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Transmission Watermain Replacement on Rowanwood Avenue from Macpherson Avenue to Wrentham Place

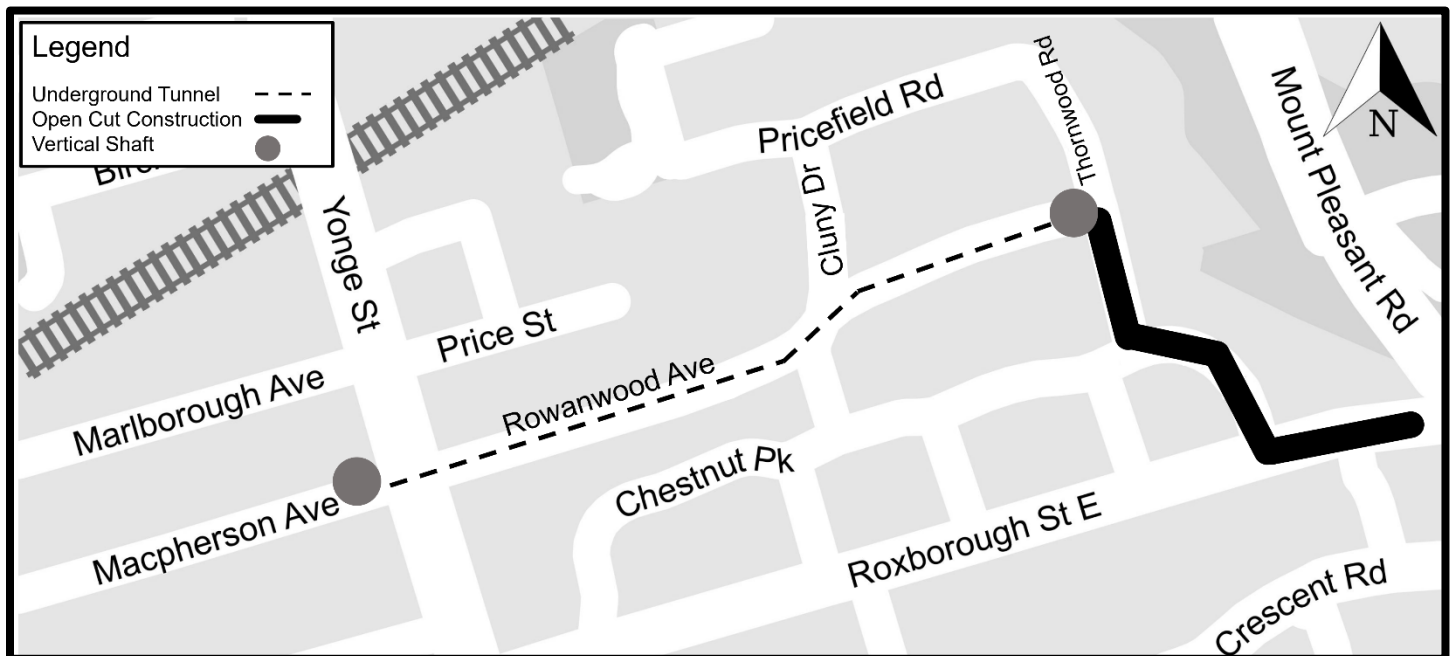
Contract: 23ECS-LU-04TT
Start Date: February 3, 2025 End Date: August 2026
**Timeline is subject to change.*

The City of Toronto plans to replace the existing transmission watermain on Rowanwood Avenue from Macpherson Avenue to Wrentham Place. The existing 900mm watermain will be replaced by a larger 1200mm watermain to ensure sufficient water supply to residents. Transmission watermains carry large volumes of water from water treatment plants to pumping stations, reservoirs and tanks; and to the local distribution watermains that then deliver water to your home.

This project is part of the Council-approved 2024 Capital Works Program to renew our aging infrastructure and improve water distribution to meet current and future supply demands.



Visit the project web page and sign up to receive project updates by email: toronto.ca/Rowanwood.

MAP OF WORK AREA



LEARN MORE

The City invites you to attend a virtual Public Information Event to learn more about upcoming work.

 <p>Thursday, February 13, 2025 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Visit the webpage and register: toronto.ca/rowanwood</p>	 <p>Join online or by phone Dial: 416-915-6530 Access Code: 2630 155 8905 Attendee ID/password: Rowanwood/7692 6967</p>
<p>If you have specific accessibility needs or require accommodation, please contact us.</p>	

WORK DETAILS

The City's contractor will:

- Move equipment on-site and prepare the work area before construction begins

- Use a tunneling method to replace the existing watermain underground from Yonge Street to Thornwood Road, which minimizes traffic delays and community disturbances.
- Construct two large shaft sites along the tunneling route. Tunnel shaft sites provide an area to launch and operate the tunneling machine. The shaft site locations are highlighted on the map.
 - The shaft sites will be surrounded by solid wooden hoarding (fencing) to minimize noise and dust from tunneling work.
 - Construction vehicles will enter and exit the shaft sites to bring tunneling equipment and remove excavated material.
- Excavate a trench in the road (open cut excavation) and replace the watermain on Thornwood Road from Rowanwood Avenue to Chestnut Park; on Chestnut Park from Thornwood Road to Roxborough Street East; and on Roxborough Street East from Chestnut Park to Wrentham Place (see map).





Work on this project will be phased by location and scheduled accordingly:







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Phase	Work	Anticipated schedule
1	Site preparation work, equipment mobilization, and signage/traffic control on Macpherson Avenue and Rowanwood Avenue at Thornwood Road. Watermain work on Macpherson Avenue.	February 2025 to March 2025
2	Shaft Construction and Tunnelling	April 2025 to April 2026
3	Open Cut Watermain Replacement (east of Yonge Street)	December 2025 to April 2026
4	Final Restoration Work	April 2026 to June 2026

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION

- You may experience dust, noise and other inconveniences. The City will make efforts to reduce the impacts. We appreciate your patience.
- The City will not be responsible for damage to any privately owned items on City property.

	<p>Work Hours: Work will take place from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Friday, with work after hours and on weekends as required.</p>
	<p>Pre-Construction Inspection: OZA Inspections Ltd., under contract to the City of Toronto, will survey all properties within 30 metres of the construction area before construction starts. The inspection will look at the interior and exterior of all properties to verify existing conditions. Although participation is voluntary, the City encourages all homeowners to participate. Without the survey, it will be difficult to confirm any claims of damage caused by construction.</p> <p>Affected properties will receive a separate notice to set up an appointment. All inspection staff will wear photo I.D. and carry photo equipment for this work.</p>
	<p>On-Site Communication: There are times when contractors need to communicate with homeowners about what is happening on-site. This could be about driveway access, water shut offs, pre-construction inspections, and site restoration work (landscaping, installing pavers etc.). Contractor's staff will be identifiable by their high-visibility company branded clothing. If you need to speak with staff on the construction site, please ask for the Site Inspector.</p>
	<p>Important information for owners of sprinkler systems / heated driveways and private landscaping features. Property owners should remove items located within City property limits (boulevard) to avoid damage.</p> <p>This includes items such as landscaping (plants and pavers), decorative objects, sprinkler systems or heated driveways. <u>If you have a sprinkler system or heated driveway, please contact the Field Ambassador listed below.</u></p>

	<p>Road and Sidewalk Access: In order to complete the work in a safe manner, there will be road and sidewalk restrictions within the work zone. Access for emergency vehicles will be maintained at all times.</p> <p>Driveway and Laneway Access: The contractor will notify you of any temporary restrictions to your driveway access. If your property has two entrances, one entrance will be kept open at all times.</p>
	<p>Traffic Management: Road users should expect delays and increased traffic on nearby main and side streets. Motorists are reminded that bicycles and cars will be sharing the lane. When driving, please be mindful of vulnerable road users.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic on Macpherson Avenue will be reduced to one lane at Yonge Street. Only southbound right-turn movements will be permitted from Macpherson Avenue onto Yonge Street. • Traffic on Rowanwood Avenue east of Cluny Drive will be Local Traffic Only. Rowanwood Avenue will be closed at Thornwood Road.
	<p>Parking: This project will affect on-street parking. On-street parking in and around the active work zone will not be permitted as space is needed for construction equipment and materials. If your parked vehicle affects construction work, it will be relocated with no charge to the owner. Please call 416-808-2222 for its location.</p>
	<p>Parking Violation Notices: <u>Please ensure you park in a legal parking spot at all times.</u> If parking enforcement is called to a street, officers must issue a yellow parking violation notice (ticket) to vehicles in violation of parking by-laws. If you receive a yellow notice during this construction work, please do one of the following within 15 days of the notice date in order to avoid additional fines or records being kept of non-payment:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pay the parking violation (follow instructions on the back of the notice) or 2. File a Parking Violation Dispute with the City online, by mail, or in person (follow instructions on the back of the notice). As part of the dispute process, you may include the construction notice and/or other documentation related to parking impacts resulting from construction. <p>If you do not have a copy of the Construction Notice, please contact 311 to request a copy.</p> <p>Please note: Violation notices cannot be cancelled if vehicles are parked in illegal parking spots (i.e. in front of a fire hydrant or in No Parking zones).</p> <p>In an effort to reduce ticketing due to construction, please exercise patience with neighbours who are experiencing construction impacts and may need to temporarily park on your street.</p>
	<p>Water Service Disruptions: From time-to-time, the water supply to your property will be shut-off to complete construction; the contractor will provide notice at least 24-hours in advance. Throughout the work, it is recommended that you temporarily disconnect any water treatment systems (i.e. softeners or filters), water-cooled air conditioners or similar plumbing fixtures. Automatic lawn sprinkler systems may also be affected, therefore, you may need to water manually. In the event you did not receive advance notice, the City may have needed to use an emergency water shut off to complete work.</p>
	<p>Tree Removal: The City makes an effort to minimize the number of trees that are impacted by construction. Tree removals related to construction are reviewed by Urban Forestry and require approval. Trees within the construction zone that will not be removed are protected.</p> <p>To carry out this project, 12 trees will need to be removed from the City's boulevard. If this affects a tree near your property, you will receive a separate notice. After construction is completed, new trees will be planted on streets where there is sufficient space in the boulevard, in parks and ravine areas. The City plants three trees for every one tree that is removed due to construction.</p>

	<p>Accessible Accommodation: The City's contractor must ensure safe and accessible walkways and entryways are maintained for everyone during construction. Any temporary access disruptions will be communicated as soon as possible. If you experience a disruption, have a specific access need or related accommodation request, contact the Field Ambassador listed below.</p>
	<p>Garbage and Recycling: Please follow your normal routine. If required, the contractor will move bins to an appropriate location and return them. <i>Please ensure that you label your bins with your address.</i></p>
	<p>Restoration: The construction work area will be restored with sod, concrete and/or asphalt where required. Interlocking bricks, flagstone on a granular base, or other similar features that are removed from public and private property during construction will be replaced. Lawn seeding and/or laying of sod will be done as needed during ideal growing seasons only - in the spring (April to June) and fall (September to October).</p>

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

If you have questions about this construction project, please contact staff listed below.

Contract	23ECS-LU-04TT
Field Ambassador - Construction related inquiries	Nabeela Rafique, 437-755-3286, nabeela.rafiq@exp.com
Senior Consultation Coordinator – Public event inquiries	Steven Ziegler, 416-392-2896, rowanwood@toronto.ca
TTY Hearing Impaired Service	416-338-0889 (7 Days a week, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed holidays)
General inquiries	311
Website	toronto.ca/rowanwood

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