

City of Guelph

Speedvale Avenue Reconstruction – Stage 1

Glenwood Avenue to Marlborough Road

Information Package

Virtual open house

Monday, March 22, 2021 to April 4, 2021



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About the project

The City of Guelph is reconstructing a portion of Speedvale Avenue. In phase 1, construction will impact Speedvale from Glenwood Avenue to Marlborough Road. The work beginning in 2021 includes replacement and upgrading of the storm sewer, sanitary sewers, watermain, curb and gutter, sidewalk, multiuse path, driveway aprons, landscaping and asphalt paving. Replacement of the bridge over the Speed River is slated to being in 2022.

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 Speedvale Avenue 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
- Replacing the existing bridge in June 2022
- Closing Speedvale Avenue in June 2022 for about 7 months for the completion of the bridge.

Construction timing

Speedvale Avenue reconstruction is anticipated to start in June 2021 and take about seven (7) 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 the construction, one lane of traffic will be maintained in each direction on Speedvale Avenue. Delays should be expected.

Local access to properties and businesses will be maintained as best as possible throughout construction. There will be times when access will be restricted and alternate arrangements 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 maintained as best as possible throughout construction by:

- maintaining the existing sidewalk until it's removal is absolutely necessary
- providing a temporary gravel sidewalk after removal of the old sidewalk and before placing the 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. We'll provide advance written notice when possible before any planned service interruption.

In order to maintain water service to individual properties, a temporary above ground water main may be installed as part of the reconstruction. Your property will be connected to the temporary water main through your existing underground water service or a temporary above ground 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 and testing and additional information about lead water services pipes and free lead testing is available 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 (e.g. 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.

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 the construction.

Tree protection

An inventory of the existing roadside trees, including trees 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 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 haveyoursay.guelph.ca/speedvaleconstruction between March 22 and April 4. 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.

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