Guelph Wellington

Construction Notice

Overnight work: Tree removals in Guelph (Gordon Street to Silvercreek Parkway) to prepare for expansion work

October 28, 2026

Figure 1: Site Overview

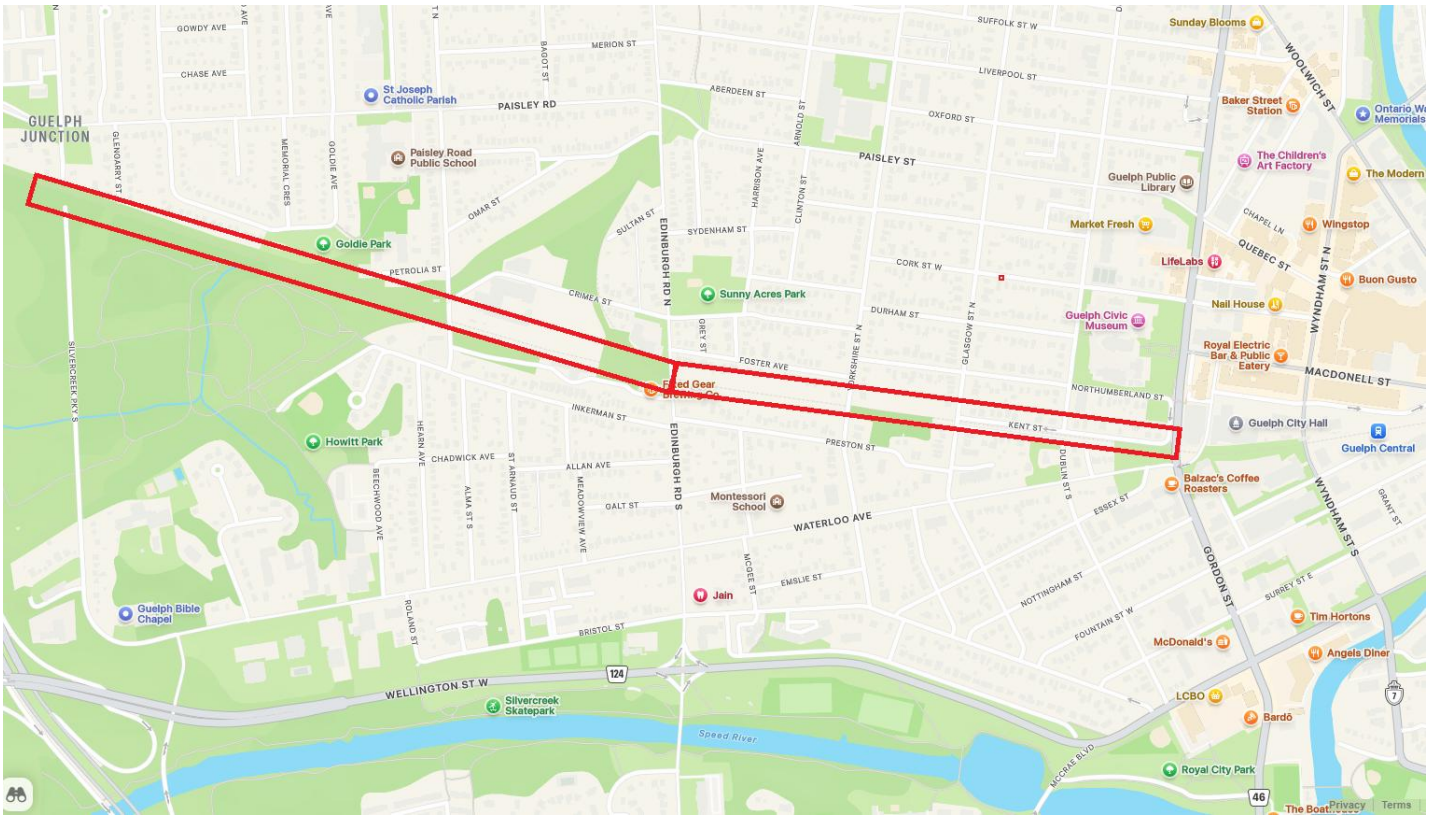


Image: Rail corridor where work is taking place

OVERVIEW

Metrolinx has been replacing, repairing, and upgrading infrastructure along the Kitchener GO Line in the Guelph Region. Tree removals are required within the rail corridor in Guelph to relocate an existing fibre optic cable from the south side of the rail corridor to the north side. The existing fibre optic cable is located near the root systems of trees along the boundary of neighbouring residential properties. To complete the work and prepare for future rail infrastructure, crews will need to excavate within the right-of-way inside the rail corridor.

Information as of: October 21, 2026

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

The scope of work includes the removal of 81trees within the project's rail corridor. The work is expected to begin as early as November 16. Only trees marked with an "X" within the rail corridor have been identified for removal.

Due to tree roots extending into the Metrolinx right-of-way, excavation is required to relocate the existing Bell 360 fibre optic cable and build a future retaining wall to support a second south mainline track along the Guelph rail corridor. While the tree trunks are expected to remain largely unharmed, some roots will need to be cut or removed to allow the fibre conduits to be brought to grade and shifted to build a retaining wall on the southside of the rail corridor. During tree cutting operations an arborist will verify the health and integrity of trees that are subject to root injury, and tree protection hoarding will be installed, as appropriate, for future construction activities in 2027.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Starting November 16, 2026, nearby residents may experience construction activity with the use of hydrovacuum trucks, lights associated with the excavation, equipment noise, and work within the rail corridor. **Tree cutting work will occur during weeknights Monday to Friday – 8pm to 6am - and will be completed before bird nesting season begins in March 2027.** Work is taking place overnight to avoid conflicts with GO rail service. Trees that are being removed will be compensated and will follow Metrolinx Vegetation Guidelines.

Schedules may change due to weather or other factors. The Metrolinx Community Engagement Team will share updates if anything changes. Construction notices are posted on our website: **www.metrolinx.com/kitchener**.

QUESTIONS

We understand that while necessary, this work is potentially disruptive to nearby residents. We appreciate your patience and understanding. Our Community Engagement team is available to answer your questions by email, Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at **GuelphWellington@metrolinx.com.**

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