

## Frequently Asked Questions: Dunlop Street Construction Project February 12, 2020 BIA Town Hall

### **When are the streetlights being installed?**

New, permanent streetlights will be installed in the spring, when the other outstanding work on Dunlop from Mulcaster to Owen is being completed.

### **What other outstanding work needs to be done?**

There is some outstanding work to be completed in some areas in Phase 1A from Mulcaster St. to Owen St. The City and the contractor are scheduling the outstanding items to be completed this spring.

Trees, plants and planters will be installed in the spring. Some work in the boulevard areas will take place, such as digging at each tree location to install the tree grate system and replacing the temporary asphalt with concrete. The temporary asphalt sidewalks that are installed in the transitional areas (near the Owen St. intersection) will be replaced with permanent sidewalk. The final top layer asphalt will be paved on the road from Poyntz St. to Toronto St. at the end of the project this fall.

Bell Canada has been doing utility work over the winter months (January through to early March) in the intersection of Owen/Dunlop St. The Bell winter work requires a closure of Owen St. The expected completion of this work is early March, but Owen St. will remain closed from Collier to Dunlop (local traffic only) for the next phase of construction.

### **What are the timelines and road closures for the next part of the project?**

#### **Stage 1 – March to July 2020**

*Dunlop/Owen Street intersection closure with active construction area between Owen and Clapperton*

**There will be no through traffic between Mulcaster and Clapperton. Local traffic is permitted up to intersection closures; these areas are dead ends.**

- Complete remaining work from Mulcaster to Owen
- Install culvert at Owen Street intersection
- Full street construction works (underground pipes and surface paving) from Owen Street to Clapperton

#### **Stage 2 – July to September 2020**

*Five Points intersection closure and Toronto Street intersection closure with active construction areas between Clapperton Street and Maple Ave., and between Mary Street and Toronto Street*

**There will be no through traffic between Owen and Maple and between Mary and Toronto. Local traffic is permitted up to intersection closures; these areas are dead ends.**

- Five points intersection works will start once Owen Street Intersection is open in June
- Full street construction works (underground pipes and surface paving) from Clapperton Street to Maple Avenue
- Full street construction works (underground pipes and surface paving) from Mary Street to Toronto Street

### **Stage 3 –September to November 2020**

*Mary Street and Maple Avenue intersection closure with active construction area between Maple Avenue and Mary Street*

**There will be no through traffic between Maple and Mary. Local traffic is permitted up to intersection closures; these areas are dead ends.**

- Full street construction works (underground pipes and surface paving) from Maple Avenue to Mary Street

Timelines are weather dependent. If progress allows it, work may begin sooner on each stage. The City of Barrie will communicate any schedule updates as soon as possible via [barrie.ca/DigDowntown](http://barrie.ca/DigDowntown) and/or through Arnott Construction's daily and weekly construction updates (can be accessed on the BIA's website).

### **What's the parking strategy for the next stages of construction?**

There are two lots allocated for free two-hour parking during construction. The two free parking lots are the Chase McEachern Way lot and the Maple Avenue Central lot. The free parking will start in March 2020 and carry through until the end of the project. People using the free parking option **MUST** print and display a receipt to be eligible for the free parking. A map outlining these parking lots can be found at [barrie.ca/DigDowntown](http://barrie.ca/DigDowntown).

### **What are the proposed loading zone and taxi/Uber plans for the next stages?**

There are currently three proposed loading and taxi/Uber zones for the upcoming phases. The proposed loading areas were shared with businesses via the BIA on Feb. 10. Once the taxi and loading areas are approved, they will be shared with BIA businesses.

### **What about patios?**

The completion of the outstanding work from Mulcaster to Owen will delay the start of patio season in this section. We anticipate the outstanding work will be completed in this section by June 2020. The City of Barrie and BIA will communicate the construction schedule as it progresses, so the affected businesses have time to schedule the installation of their patios.

There will be no option for businesses to open patios in the Owen to Toronto section in 2020. The full road construction work from Owen to Toronto will affect the patio season including side streets. If construction is shifted outside of the patio season, the contractor would not be able to meet the November 2020 deadline.

**How will the Dunlop construction affect events in the downtown area?**

No events in the downtown will be cancelled due to construction. Please visit the interactive map link at [barrie.ca/DigDowntown](http://barrie.ca/DigDowntown) for upcoming events and conflicting road closures. Alternative parade routes and event limits will be in effect during the construction on Dunlop St. The City is working with the BIA and external event holders to ensure alternatives are found to allow events to happen as scheduled during construction, with changes as needed to ensure safety of all participants.

**Who do I contact if I have questions or concerns?**

The Contractor, Arnott Construction Limited, has a full-time Project Ambassador to address concerns/issues (see contact information below). Arnott also has at least two safety ambassadors on site during construction to help direct and guide visitors, and provide information.

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Inquiries to Service Barrie, the City's Customer Service Centre, are also welcomed. You can call 705-726-4242 or email [ServiceBarrie@barrie.ca](mailto:ServiceBarrie@barrie.ca).

In addition, the BIA has assigned "Block Captains" to assist as well and ensure that downtown businesses are updated on construction activities.