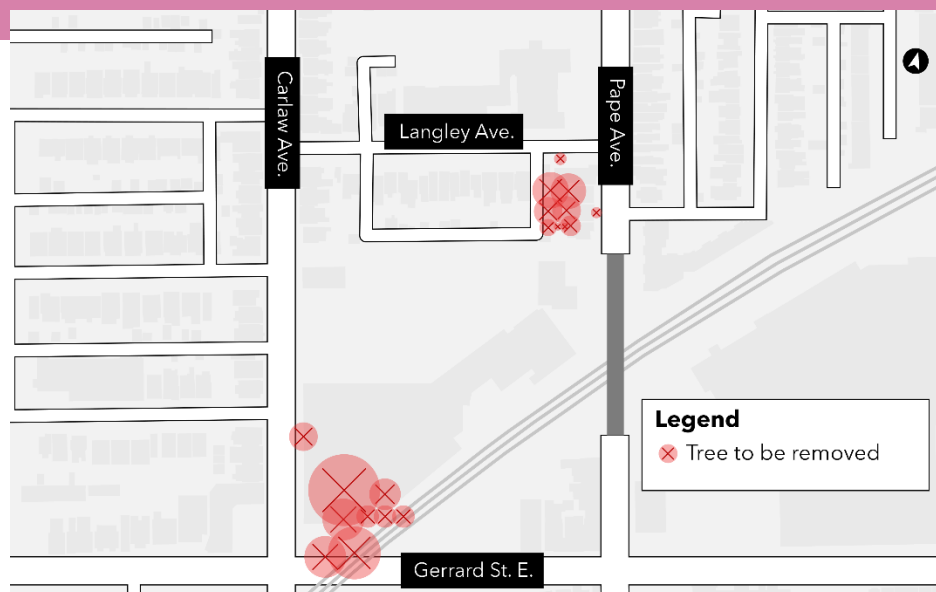


Tree removals at 449 Carlaw Avenue and nearby area

Expected start date: As early as February 17, 2025

Expected duration: One (1) week

Hours of work: Monday to Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.



What is happening?

- 449 Carlaw Avenue, the site of the former Riverdale Shopping Centre, is the future site of the Gerrard Tunnel Portal and the nearby Gerrard Station. This site is an important section of the Ontario Line which will allow trains to transfer from the shared GO rail corridor to the twin underground tunnels that will run beneath Pape Avenue towards the Don Valley Parkway.
- To accommodate the future construction activities for the Pape segment of the Ontario Line, crews working on behalf of Metrolinx will remove select trees and clear vegetation at the 449 Carlaw Avenue site.
- Tree removals will occur outside of bird breeding and nesting periods in accordance with the *Federal Migratory Birds Convention Act and Provincial Endangered Species Act and the Conservation Authorities Act*.
- Our vegetation guideline requires planting 1 to 50 trees for every one removed, depending on the tree's size and location. Typically, three trees are planted for every one that is removed. This ensures more trees are planted than removed as we carry out the largest transit expansion in the history of the region.

- Metrolinx is working 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](https://www.metrolinx.com/vegetation).

What to expect

- 18 trees will be removed from the 449 Carlaw Avenue site and surrounding area.
- Tree removal work is anticipated to take approximately one (1) week.
- To remove the large tree in front of the former Dollarama store, sidewalk closures are expected on the east side of Carlaw Avenue north of Gerrard Street East. One northbound lane of Carlaw Avenue will be closed, with traffic direction provided by a paid duty officer. This removal will take approximately one day. Work will take place during weekdays from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and on Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Noise from construction equipment including excavators, trucks, chainsaws and woodchippers can be expected.
- Construction equipment and materials will be properly secured within the work zone.
- This work may be delayed due to inclement weather and/or unforeseen circumstances.

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