



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Barrie investing \$110M in road construction, improvements, and repairs**

(Barrie, ON) – The City of Barrie is making road improvements and infrastructure upgrades this summer, with the goal of making it easier for residents to get around the city.

“City Council is making significant investment in our roads—a total of over \$110 million will be invested in infrastructure improvements, new road construction, and repaving projects in Barrie this year, said Mayor Alex Nuttall. “In 2024, we’re undertaking over 20 construction projects, as well as paving and re-paving 20 kilometres of roadway. Once complete, these major investments will ensure our city will continue to thrive.”

Watch the [Mayor’s video](#) for more information about this year’s major road construction projects.

The major road construction projects starting soon, currently happening or wrapping up in Barrie include:

- **[Bayview Drive transportation improvements](#)**  
Construction work on Bayview Drive, between Little Avenue and Big Bay Point Road, will include lane widening, infrastructure replacements, new bike lanes, and a new sidewalk. A full road closure will be in place from July 2 until late September/early October 2024. The entire project will be complete in 2026.
- **[Bryne Drive South extension](#)**  
This project is in the final stages and is expected to wrap up this fall. Connecting this section of road will help with traffic flow across the south end, and add options for travel in southwest Barrie.
- **[Duckworth Street improvements & Grove Street East watermain](#)**  
This ongoing project, which will be complete next spring, includes road reconstruction and adding a new watermain, sidewalks, pavement, sewer replacements, and intersection upgrades. As part of this work, there will be a full road closure of Grove Street East between Cook Street and Nelson Street, from July 2 to July 26.
- **[Essa Road interchange & Highway 400 overpass replacement](#)**  
This Ministry of Transportation project will be complete by the end of 2025. The ongoing current work includes lane closures, which are in place until this fall. Once complete, this project will help with traffic flow in the south end, make it easier to access the highway, and create safer routes for pedestrians and cyclists.
- **[McKay Road West & Veteran’s Drive Improvements](#)**  
This project will be complete next week and the road will reopen to traffic on July 4, 2024.
- **[Sophia Creek Owen Tributary Storm Outlet from Memorial Square](#)**  
A new project starting up this summer is work on the Sophia Creek storm outlet near Meridian Place. This project aligns with Barrie’s Climate Change Adaptation Strategy and will help reduce flooding downtown. There will be lane closures and pedestrian path closures during construction, which is expected to be complete by next spring.
- **[Sunnidale Road bridge replacement](#)**  
Sunnidale Road remains closed between Wellington Street and Shirley Avenue. This Ministry of Transportation project is expected to be done by the end of this year.



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As well, a record number of road resurfacing projects will be done this year, to proactively prevent deterioration and costly repairs. Visit the [pavement management program page](#) for updates on road resurfacing projects.

For more information on municipal infrastructure projects and to access an interactive map of 2024 road construction projects, visit [barrie.ca/roadwork](https://barrie.ca/roadwork).

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