



INFORMATION BULLETIN #6

Dunlop Street Corridor Improvements
Contract 2019-083T

July 20, 2020

In light of recent developments related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the project team is monitoring and assessing impacts to the overall project schedule.

The City is ensuring that the safety of the public, city staff and contractors is always maintained. Construction workers are limiting contact with each other and additional hand sanitizers and wipes are available. No meetings are being held inside construction trailers; site meetings are being conducted via teleconference. City staff and inspectors are also following physical distancing and sanitizing protocols.

Construction Timelines

The work from Owen St. to Clapperton St., as well as the work from Maple Ave. to Mary St., is slightly behind schedule due to extreme weather conditions and some unforeseen utility issues.

Stage 1 NEARING COMPLETION

Base asphalt, underground work, soil cell installation and electrical work is complete from Mulcaster St. to Owen St.

Concrete and interlock installation between Owen St. and Clapperton St. is wrapping up. This section should be complete by the end of July.

Fencing will still be in place in a small section on Dunlop St. towards Clapperton St. for storage of material until the Five Points (Bayfield/Clapperton) intersection is closed.

Stage 3 – originally scheduled for Sept. to November 2020 ANTICIPATED TO BE COMPLETE BY MID-AUGUST

Dunlop St. from Maple Ave. to Mary St. is now anticipated to open by mid-August.

Dunlop St. from Mary St. to Maple Ave., including the intersections of Mary St. and Maple Ave., remain closed.

Removal of existing fixtures continues, as well as storm sewer works between Bayfield St. and Maple Ave., and Mary St. and Toronto St.

Soil cell installation in the area from Maple Ave. to Bayfield St. is continuing.

To assist with access and traffic flow downtown, Mary St. from Dunlop St. to Ross St. is temporarily a two-way street. There will not be on-street parking available while Mary St. is a two-way street. Mary Street will be a two-way street until the project is completed.

Impacted patrons can use nearby municipal parking on Maple Ave. There is pedestrian access to Mary St. through the parking lot adjacent to the LCBO.

Due to the closure of the Maple Ave./Dunlop St. intersection, detour Barrie Transit routes will be in place. Routes 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 100 will be on detour. Visit the City's transit page at barrie.ca/TransitNotices for updated information.

Stage 2 – originally scheduled for July to Sept. 2020 ANTICIPATED TO BEGIN IN AUGUST

The Five Points intersection closure, the Toronto St. intersection closure and the associated work on Dunlop St. in this area is anticipated to begin in August and be complete by October. The Toronto St. intersection and Five Points intersection closures are anticipated to begin once the Mary St. and Maple Ave. intersections are open.



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Will my services be affected?

Sanitary sewer, hydro and gas services should not be affected by the construction, barring any unforeseen circumstances.

However, it is possible that there may be times when communication services (telephone, internet and/or cable TV) are disrupted. If you experience a service disruption at any time, please report it to your service provider immediately so that service can be restored.

Your water service might be interrupted to complete work on the watermain. Notice of the timing of the water interruption will be provided.

Curbside garbage collection will not be affected during construction. On your normal curbside collection day, place all garbage, organics, recyclables and yard waste materials at the front of the property as usual by 4:30 a.m. The construction contractor will remove these items and take them outside of the construction zone for pickup by the City's waste contractor. Garbage cans, green bins and recycling boxes will be returned to the property. Mark your address on all containers.

Access to properties

There will be a full road closure on Dunlop St. and surrounding side streets in the active work areas. The work area will always maintain pedestrian traffic.

Detour signage and Arnott's safety 'ambassadors' are on site during

working hours to help direct motorists and pedestrians.

Pedestrian access to businesses will be maintained as much as possible throughout the duration of the construction. If you have any questions regarding access to your business during construction, please contact Nicole Maurice.

Parking

Barrie City Council approved free parking downtown as an economic driver during the COVID-19 pandemic. This is in effect until September 8.

On June 29, the City designated on-street parking spaces on Dunlop St., Mulcaster St., Owen St., Bayfield St., Clapperton St., and Maple Ave. as "loading only zones." This change limits parking to 10 minutes or less and will help maintain traffic flow in the area. The change is in effect until further notice. Visit the City's parking page at barrie.ca/downtownparking for updated information.

Accessibility Requirements

If you have any accessibility requirements or if wheelchair access is required, please advise Arnott's Public Relations Officer.

Emergency Services

Access for emergency vehicles will be maintained at all times.

Safety

The contractor is required to conduct their work in a safe manner, including fencing of deep excavations.

Project impact

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

Additional information during the COVID-19 pandemic

Many downtown Barrie businesses are offering curbside pickup and patio dining, and now that Stage 3 has started, some businesses are reopening for in-store service with safety precautions in place.

Who do I contact?

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