



Information package

Exhibition Street Phase 1 Reconstruction

**St. Andrew Street to Robertson Drive plus watermain work on
Verney Street and Robertson Drive**

In-person open house
Wednesday, March 25, 2026, 6:30–8:30 p.m.
Victory Public School
135 Exhibition Street, Guelph

About the project

The City of Guelph is reconstructing Exhibition Street, from St. Andrew Street to Robertson Drive. We're replacing aging underground sewer and water pipes to improve essential services in your neighbourhood.

We're also replacing the existing curbs and sidewalks, and adding new sidewalk between Wright Crescent and Robertson Drive. As part of this project, we'll upgrade the watermain under Verney Street and Robertson Drive. This will enable the planned Verney Booster Pump Station works that will continue to deliver clean, safe and reliable drinking water to you and your neighbours.

What to expect at the open house

The purpose of this open house is to provide you with an opportunity to:

- Review project details, including what changes are planned and the construction schedule.
- Learn about what to expect during construction, including:
 - Potential impacts to your property
 - Traffic impacts
- Ask questions about the project and share your feedback.

Scope of reconstruction

We'll complete the following work on Exhibition Street:

- Upgrade existing storm sewer, sanitary sewer and watermain systems including services to the property line;
- Replace the existing sidewalks and add new sidewalk on Exhibition Street, between Wright Crescent and Robertson Drive.
- Narrow the road between Wright Crescent and Robertson Drive to make space for the new sidewalk.
- Replace the concrete curb and gutter, and repave the road; and,
- Repair disturbances to landscaped areas, walkways and driveways within the City's right-of-way.

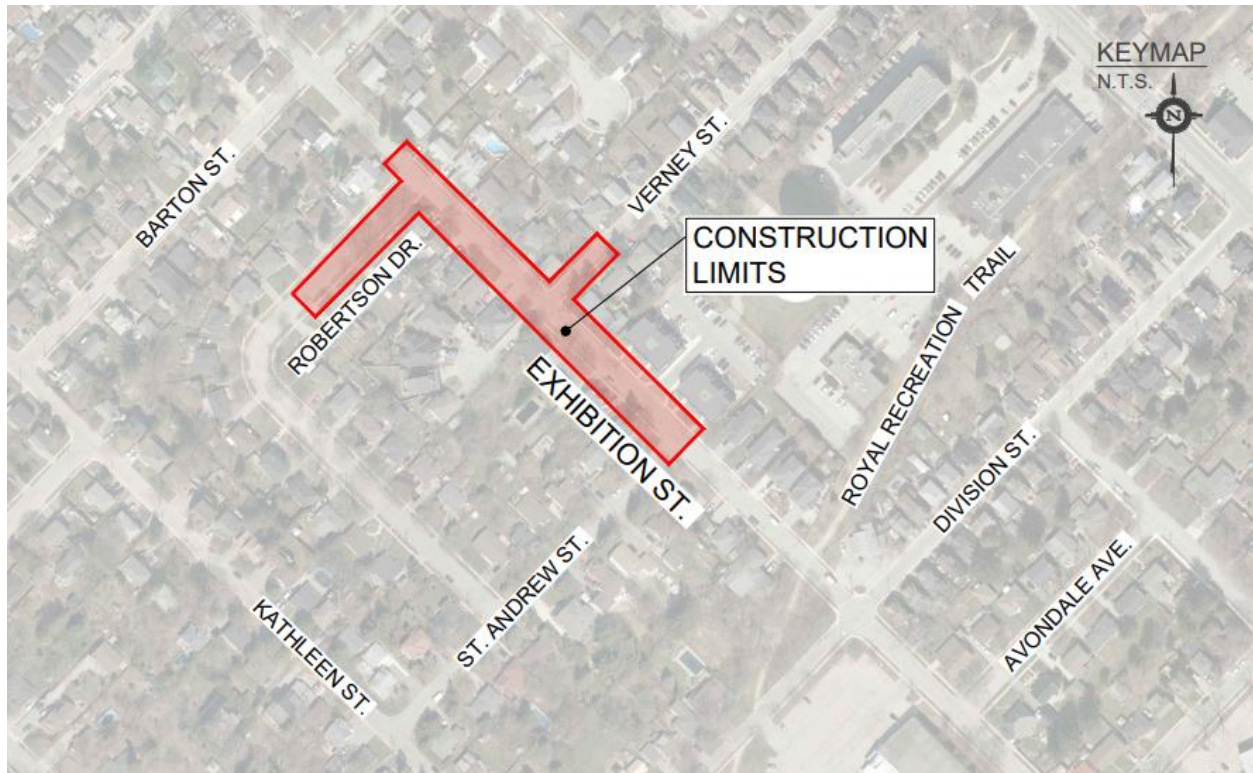
We'll complete the following work on Verney Street and Robertson Drive:

- Upgrade the large diameter transmission watermain systems;
- Replace the water services to the property line on Robertson Drive; and,
- Restore the road, curb and sidewalk after installing the new pipes.

Construction timing

We anticipate starting this work in July 2026 and expect it to be completed in fall 2027 (weather permitting). The figure below shows where you can expect construction in both 2026 and 2027. No work is anticipated during the winter months.

Once the City selects its construction contractor for this project, we'll have further information available. Please stay tuned to guelph.ca/construction for project updates. The City will send a construction notice before construction starts. Please note, construction in front of the 253-263 Exhibition Street driveway will be limited to 2026 for this construction project.



Access to private property

During construction, Exhibition Street will be closed to through traffic in the active construction zone. Local access to properties will be maintained as best as possible during construction. There will be times when access will be restricted and alternate arrangements will be made for parking. During construction, there will be no on-street parking permitted on Exhibition Street.

Here's how we plan to maintain private property access during construction:

- Maintain existing sidewalks until removal is necessary.
- Provide a temporary gravel sidewalk after removal of the old sidewalk and before placing new sidewalk.
- Whenever possible, provide advanced notice to adjacent property owners and residents when their sidewalk or driveway will be temporarily affected.

Please contact Steve.Huckabone@guelph.ca 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. Please expect short service interruptions, particularly when the services to individual properties are transferred from existing pipes to the new pipes. Most 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.

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. 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. To find out about the City's rebate program, free lead testing, and additional information about lead water service pipes, please visit: guelph.ca/living/environment/water/my-pipes-and-plumbing/drinking-water-and-lead/.

Private landscaping features

If you have private landscaping features (e.g. gardens, shrubs, hedges, fences, etc.) located on City property that you wish to keep, please arrange to have them relocated before construction starts. If you have a sprinkler system installed on City property, you may also wish to remove it before construction. The City and its contractor 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 will be replaced with like coloured/patterned concrete, however an exact match cannot be guaranteed. Interlock or paving stone driveways will be removed, salvaged and re-installed by 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. Canada Post mailboxes (if applicable) may be relocated to unaffected areas for the duration of construction.

Dust, noise and vibration

Please anticipate dust, noise and vibration during construction. To reduce these disruptions, the City's contractor will place water or calcium chloride on exposed excavation surfaces to reduce dust, power sweep muddied roads, use "whisper quiet" generators for temporary power supply and only operate equipment during the working hours permitted by the City's noise bylaws.

Pre-construction surveys

The contractor is required to hire an independent inspection firm to conduct pre-construction building condition inspections before construction starts. The inspection firm will make an appointment with each homeowner to inspect outside and inside. You can expect a notice left at your residence with more information on this inspection two to four weeks before construction begins in your phase. 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.

Trees not in conflict with the work will be protected. Trees showing significant decline, identified as being of poor quality and trees that are in major conflict with the proposed work may be removed. Trees in the neighbourhood have been tagged with a small metal tag as part of the process of documenting the trees, and does not mean that the tree is planned for removal or expected to be impacted.

Future notices

We encourage you to follow this project on haveyoursay.guelph.ca/exhibition-st-reconstruction. We'll also post construction updates on guelph.ca/construction. You may also receive additional information about the project and future meetings via mail, email or hand-delivered notices. Please contact Steve Huckabone (Steve.Huckabone@guelph.ca) to be added to the project email update list.

Share your feedback

In order to assist the City in addressing any comments or concerns you might have about this project, we ask that you please provide your comments and questions at haveyoursay.guelph.ca/exhibition-st-reconstruction between March 16, and April 13, 2026. You may also contact us directly by phone or email throughout the project using the contact information below. Our office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., 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.

For more information

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