

City of Guelph

Metcalfe Street Reconstruction – Phase 2

Terry Boulevard to Eramosa Road

Information Package

Virtual Open House

Tuesday, May 25, 2021 to Monday, June 14, 2021

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About the Project

The City of Guelph is reconstructing a portion of Metcalfe Street from Terry Boulevard to Eramosa Road, including an easement from Metcalfe Street to Skov Crescent.

The work is intended to begin in Fall 2021, will pause over the winter, and continue throughout the spring and summer of 2022. The work will include the replacement of the watermain, storm sewers, sanitary sewers, curb and gutter, sidewalk, driveway aprons, landscaping and asphalt paving.

Purpose of the Open House

The purpose of this virtual open house is to present property owners, business owners, residents and members of the general public with an opportunity to:

- Review the details of the reconstruction, including plans and construction schedule.
- Learn about:
 - Potential impacts to their property
 - Traffic impacts during construction
 - What to expect during construction
- Ask questions about the project

Scope of Reconstruction

The reconstruction of Metcalfe Street involves the following work:

- Replacing / upgrading of existing storm sewer, sanitary sewer and watermain systems including services to the property line
- Replacing existing concrete sidewalk
- Replacing existing concrete curb and gutter and asphalt road surface
- Rehabilitating the parking lot at the Elliott Community

Construction Timing

The Metcalfe Street Reconstruction is anticipated to start in September 2021 and take about eight (8) months to complete. The overall project timeline and completion date may be affected by the contractor's schedules, weather, and any unforeseen difficulties we encounter during reconstruction.

Access to Private Property

During construction Metcalfe Street will be closed to through traffic. Local access to properties will be maintained as best as possible throughout construction. There will be times when access will be restricted and alternate arrangement will be made for parking. Unless signs note otherwise, overnight street parking is permitted city-wide from April 1 to November 30.

Access to properties will be maintain as best as possible throughout construction by:

- Maintaining existing sidewalk until its removal is absolutely necessary
- Providing a temporary gravel sidewalk after removal of the old sidewalk and before placing new sidewalk
- Whenever possible, providing advanced notice to adjacent property owners and residents whose sidewalk or driveway will be temporarily affected

Please let us know if you have any special access needs such as a medical condition or disability so we can advise the contractor accordingly.

Sanitary Sewer and Water Service Interruptions

Sewer and water service will be maintained as much as possible throughout construction. Short interruptions can be expected, particularly when the services to individual properties are transferred from existing pipes to the new pipes. In most cases interruptions will be limited to a few hours and will occur during working hours. Advance written notice will be provided when possible before any planned service interruption.

In order to maintain water service to individual properties, a temporary above ground watermain may be installed as part of the reconstruction. Your property will be connected to the temporary watermain through your existing underground water service or a temporary aboveground water service connected to an outside water tap. Access onto your property may be required to provide the temporary connection.

Lead Water Service Pipes

This is a great opportunity to look into replacing your lead pipes. If your home or business was built before the mid-1950s, it could have a lead water service pipe. Lead can leach into tap water through the corrosion of lead pipes and plumbing material containing lead. Lead in drinking water is a health concern. Visit the website to find out about our rebate program, free lead testing, and additional information about lead water service pipes at: guelph.ca/living/environment/water/drinking-water/drinking-water-and-lead/

Private Landscaping Features

If you have private landscaping features (gardens, shrubs, hedges, fences, etc.) that are located on City property that you wish to keep, please arrange to have them relocated prior to the start of construction. If you have a sprinkler system installed on City property, you may also wish to remove it prior to construction. The contractor and the City will not be responsible for damage to items within the City property line (right-of-way).

When reconstructing the sidewalk it may be necessary to cut back some driveways to match the new sidewalk. Hard surface driveways will be saw-cut and patched using the same material if possible. Impressed / coloured concrete driveways cannot be replaced to match the original concrete. This is also typically the case with paving stone driveways unless the owner has a supply of matching stones that can be provided to the contractor.

Waste Collection

There will be no interruption to any City services during construction. Waste collection will not be affected. Please continue to place your green, blue and grey carts at the curb, as per your regular schedule. Please ensure all waste carts are marked with your municipal street address so they can be returned to you should they need to be relocated by the contractor to a convenient pick-up location (eg. across the street). Any disruption to waste collection as a result of construction will be the responsibility of the contractor.

Canada Post Mail Delivery

Regular mail delivery should not be affected. Normal service is expected to continue throughout construction. Canada Post mailboxes may be relocated to unaffected areas for the duration of construction.

Dust, Noise and Vibration

Dust, noise and vibration are a common part of most construction projects. The contractor is required to provide proactive dust suppression by placing water or calcium chloride on exposed excavation surfaces, power sweeping muddied roads, using "whisper quiet" generators for temporary power supply and only operating equipment during the working hours permitted by the City's Noise Bylaws.

The contractor will also be required to hire an independent inspection firm to conduct preconstruction building condition inspections prior to the start of construction. The inspection firm will make an appointment with the homeowner/business to inspect outside and inside. The purpose of the surveys is to identify and document the condition of existing homes and buildings in the unlikely event of damage during construction.

Tree Protection

An inventory of the existing roadside trees, including on adjacent property near the limit of the municipal right-of-way, was completed to document the size, species and relative condition of the existing trees within the project limits. Where healthy trees are identified and not in conflict with the work, they will be protected. Trees showing significant decline, identified as being of poor quality and trees that are in major conflict with the proposed work will be removed.

Future Notices

Members of the public registering to follow this project on HaveYourSay.Guelph.ca or whose property is within the work area limits may receive additional information about the project and future meetings via mail, email or hand-delivered notices.

Comments or Concerns

In order to assist the City in addressing any comments or concerns that you might have about this project, we ask that you please provide your comments at haveyousay.guelph.ca/metcalfeconstruction between May 25 and June 11. You may also contact us directly by phone or email using the contact information below. Our office hours are 8:30-4:30 Monday to Friday and we will try to respond within two business days.

We thank you for your interest, participation and feedback in this important reconstruction project.

Contact Information

Should you have any questions, please contact:

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