City of Guelph

York Road Phase 4 Reconstruction

Stage 1: Watson Parkway to the Eastern City Limit

Information Package

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About the project

The City of Guelph is reconstructing York Road, from Victoria Road South to the eastern city boundary. This is the fourth and final phase of the York Road Reconstruction project. The City will continue replacing aging sewer and water pipes and making necessary improvements to the road. This project will improve essential services for residents and businesses city-wide.

The York Road Phase 4 Reconstruction project will be divided into three (3) stages:

- Stage 1 – Watson Parkway to the east city limit (2025)
- Stage 2 – Victoria Road South to Industrial Street (2027)
- Stage 3 – Industrial Street to Watson Parkway (2028)

We anticipate beginning Stage 1 construction in May 2025, with expected completion by the end of November 2025. The final surface paving for Stage 1 will happen in spring 2026, once the weather permits.

Scope of reconstruction

The reconstruction of York Road in Stage 1 involves the following work:

- Installation of curb and gutter between Watson Parkway and Watson Road;
- Intersection improvements, including the addition or expansion of turning lanes;
- Replacement of driveway aprons;
- Installation of a storm sewer and stormwater management infrastructure, such as infiltration ponds in the boulevard;
- Improving the existing sanitary sewer, with some replacements of existing sanitary maintenance holes and service connections;
- New watermains; and,
- Boulevard landscaping.

Construction staging and timing

Stage 1 of the York Road Phase 4 Reconstruction project is anticipated to start in mid-May 2025, with expected completion by the end of November 2025, with Spring 2026 paving and restoration. The project completion date may be affected by the contractor's schedules, weather or unforeseen difficulties encountered during construction. A construction notice will be shared before construction starts. We will continue to keep you updated during the project.

York Road will remain open to traffic, with one lane each for east and west-bound traffic, for the duration of the project. There may be short road closures, but we'll make every effort to avoid closures. If necessary, any potential closure would be limited to weekends and/or off-peak hours. If due to unforeseen circumstances any extended closures are required, we will provide advanced notice.

Access to private property

During construction, east/west traffic will be maintained throughout the work area. We will make every effort to maintain vehicle access to your driveway; however, there may be times when driveway access is restricted to allow short term operations by the contractor. If, this is required, we will let you know in advance. Whenever possible, any potential driveway restrictions will be limited to off-peak hours and weekends.

Please let us know if your business or residence have any special access needs. This may include residents, employees or patrons with medical conditions or disabilities. You can contact us by phone or email with the contact information listed at the end of this package.

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 between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Advance written notice will be provided when possible before any service interruption.

Private Landscaping Features

If you have private landscaping features (e.g., gardens, shrubs, hedges or fences) located on City property, or within approximately 1.5 metres of the property line, please arrange to have them relocated before construction starts if you wish to keep them. 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 (i.e., the right-of-way).

During construction, it may be necessary to cut back some driveways to match the road grading. Hard surface driveways will be sawcut and patched using the same material, if possible.

Waste collection

There will be no interruption to any City services during construction. Waste collection may take place earlier than usual to avoid affecting construction. Please continue to place your green, blue and grey carts at the curb before 6 a.m. on your usual pickup day. 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 because 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. Evening work may be required to minimize traffic disruptions.

Tree protection

We have completed an inventory of existing roadside trees, including on adjacent property near the construction area. The inventory includes the size, species and relative condition of these trees. Healthy trees that are not in conflict with the work will be protected. Trees showing significant decline, identified as being of poor quality or trees that are in major conflict with the proposed work will be removed, and replaced if possible.

Further notices

If you register to follow this project on haveyoursay.guelph.ca/York-Road-Phase-Four, or if your property is within the work area limits, you may receive additional information about the project and future meetings via mail, email or hand-delivered notices.

Comments or concerns

Please send us your questions or comments about this project. haveyoursay.guelph.ca/ York-Road-Phase4. You may contact us directly by phone or email using the contact information below. Our office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. from Monday to Friday, and we will try to respond within two business days.

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

Contact information

Should you have any further questions, or if you require this document to be provided in an alternative format as per the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (2005), please call: 519-822-1260 extension 2530 or TTY 519-826-9771

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