



**City of Guelph**  
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### About the Project

The City of Guelph is reconstructing a portion of Grove Street from Metcalfe Street to approximately 300 metres east of Metcalfe Street.

We intend to begin construction in April 2025. The work will include the replacement of the watermain, storm sewers, sanitary sewers, curb and gutter, sidewalk, retaining walls, driveway aprons, landscaping and asphalt paving.

### Scope of Reconstruction

The reconstruction of Grove Street involves the following work:

- Replacing/upgrading existing storm sewer, sanitary sewer and watermain systems including services to the property line
- Replacing existing concrete sidewalks
- Replacing existing concrete curb and gutter and asphalt road surface
- Replacing existing retaining walls

### Construction Staging and Timing

Grove Street reconstruction is estimated to start in April 2025 and is estimated to be completed in November 2025. The project completion date may be affected by the contractor's schedules, weather, and any unforeseen difficulties we encounter during construction. A construction notice will be shared with you before construction starts.

Grove Street will be closed to through traffic for the entire 300 metre work zone. The closure will last about 5-6 months and all houses will be accessible to pedestrians. Street parking will not be allowed in the work zone, however, vehicle access to driveways will be allowed, with frequent interruptions.

### Access to Private Property

During construction, Grove Street will be closed to through traffic. Local traffic will be maintained as best as possible throughout construction. There will be times when driveway access will be restricted. Residents will need to utilize nearby on-street parking during these interruptions. Unless signs note otherwise, overnight on-street parking is permitted city-wide from April 1 to November 30.

Access to properties will be maintained as best as possible throughout construction by:



- Maintaining existing sidewalk until its removal is absolutely necessary.
- Providing a temporary gravel sidewalk after removal of the old sidewalk and before placing the new sidewalk.
- Whenever possible, providing advanced notice to adjacent property owners and residents whose sidewalk or driveway will be temporarily affected.

**Please let us know if you have any special access needs such as a medical condition or disability so we can advise the contractor accordingly. 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.

In order 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.

### Lead Water Service Pipes

If your home or business was built before the mid-1950s, it could have a lead water service pipe. This is a great opportunity to look into replacing your lead pipes. 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. Visit the website to find out about our rebate program, free lead testing and additional information about lead water service pipes at:

[guelph.ca/living/environment/water/drinking-water/drinking-water-and-lead/](http://guelph.ca/living/environment/water/drinking-water/drinking-water-and-lead/)

### Private Landscaping Features

If you have private landscaping features (gardens, shrubs, hedges, fences, etc.) that are 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 prior to construction. The contractor and the City will not be responsible for damage to items within the City property line (right-of-way).



When reconstructing the sidewalk, it will be necessary to cut back some driveways to match the new sidewalk. Hard surface driveways will be sawcut and patched using the same material, if possible. Impressed / coloured concrete driveways cannot be replaced to match the original concrete. This is also typically the case with paving stone driveways, unless the owner has a supply of matching stones that can be provided to the contractor for re-installation.

### 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 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.

The contractor will also be 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 every homeowner and business operator in the construction zone to inspect the outside and inside of each premises. The purpose of these inspections 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, has been completed to document the size, species and relative condition of the existing trees within the project limits. Where healthy trees are identified and not in conflict with the work, they will be protected. Trees showing



significant decline, identified as being of poor quality, and trees that are in major conflict with the proposed work will be removed and replaced if possible.

### Further Notices

Members of the public registering to follow this project on HaveYourSay.Guelph.ca, or whose property is within the work area limits, 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 at [www.haveyoursay.guelph.ca/grove-street-reconstruction](http://www.haveyoursay.guelph.ca/grove-street-reconstruction) between April 9 and April 17, 2025. You may also 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 contact:

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