



Main Street Renewal

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On-Going

Here's a block-by-block breakdown of the work currently underway:

- **Harvey Street to Clegg Street:** Installation of brick pavers for the sidewalk, construction of concrete crosswalks, tree planting and landscaping;
- **Clegg Street to the McIlraith Bridge:** Replacement of lateral connections, electrical work and road work;
- **Brantwood Place Gates:** Construction of the pillar cores, and;
- **Rideau River Drive:** Watermain commissioning.

Upcoming

Here are key new upcoming construction activities planned for the next two weeks:

- **Harvey Street to Clegg Street:** Placement of sod, pavement markings and installation of road signs;
- **Clegg Street to Mason Terrace:** Placement of base asphalt;
- **Bridge Approach:** Construction of the concrete sidewalk and placement of base asphalt, and;
- **Rideau River Drive:** Connection of water services and construction of the concrete sidewalk.



Construction of the Brantwood Place Gates pillar cores.



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Traffic

Main Street

The northbound lane from Clegg Street to Lees Avenue will be re-opened to traffic during the week of August 15th.

Beckwith Road

Beckwith Road will **remain closed to traffic at Main Street until the end of August**.

Colonel By Drive / Pretoria Bridge

Sunday Bikedays will take place every Sunday until September 4th. For these events, **Colonel By Drive will be closed to traffic from Hog's Back Road to the Laurier Bridge from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Pedestrians

Starting on Monday August 8th, the sidewalks from Clegg Street to the bridge approach will be closed on the east side of Main and will be open on the west side of Main Street. Pedestrians travelling to and from the McIlraith Bridge are encouraged to use the multi-use pathway under the bridge (which will be open on Monday) to cross Main Street.



Road work at Beckwith Road



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Did you know?

A significant amount of thought and planning went into selecting the tree species that will form the plant palette for Main Street. Each species must meet the requirements set out by the City of Ottawa and Hydro Ottawa and be reflective of feedback gathered from the public during the planning stage of the project.

There are also a number of considerations when selecting tree species in an urban corridor that can further narrow the potential list of species such as proximity to above and below grade utilities, surrounding design elements (pavers, sidewalk, and cycle tracks), maintenance requirements, resiliency to salt and winter maintenance, proximity to buildings or signage and anticipated lifespan.

During the planning stage of the Main Street Renewal, it was made a priority that the corridor would feature species diversity in order to provide an attractive streetscape and to bolster resiliency to future pests or infections. Considering stakeholder feedback and the restrictions of the corridor outlined above, the design team was able to develop a tree list of 12 unique tree species, including:

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| • Amur Maple | • Japanese Tree Lilac | • Red Oak |
| • Sugar Maple | • Freeman Maple | • Valley Forge Elm |
| • Common Hackberry | • Skyline Honeylocust | • Black Walnut |
| • Ironwood | • Burr Oak | • Colorado Spruce |

This is significant as most other street redesign projects have a tree list of 3 to 5 species! Many of these trees are high quality and large species that will suit the Main Street corridor very well over the coming years as they grow and become established. This planting list will ensure the Main Street corridor will have a diverse, healthy and successful tree population for generations to come.



Valley Forge Elm

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