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Road Reconstruction and Green Infrastructure

Contract: 24ECS-LU-02SM
Start Date: September 9, 2026
End Date: December 31, 2026
**Timeline is subject to change.*

The City of Toronto plans to reconstruct **Zaph Avenue** from **Ellesmere Avenue** to the north end of **Zaph Avenue**, including the construction of new sidewalks along the east side of **Zaph Avenue**. Sidewalks are a critical piece of transportation infrastructure which provides accessibility and safety for all, including vulnerable road users. Our data shows that sidewalks are missing on both sides of the road.

The City intends to upgrade any substandard water services within the City-owned road allowance. 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 end of your property; the part the City owns is from the end of your property to the watermain.

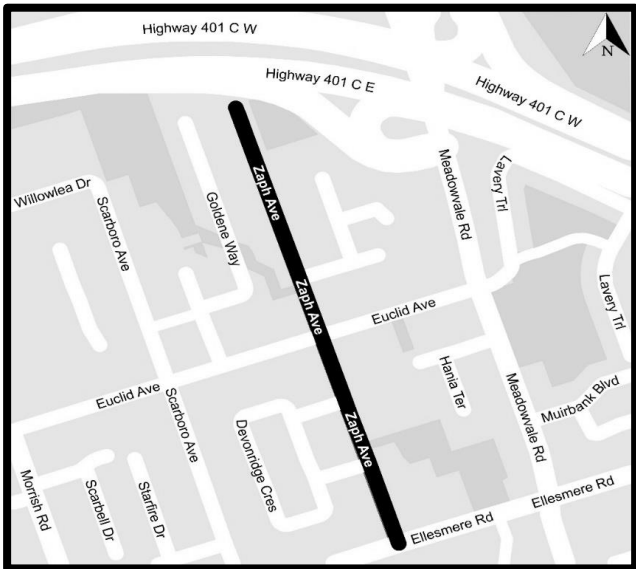
The City of Toronto is planning to install Bioswales and Enhanced Grass Swales on Zaph Avenue from Ellesmere Ave to the north end of Zaph Avenue. Bioswales and enhanced grass swales are a form of green infrastructure designed to capture and filter stormwater close to where it falls, reducing the overall volume of stormwater that enters the City's sewer system as well as improving the quality of runoff before it makes its way into local waterways.

This project is part of the Council-approved 2026 Capital Works Program to renew the City's aging infrastructure, improve water distribution, and improve stormwater management. As well, installing new sidewalk is one way the City is committed to making the community safer and more accessible.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT LEAD WATER SERVICES

If you live on Zaph Avenue 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



WHAT TO EXPECT BEFORE CONSTRUCTION

In the first few weeks, the City's contractor will move equipment on site and prepare the work area before construction begins. Construction crews will then:

- Perform full road reconstruction including asphalt paving, granular base materials, storm drainage infrastructure (catch basins, culvert pipes, and leads), new fire hydrants, concrete sidewalks with accessibility ramps, and pavement markings;
- Construct new sidewalks on the east side of Zaph Avenue from Ellesmere to the north end of Zaph Avenue and on the west side of Zaph Avenue at the end of Zaph Avenue;
- Replace any City-owned water service pipes that do not meet City standards (from the watermain to the private property line);
- Replace non-operational curb stops to meet the City standard for Health and Safety;
- Install Bioswales and Enhanced Grass Swales within the City right-of-way on Zaph Avenue; and
- Restore any disturbed areas including grass, sod installation, shrub plantings, and mulch application for planting beds.

WORK DETAILS

- You may experience dust, noise and other inconveniences. The City will make efforts to reduce the impacts. We appreciate your patience.
- Work crews will mark sidewalks and curbs requiring replacement and the locations of underground utilities, such as gas, water, and cable so that the construction work does not interfere with these utilities.
- The City will not be responsible for damage to any privately owned items on City property.

	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. Overnight work may be required as part of this project. You will be notified in advance of any changes to work hours.
	Pre-Construction Inspection: PCS Management Inc. , 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. 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.
	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.
	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.
	Water service disruptions: The water to your property will need to be shut off to allow for connection and disconnection to the temporary water supply. The contractor will provide at least 48-hour advance notice for all planned shut-offs. 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. If you did not receive advance notice and your water was turned off, an emergency water shut-off may have been necessary to complete the work.

	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
	Road and sidewalk access: To safely complete the work, there will be road and sidewalk restrictions within the construction work zone. Access for emergency vehicles will be maintained at all times. 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 accessible at all times.
	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. At times, Zaph Avenue will be limited to local traffic only, with one lane closed and traffic alternating.
	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.
	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: 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. 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). Please exercise patience with neighbours who are experiencing construction impacts and may need to temporarily park on your street.
	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. This includes items such as landscaping (plants and pavers), decorative objects, sprinkler systems or heated driveways. If you have a sprinkler system or heated driveway, please contact the Field Ambassador listed below.
	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.
	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>

	Restoration: The construction work area will be restored with sod 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 in the spring (April to June) and fall (September to October). Permanent restoration of the curb and sidewalk will take place following construction.
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NEED MORE INFORMATION?

If you have questions about the upcoming work, please contact us.

Contract	24ECS-LU-02SM
Field Ambassador	Catherine Caetano-Macdonell 437-833-8173, TorontoLocalRoadsGS@wsp.com (7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Friday, closed weekends)
Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Hearing Impaired Service	Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) Dial 711 (24/7)
General inquiries	3-1-1 (7 days a week, 24 hours a day)
Website	toronto.ca/scarboroughroungepark

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

Lead in Drinking Water

This fact sheet, as explained in the Special Notice attached, is to advise you that the City of Toronto will be undertaking construction work close to your home in the near future.

The construction could involve work on your road, watermain or sewer. **It may also involve replacing the City-owned part of your water service pipe, which may contain lead.**

Lead can affect how the brain and nervous system grows, so this factsheet is very important to read if someone in your house is pregnant, if there are children under 6 years old, or if there is an infant drinking formula made from tap water.

Water Pipe Replacement



The underground pipe that brings water to your water meter (called the service pipe) is owned by you and by the City. The part that the City owns goes from the municipal watermain to your property line. The part that you own goes from your property line to your water meter.

During construction, if the City finds that the water pipe is made of lead, it will replace the City-owned part. **Toronto Public Health strongly recommends you replace your part of the water pipe if it contains lead.** With only a partial lead pipe replacement, there may be a temporary increase of lead in your drinking water. The best way to reduce lead is to replace both the City-owned and private side of a lead water pipe. Find out how by reading the back of this Fact Sheet.

Lead, Drinking Water and Your Health

- If you live in a property (storefront, office building or house) built before the mid-1950s and the water service pipe has never been replaced, it is probably made of lead. If it is, then lead may be getting into your drinking water. Apartment and other buildings with more than six units do not have lead pipes.
- Lead is most harmful to the growing brain and nervous system of a fetus, infant or child under 6 years old. If a young child has too much lead in their body, it can lead to a shortened attention span, and intellectual and behavioural problems.



- If you have a baby at home and are breastfeeding, continue to breastfeed your baby. The amount of lead in breast milk is much lower than in tap water and is healthy for your baby to drink. If you are feeding your baby formula, use cold filtered tap water, boil it and then let it cool. Use within 30 minutes. Until you have a filter, consider using bottled water for making baby formula, or ready-to-feed formula.

How to prepare for lead water pipe replacement

Once construction begins, the contractor will be able to see the underground water pipe and will know for sure if the City-owned portion is made of lead and needs to be replaced. A City staff person or City-hired contractor will tell you in person or leave a note in your mailbox if they are replacing the service to your property. In the meantime, you can take steps to prepare for the possible replacement.

Step 1: Find out if your part of the water pipe is made of lead.

- If your house was built before the mid-1950s, then the water service pipe is probably made of lead, unless it was replaced at another time. You can find out how old your house is by asking the landlord or checking the ownership papers.
- If possible, look at the pipe that goes into your water meter. If it is grey, scratches easily and does not sound hollow when you tap it, it may be made of lead. To know for sure, ask a plumber or home inspector.

Step 2: Find a contractor to replace your part of the water pipe.

- Get at least three quotes from a licensed plumber to get the best price. Replacing your part of the water pipe could cost approximately \$3,000 but will be dependent on the characteristics of your home.
- Your contractor must replace your part of the water pipe either before or after the City-hired contractor replaces the City-owned part. Private contractors cannot work at the site at the same time as the City-hired contractor. Be sure that your contractor understands this and can tell you the best way for coordinating the work to save you the most money.

Step 3: Learn more about protecting your health after a lead water pipe is replaced

- After a lead water pipe is replaced, there may be a temporary increase of lead in your drinking water. The City will provide you with tips and a free water filter to help reduce the health impact from any temporary lead increase.

To learn more about lead pipe replacement and other ways that the City of Toronto is working to reduce lead in drinking water, visit toronto.ca/lead or call 311.