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Basement Flooding Protection Program

Sanitary and Storm Sewer Upgrades on St. Clair Avenue East and other local roads

Contract: 23ECS-LU-03FP
Start Date: April 2025 End Date: Spring 2027
**Timeline is subject to change.*

The City of Toronto is modifying and upgrading the storm and sanitary sewer system in your area to reduce surface and basement flooding. This work also involves replacing the City-owned portion of substandard water services and sanitary sewer laterals. The sanitary service lateral is the pipe connecting your home's sewage plumbing to the City's sewer. The water service is the underground pipe that brings water to your water meter and is owned by you and by the City. The part you own is from your house to the property line. The part the City owns is from your property line to the watermain.

Construction on these streets will take place at various times between 2025 and 2027, not for the entire duration of the project. Work will commence on St. Clair Avenue East in Phase 1 of the project and proceed to interior local roads in Phases 2, 3, and 4 of the project after completion of the underground work on St. Clair avenue East. Construction updates will be available as the work advances.

Following the completion of sewer replacement work, the contractor will restore the asphalt on St. Clair Avenue East from Westview Boulevard to Squires Avenue. Full roadway state of good repair work on St. Clair Avenue East, from east of O'Connor Drive to Victoria Park Avenue is planned as part of a separate construction contract. Public consultation on potential road safety changes to St. Clair Avenue are planned for spring 2025.

Street name	Storm Sewer Upgrades	Sanitary Sewer Upgrades	Watermain Replacement	Road Resurfacing	Road Reconstruction	Green Infrastructure
Amsterdam Avenue	✓			✓	✓	
Furnival Road	✓			✓		
Glenburn Avenue	✓					
Joanith Drive	✓					
Merritt Road	✓	✓				
Peard Road	✓					
St Clair Avenue East	✓	✓				
Squires Avenue	✓			✓		
Squires Court	✓	✓				
Topham Road	✓					
Valor Boulevard	✓					✓
Warvet Crescent	✓	✓				
Westview Boulevard	✓	✓	✓	✓		

This project is part of the Council-approved Basement Flooding Protection Program to improve the water distribution system, renew our aging infrastructure and reduce the risk of sewer backups and flooding.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT LEAD WATER SERVICES

If you live in the area depicted in the map below in a house that was built before the mid-1950s, your water service may be made of lead. Please read the attached fact sheet with important information about the risks of lead in drinking water, especially if someone in your house is pregnant, there are children under six years old, or there is an infant drinking formula made using tap water.

MAP OF WORK AREA










WORK DETAILS








The City’s contractor will:



- Mark the locations of underground utilities, such as gas, water and cable so that the construction work does not interfere with these utilities.
- Excavate the road and dig a trench to access and install the new sewer.
- Replace any City-owned water service pipes or sewer laterals that do not meet City standards from the watermain or sewer main to the property line.
- Restore all areas affected by construction and resurface/reconstruct the road/watermain trench. Restoration on St. Clair Avenue East will be delivered as part of two construction contracts. Temporary asphalt restoration will be installed immediately after the underground work under this contract and a second construction contract will follow with Road Rehabilitation in 2026 after underground work is completed.

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:</p> <p>Phase 1: Work on St. Clair Avenue East will take place first. In an effort to complete this phase quickly and minimize disruption, work will occur on St. Clair Avenue East from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., Monday to Saturday.</p> <p>Phases 2, 3, 4: Work on other local roads 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 indicated in the Map of Work 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. For details on removal of such items, please contact the Field Ambassador listed below.</p>
	<p>Telephone and Internet Services: This work may affect phone and internet cables for individual properties that aren't buried deep below the sidewalk. The contractor will coordinate with utility companies to minimize disruption. Residents who find their service has been disrupted should contact the Field Ambassador <u>and</u> notify their phone or internet service provider.</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>Substandard Water Service Replacement: Please take the time to read the attached fact sheet carefully as it contains important information on lead in drinking water and how to prepare for replacement. If you want to replace the private portion-of the water service pipe, the City of Toronto recommends that you obtain several quotes before selecting a contractor. PLEASE NOTE: The City is not able to get involved in any contract to have work done on private property. Property owners are responsible for ensuring contractors do not interfere with the work being done on City property. Learn more at www.toronto.ca/leadpipes.</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, 10 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>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 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> <p>Traffic on St Clair Avenue East will be reduced to one lane traffic for each direction between Westview Boulevard and Squires Avenue. Traffic on local streets may be reduced to one lane.</p>
	<p>Parking: This project will affect on-street parking. Parking in the active work zone is not 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 City-issued documentation related to parking impacts resulting from construction. <p>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>Please exercise patience with neighbours who are experiencing construction impacts and may need to temporarily park on your street.</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. Please ensure that you label your bins with your address.</p>

	<p>Water Flushing: You will see water flushing or running in several areas along this project enabling the contractor to clean the new watermain. Before substandard water services are replaced to properties and the new watermain is put into service, the contractor ensures the new pipe meets Toronto Water's servicing and quality standards. Please DO NOT DRINK OR USE THE FLUSHING WATER, it is not potable.</p>
	<p>Restoration: The construction work area will be restored with sod, concrete and/or asphalt where required to its initial condition. 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-03FP
Field Ambassador	Janet Webster, 416-338-5497, bfpp@toronto.ca
Deaf, Hard of hearing and Hearing impaired service	Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) Dial 711 (24/7)
General inquiries	311
Information and updates	<p>The City is planning to host regular on-site meetings, where residents will have the opportunity to drop in and ask questions. To stay up to date with the latest construction updates visit toronto.ca/tophamparkbfpp and subscribe to our email list, or scan below.</p> 

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