

## Construction Under Way on Rockport's Montgomery Square



View of Postal Station K's Art Deco facade, image by UrbanToronto Forum contributor Roundabout

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Located on the west side of Yonge Street north of Eglinton Avenue, Postal Station K is a 1936-built heritage structure, one of the few buildings around the world to include the crest of Edward VIII of England who reigned for less than one year before abdicating. The site has been a part of Toronto's history from before that though, as this was where Montgomery's Tavern once stood, the place where William Lyon Mackenzie and his supporters kicked off the failed Upper Canada Rebellion in 1837.

Postal Station K is now owned by developer [Rockport Group](#), who have made [Montgomery Square](#) their latest project. [RAW Design](#) has crafted a 27-storey tower that will rise from the rear end of Postal Station K, while preserving the Art Deco limestone facade of building. One of 18 projects approved during a marathon City Council meeting in August 2014, Montgomery Square was originally planned to be a condominium, but now the 223 unit-building will be a rental development instead, in a move to meet the growing demand for purpose-built luxury rental housing.

Hoarding has now been put up around the project's perimeter to protect pedestrians from work at what is now a construction site.

The postal office, long closed for business, is now seeing demolition of the rear-end of the building to make way for the development's shoring and excavation stages.

A five-storey deep pit will be excavated for a parking garage, while the Art Deco facade will be restored, with retail going in at street level and the second storey of the redeveloped structure. A restaurant with an outdoor terrace is planned for the third level.



The Postal Station K's rear-end being demolished, image by UrbanToronto Forum contributor Roundabout



View of Postal Station K from the Northwest end as hoarding as been put up, image by Urban-Toronto Forum contributor Roundabout



An inside view of the demolition, image by UrbanToronto Forum contributor Roundabout



West View of Montgomery Square, image courtesy of RAW Design