weather in Toronto has required the premature closing of **The Bentway Skate Trail**.

Effective immediately, The Bentway will close for the season. Construction of phase one will continue over the next few months with completion of the full site and an official opening of the Strachan section later this summer. The Bentway looks forward to future partnerships with **Lyft**, Toronto's newest ride share service, who was planning a special activation for one final weekend of skating on the site.

"We've had a fantastic Winter Season, despite the fluctuating weather. I personally want to send a special thank you to our partners at Fort York National Historic Site, and to all of the artists, performers, community members, and visitors for a wonderful inaugural season," said Julian Sleath, CEO, The Bentway Conservancy. "We are looking forward to more fun this summer!"

The full extent of phase one of the project includes Strachan Gate, a grand cascading wooden "staircase" that doubles as a main entrance and performance space, and the adjacent Green Amphitheatre, a grassy hill that welcomes audiences to relax and enjoy performances under the sun. Stay tuned for more information about new developments, pop-up programming and opening celebrations.

The Bentway would like to thank the 2018 winter season supporters: the City of Toronto, the Ontario Cultural Attractions Fund (an agency of the Ministry of Tourism, Culture, and Sport), Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport, Strongbow, Toronto Friends of the Visual Arts, 102.1 the Edge, the Ontario Tire Stewardship, Giant Containers, and Style Garage.

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### About The Bentway

[The Bentway](#) is a unique and innovative public space that transforms 1.75km underneath Toronto's Gardiner Expressway into a new gathering place for our city's growing population.

The initial phase, a trail and series of public spaces, from Strachan Avenue to Bathurst Street, knits together seven local neighbourhoods with over 70,000 residents, becoming a gateway to the waterfront, while providing access to important attractions and destinations – from Fort York National Historic Site, Ontario Place and Exhibition Place to Harbourfront Centre and the CN Tower. The Bentway offers year-round activities and events, including gardens, a skating rink,

recreational amenities, public markets, public art, special exhibitions, festivals, theatre and musical performances and more.

The Bentway is maintained, operated, and programmed by The Bentway Conservancy. The project was made possible through the collaboration of a range of city-builders and experts, including the [City of Toronto](#), [Waterfront Toronto](#), Judy and Wilmot Matthews, [Ken Greenberg Consultants](#), [PUBLIC WORK](#), [Fort York National Historic Site](#), and [Artscape](#). The Bentway is a proud member of the [High Line Network](#), an international network of projects that transform underutilized infrastructure into new urban landscapes.