



## ***MEDIA RELEASE***

**Tuesday, May 21, 2019**

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## **Construction season underway in Barrie**

(Barrie, ON) Along with the warmer weather comes construction season. This year, the City is spending \$55Million to fix many roads in the city. All of this work will mean an improved transportation network with smoother roads—but in order to get there, there will be some short-term inconveniences for drivers.

"We appreciate everyone's patience as we work to improve Barrie's roads," said Bala Araniyasundaran, Director of Engineering. "Traffic impacts are impossible to avoid when undertaking road construction—nevertheless, we always look for ways to minimize the impact where possible.

Some of the major road projects underway include:

### **Duckworth Street Improvements**

Duckworth Street is being reconstructed from Melrose Avenue to St. Vincent Street. The work includes the installation of a new storm sewer, watermain and sanitary sewers. The project is expected to be complete July 2019.

#### **Traffic impacts:**

- Duckworth Street is closed to through traffic from Steel Street/Wellington Street to Codrington Street until July.
- Codrington at Duckworth will be closed on May 23 to through traffic. At that time, the intersection of Duckworth/Penetang Street will be open to through traffic and transit, but will not be paved. The intersection of Napier/Penetang/Duckworth will also open to through traffic on May 23.

### **Harvie Road Crossing**

The Harvie Road Crossing will help reduce traffic congestion and support growth in Barrie's south end by connecting Harvie Road to Big Bay Point Road across Highway 400. The highway crossing is expected to open to traffic in Fall 2020.

#### **Traffic impacts:**

- Bayview is closed at Big Bay Point Road until May 24, 2019, weather permitting.
- Fairview will be closed from the Big Bay Point/Bayview intersection to just south of the ONRoute parking lot starting June 3. This closure is anticipated to be in place until the end of October. The intersection of Bayview Drive and Big Bay Point Road will be open to traffic.

### **Yonge Street / Burton Avenue Resurfacing**

Yonge Street/Burton Avenue from Big Bay Point Road to Milburn Street will have new pavement as part of the City's annual Asphalt Resurfacing Program. The purpose of program is to repair and improve the ride quality of the roads and prevent them from deteriorating to the point that they would require more extensive and costly rehabilitation and/or reconstruction. Construction on Yonge Street is expected to be complete by July 1, 2019.

#### **Traffic impacts:**

- Work is occurring in sections from Big Bay Point Road to Milburn. The entire stretch will not be impacted at the same time.
- One lane of traffic will remain open in each direction during construction and access to properties will be maintained at all times.
- Some additional traffic delays are expected during paving operations starting Thursday, May 23 until early next week.



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For a full list of road construction projects, including updates visit [www.barrie.ca/RoadAhead](http://www.barrie.ca/RoadAhead).

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