



Rowanwood Trunk Watermain Construction 2023-2024

Date: Monday, July 11, 2022

Meeting Type: WeBex

Start time: 6:30 pm **End Time:** 8:00 pm

Project Overview:

2023 to 2024 Replacement trunk watermain construction involves these important infrastructure improvements:

- Replace a 100-year old regional trunk watermain on MacPherson, Rowanwood Ave, Thornwood Rd, Cluny Dr, Chestnut Park, Roxborough St East and Wrentham Place
- construction of a larger watermain from 900 mm to 1200 mm diameter (35 inch to 48 inch main tunnel – east west)
- replace sub-standard water services from the treatment plant to streets in this area and citywide

Meeting Objectives:

As requested by Cllr M Layton to share Information on the traffic restrictions in the Rowanwood Ave, Thornwood Rd, Cluny Dr and Chestnut Park for the area homeowners; and receive feedback on road closures, parking and special requests before RFP process.

Meeting Overview:

The meeting was hosted on Webex, facilitated by Mae Lee of Public Consultation Unit and 40 homeowners. A verbal presentation was provided by Ismail Issa of Consultant Exp, questions-comments and response interactively throughout by ECS Project Manager Kuldeep Tamberh.

Questions & Comments

The following questions and answers were provided during the meeting. All questions have been categorized by topic.

Topic	Questions & Comments	Response
Related watermain construction & infrastructure	Can you confirm where the ten to-be removed trees will be replaced by 3 to 1, same area?	Trees will be replanted by Urban Forestry near the same area once the project is complete. Depending on size of the tree, Urban Forestry will determine where the new planting locations near the same area. Only City trees will be replaced. The ratio of tree removed to number of trees planted is dependent on the tree size.

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	<p>If the watermain has increased capacity, then will sewage remain adequate or need replacement. What about electricity to service anticipated increased needs?</p>	<p>Scope of this project is to replace the transmission watermain (tap drinking water). Sewage and electricity is not part of the Rowanwood Watermain project.</p>
	<p>Where is the staging area? What is the yellow blocks on page 25 – 28?</p>	<p>The first staging area is located at the intersection of Thornwood Road and Rowanwood Avenue.</p> <p>Second staging area is located on MacPherson Avenue just west of Yonge Street.</p> <p>The yellow blocks represent Green P parking lot.</p>
	<p>Why does this watermain needs to be replaced at this point? What is the urgency? Can this additional water supply be sourced elsewhere for these new condo developments – Yonge and Price St, east and west sides?</p>	<p>The location of the trunk transmission watermain is a throughway water arterial from the water treatment plant to various streets.</p> <p>This project is a State of Good Repair to proactively replace an old and undersized watermain.</p> <p>New Developments (condos) has a separate approval process under City Planning: https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/planning-development/</p>
	<p>Can the duration be shorter than 12 months?</p>	<p>Transmission Watermain is a larger pipe than a local watermain and therefore takes more time to construct. Every effort will be made to complete construction sooner.</p>

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	<p>Seniors and caregivers' mobility issue & Emergency access – my Mom at Chestnut Park and Thornwood, how is this managed?</p>	<p>Emergency access plan provides ways for emergency vehicle to access the site for both residents and the workers safety.</p> <p>Caregivers for seniors will be provided to vehicular access. We suggest that they identify themselves with the Field Ambassador when hired in 2023.</p>
	<p>Why can't the shaft be placed east of Yonge St side?</p>	<p>Water supply connection is west of Yonge St, and and the replacement of the old pipe is west of Yonge St.</p>
	<p>How would residents on Rowanwood Ave between Thornwood Rd and Cluny Dr have access to their properties? Garbage collection and snow removal access? Large trucks access? Grocery runs? Lawn mowing?</p>	<p>The road will be closed to through traffic but not to local traffic.</p> <p>Garbage collection, snow removal, delivery truck and local residents will have access.</p>
	<p>Will there be work 7 days/week? When you have a 7am start, the trucks noise starts before? Noise control and management east of Yonge St?</p>	<p>Work is from 7:00am to 7:00pm on weekdays with occasional Saturday work only if required. Contractor is not allowed to work outside these hours unless there is an emergency. Contractor is required to adhere to noise bylaw requirements.</p>
	<p>How will you ensure notification in a timely manner? How many attended the meeting this evening?</p>	<p>There were 40+ owners who attended the July 2022 online meeting.</p> <p>2023 construction notice will be mailed through Canada Post as "addressed mail" to ensure single homes, condo units and businesses receive. Emergency notice will be hand dropped by the contractor.</p>

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		M5R & M4W postal codes 3,000 pieces to single homes, condo units and businesses
	What happens to Rowanwood Ave above ground with the tunneling construction?	Trucks will require to access construction areas located at Thornwood Rd/Rowanwood Ave and on MacPherson Ave. In addition, you will notice survey work along tunnel route.
	Why is tunneling under Rowanwood Ave the best option? Why not open excavation for the whole project?	Pipe needs to be very deep under Rowanwood Ave to cross under TTC tracks and avoid deep sewer tunnel. Tunneling minimize disruption above ground
Parking	Will street parking be maintained west of Yonge St? Alternative parking arrangement be made?	We are working on a revised plan to accommodate an auxiliary right turn lane on MacPherson at Yonge. Therefore, street parking will be maintained west of Yonge Street except for a few car spots to provide space for the new added turning lane. The City is working with utility companies in order to provide a laneway from MacPherson Ave to Yonge Street.
	Will non-permit parking be prohibited? Not enough room on Roxborough and Molson St currently.	No restrictions to non-permit parking. There will be minimal impact to these roads.
	Molson St currently has parking on one side, does not allow for two way traffic. Will this change?	There is no change to Molson Street. No plans to restrict parking on Molson Street.

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	<p>Any plans to restrict parking on Molson St? It is impossible to navigate currently.</p> <p>We paid for street permit parking, will there be a refund?</p>	<p>Permit parking is permit</p>
	<p>Unclear as to where people can park on Yonge St for grocery errands, we have kids; cannot park blocks away.</p>	<p>No parking along Yonge Street will be provided as it is only one lane per direction for vehicles, along with cycling lanes replacing the previous parking areas.</p> <p>Alternative parking available at nearby street.</p> <p>Please communicate your concerns related to parking on Yonge Street to Transportation Services</p>
	<p>Can parking on the south side of Roxborough St west of Yonge St Starbucks be removed to facilitate one lane of traffic?</p>	<p>At this moment this is no reason to relocate parking on the southside of Roxborough. If parking is removed along the south side of Roxborough St then it will need to also be relocated. With MacPherson Ave planning to remain open, the traffic detouring to Roxborough will be minimal. Roxborough is approximately 10m wide and can accommodate two lanes of traffic adequately with curb side parking.</p>
	<p>Can Green P parking and other City facilities' parking accommodate the alternative street parking?</p>	<p>Alternative parking space is available on nearby streets.</p> <p>Green P Parking continues to be first come first serve service.</p>
	<p>What is the plan for parking near 33 Macpherson Ave, directly looking at the tunnel access?</p>	<p>No changes to parking near 33 Macpherson Ave.</p>

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	<p>Where will contractor workers park? Sam Tile lane is not shown on the map.</p>	<p>Contractor workers to park off site at the Green P parking lot. Sam Tile Lane will be added to the map.</p>
	<p>What is the contact details of the Field Ambassador?</p>	<p>After a contractor is hired in 2023, Field Ambassador's contact will be available on the Public Notices to the community.</p>
<p>Traffic</p>	<p>Will Wrentham Place from Mt Pleasant be closed?</p>	<p>Wrentham PI will not be closed from Mount Pleasant. Two-way access will be allowed with the guidance of traffic control flaggers.</p>
	<p>Will the north side of Roxborough St between Wrentham PI and Chestnut Park remain open for access?</p>	<p>Yes, Roxborough St will remain open during the construction at Wrentham PI. Traffic will be directed by traffic control flaggers.</p>
	<p>Will Macpherson residents have access to laneway southbound?</p>	<p>Yes, Sam Tile Ln will remain open during the construction period.</p>
	<p>It looks like the Macpherson shaft will only take up half of the road, can one lane be opened on Macpherson Ave?</p>	<p>We are working on a revised plan to accommodate an auxiliary right turn lane on MacPherson at Yonge. An auxiliary right turn lane will be installed at the Yonge St intersection to maintain the current traffic pattern. The City is working/coordinating with utility companies in order to provide a laneway from MacPherson Ave to Yonge Street.</p>

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	<p>How do you propose a two-way street with on street parking on Macpherson Ave?</p>	<p>MacPherson Ave may remain open and remain a one-way street.</p> <p>The City is working/coordinating with utility companies in order to provide a laneway from MacPherson Ave to Yonge Street.</p>
	<p>Do you anticipate increased traffic on Marlborough Ave with all the construction happening on Yonge St?</p>	<p>There is no anticipated increase traffic on Marlborough Ave as it is not a convenient alternative detour route.</p>
	<p>How will traffic be managed during the 12 months of closure at Macpherson Ave and Yonge St?</p> <p>The lanes are very narrow, not safe for added volume of traffic.</p> <p>With the weekly traffic accidents at Avenue Rd and Roxborough St, will a traffic light be added?</p>	<p>MacPherson Ave will be local access only during construction.</p> <p>This project will not include the installation of traffic pole at the intersection of at Roxborough Street and Avenue Road.</p> <p>For traffic related improvements, Transportation Services will be the lead in future improvement projects.</p>
	<p>Macpherson Ave is a high traffic street, the plan seems unrealistic. Commuters cut across, can it be designated for local traffic only?</p>	<p>MacPherson Ave will be local access only for the duration of construction.</p>
	<p>Did you discuss the road closures with the City Councillor? What is the pattern? Provide a copy of the traffic study.</p>	<p>Road closure discussed with the Councillor. The City is investigating further options regarding utilities coordination to reduce traffic impacts on MacPherson Ave, will notify residents by early 2023.</p>

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	<p>Given that most eastbound Macpherson traffic will be re-routed onto Marlborough Ave in the immediate north, what mitigating factors do you consider?</p> <p>This is not a low-traffic area as suggested especially given the significant increase in large scale construction in the next few years with the bike lanes imposed; urging to strong reconsider bike lanes.</p> <p>Marlborough residents deserve clarity on what will be done to additional traffic infiltration.</p>	<p>Eastbound traffic is not being rerouted to Marlborough to the immediate north. Traffic infiltration may occur. However, using Marlborough is an inconvenient detour route overall.</p> <p>Bike lanes is not part of this watermain construction project at Rowanwood Ave.</p>
	<p>While your traffic study is focused on Yonge St, most traffic enters/infiltrates eastbound from Avenue Rd and Dupont St. If you disrupt southbound flow of Avenue Rd and eastbound traffic flow at Dupont St, traffic will back of for blocks. Two arteries be impacted.</p>	<p>There will be negligible impact on Avenue Rd and Dupont St.</p>
<p>Pre-existing Traffic and Development issues/concerns</p>	<p>New condo developments at the southwest corner of Marlborough Ave and Yonge St, to start after this watermain project is completed.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
	<p>Create a new traffic light at Roxborough St and Avenue Rd to allow for traffic flow for dedicated traffic flow into Roxborough St.</p>	<p>This project does not include Traffic Management (the installation of traffic pole) at the intersection of at Roxborough Street and Avenue Road.</p> <p>Transportation Services is the lead for future traffic improvement projects.</p>

The following questions and comments were submitted during the meeting, emails after, and are recorded for follow-up by the project team. Questions and comments have been themed.

Total Participants: 40 homeowners, not including staff/project team

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