

Ontario Line

Tree Removals at Minton Place & adjacent to Don Valley Parkway

Expected start date: September 3rd, 2024

Expected duration: Three (3) months

Hours of work: Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m (Minton Pl)

Monday - Friday 11:00 p.m - 5:00 a.m (Two weeks - Don Valley Parkway)



What is happening?

Tree removal will be occurring in three areas per the image above:

Zone 1: Area shown around the demolition properties

- Tree removal around the demolition properties is expected to start at the beginning of September 2024, during 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Tree removal works will involve the intermittent use of various machinery such as chainsaws, boom trucks and wood chipping equipment.
- During tree removal, residents will notice an increase in construction vehicles accessing and exiting the Minton Place work area.
- Staging areas with temporary fencing are expected for certain trees closer to the project site boundary.
- Works are expected to be complete within this zone by end of October.

Zone 2: Area shown at the Don Valley Parkway, bottom of Minton slope (Night work)

- Tree removal along the bottom section of the Minton slope along the DVP, is expected to start at the beginning of September 2024 during night works.
- Tree removal works will involve the intermittent use of various machinery such as chainsaws, boom trucks and wood chipping equipment.
- Tree removal works will be completed by accessing the area by overnight single lane closures along the DVP between 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. The overnight lane restriction is only anticipated to last for two weeks.
- Works are expected to be complete by end of October.

Zone 3: Area shown on the Minton Slope

- Tree removal around the demolition properties, is expected to start on or around the middle of September 2024 during 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Tree removal works will involve the intermittent use of various machinery such as chainsaws, boom trucks and wood chipping equipment.
- During tree removal, residents will notice an increase in construction vehicles accessing and exiting the Minton Place work area.
- Staging areas with temporary fencing are expected for certain trees closer to the project site boundary.
- Works are expected to be complete by end of November.

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770 Queen Street East (near Queen & Broadview)

General hours:

Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Wednesdays and Thursdays: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Thornccliffe Park:

East York Town Centre

45 Overlea Blvd., Toronto, ON M4H 1C3

Unit 153 (across from the Rogers store)

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What to Expect

- During the tree removal phase, vehicle lights and vibration are expected from the Don Valley Parkway (DVP) during the overnight hours specified.
- At this time, we estimate that crews will be removing 77 trees from the areas outlined above. These works were subject to an Arborist's review prior to commencement.
- Where required, crews will install barriers around nearby trees that are being protected and preserved.
- Vibration and noise levels will be tracked using specialized measurement instrumentation, with mitigation measures implemented if exceedance occurs.
- Traffic control personnel will be present to direct construction vehicles and workers safely and efficiently to the work zone, minimizing traffic disruptions.
- Work zones will be marked using signage, safety barriers, and energy attenuators. Construction equipment and materials will be securely stored within designated work zones to ensure safety and prevent unauthorized access.
- There will be no impact on TTC bus or subway service because of this work.
- The DVP will be reduced by one lane, with two active lanes remaining open, during tree removal activities. The overnight lane restriction is only anticipated to last for one week. Construction pylons will be installed along the DVP to delineate the construction area from active traffic, and other traffic controls will be established. There are no anticipated significant traffic impacts as a result of these works.
- These tree removals have been scheduled to take place outside of the expected migratory bird nesting season to ensure a reduced likelihood of impacts to wildlife.
- Our Vegetation Guideline specifies how many trees need to be planted when any tree is removed, ranging from 1 to 50 new trees based on the size and location of the tree being removed. On average, our practice is to plant at least three trees for every single tree removed as we build more transit across the Greater Golden Horseshoe.
- Metrolinx will work closely with the City of Toronto and Toronto and Region Conservation Authority on replanting trees in the area, where possible. Learn more at metrolinx.com/vegetation.
- People near the sites may hear noise caused by chainsaws and woodchippers.
- Work may be delayed due to weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstances.

About the project

- 15.6-kilometre subway line that will make it faster and easier to travel within Toronto and beyond.
- 15 stops and more than 40 connections to other transit, including GO train, subway, LRT, streetcar, and bus lines.
- Approximately 30 minutes from one end of the line to the other.
- 28,000 fewer cars on the road each day.

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