



INFORMATION BULLETIN #2

Dunlop Street Corridor Improvements
Preliminary Phase and Phase 1A
Contract 2019-083T

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Phase 1A construction wraps up Friday, November 8

The first phases of construction (Poyntz St. to Owen St.) will be complete on Friday, November 8 at 10 p.m. The street will reopen to traffic at that time.

On-street parking will NOT be available on Nov. 9 and 10 while the contractor completes a few finishing touches and cleans up the area. There will also be intermittent lane closures in this section of Dunlop St. on Nov. 9 and 10.

What work has been done?

Watermains were replaced between Mulcaster St. and Poyntz St.

Soil cells (these are underground spaces that allow street tree roots to grow) were installed between Mulcaster St. to Owen St.

New public waste/recycling receptacles were installed and parking meters will be replaced with centralized 'pay-and-display' stations.

Bases were installed for new streetlights and temporary lights are in place until the permanent lights arrive (due to an unexpected shipping delay).

Overall impact

Improved and more accessible pedestrian experience with wider sidewalks, rolling curbs and new interlock stone. Downtown businesses have a more attractive and accessible storefront area, along with improved patio functionality. There will be more trees and new planters will help reduce road pollutants from stormwater run-off.

Outstanding work - Phase 1A

As with any project, there are a few loose ends:

- New permanent streetlight installation in Jan. 2020.

- Street benches, as well as trees and plants, will be installed in spring 2020.
- Some work in the boulevard areas of Phase 1A in spring 2020.
- Temporary (base layer) asphalt sidewalks will be installed in the transitional area (near the Owen St. intersection). The final top layer asphalt will be paved on Dunlop St. at the end of the project, in fall 2020.

Bell Canada utility work Nov.-March

In addition to the listed outstanding work, Bell Canada needs to do work in the area to accommodate developments. Coordination with the Streetscape project is critical.

Bayfield St. and a half block west on Dunlop St. will have lane closures and some full closures for about three weeks starting in late Nov.

The intersection of Owen St. and Dunlop St. will have utility work in Jan. and Feb. 2020. Owen St. will be closed between Dunlop St. and Collier St., but the east/west lanes of Dunlop Street will remain open at this time.

Will my services be affected during the November to February work?

Sanitary sewer, water, hydro and gas services will not be affected by project activity during winter.

Curbside garbage collection may be affected during Bell utility winter construction. Further information will be shared with affected residents and businesses directly as required.

Next phases of work March-Nov. 2020

Phase 1B

The next phase of construction is scheduled to begin in early March 2020, depending on weather. Construction will run from Owen St. to Bayfield St. and the street will be closed to traffic. The intersections at Owen/Dunlop and Bayfield/Dunlop (Five Points) will be closed for this phase.

Further details about road and lane closures for this phase will be communicated in future Information Bulletins.

Phase 2

Phase 2 will start after completion of Phase 1B; estimated to be summer 2020 to November 2020. Dunlop St. between Bayfield St. and Toronto St. will be closed one block at a time. The City and Arnott will aim to minimize impact on the Transit terminal on Maple Ave. as much as possible.

The entire project will be completed in November 2020.

Parking

City Council referred the parking issue back to City staff. A December Staff Report will include a recommendation for parking solutions in the next phase of construction.

Who do I contact?

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