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Van Dusen Boulevard Pedestrian Bridge Construction Overview

As you may already be aware, due to significant erosion issues along Mimico Creek from rain events, the City of Toronto has closed the Van Dusen Boulevard Pedestrian Bridge over Mimico Creek to ensure public safety.

A construction notice detailing the bridge closure and current status of construction can be found [here](#).

As mentioned in the [update](#) from Councillor Grimes, the bridge was already identified for replacement with detailed design underway and construction work scheduled to start in 2021. Accordingly, a decision was made to keep the bridge closed until its replacement in 2021.

Reasons for this include the short amount of time the bridge would be operational between the end date of emergency repairs and the start of its scheduled replacement, and the significant additional costs associated with the temporary emergency repairs.

The bridge replacement will be coordinated and delivered with another City project

that includes creek restoration and sanitary sewer protection upstream and downstream from the bridge.

The creek restoration project and the bridge replacement project will be Tendered together late this year, once all permits are in place. The creek work will occur during the winter months and the bridge replacement will start after July 1, 2021 (construction work is not allowed in the water between March 31 and July 1).



Latest Update

- To ensure public safety, fencing has been put up around the Van Dusen Boulevard pedestrian bridge. As of Friday, July 31, signage has been erected at both ends of the bridge and at locations one block away. Please obey signage.
- The above-mentioned [Construction Notice](#) detailing the closure has been printed and is currently being distributed via Canada Post to area residents also, we apologize if you get an email and mailed copy but we want to ensure the community receives this information.
- Residents will likely notice some construction work at the bridge in the near future as the west abutment has shifted and is putting pressure on the existing storm sewer. The City is securing a contractor to remove the bridge

completely to reduce any further impact on the storm sewer before the 2021 construction. An update will be provided.

- Updates will continue to be posted on toronto.ca/mimicocreek as they become available.

Thank you for your patience. Building a great city takes time. Better infrastructure for all of us is worth the wait.