

Campbell Park - Tree Pruning and Protection

As part of the preparatory work for the Davenport Diamond Guideway project, crews need to prune the Siberian Elm trees in Campbell Park. Here is some important information about why we need to prune these trees and how we are protecting them during construction.



Looking south from Antler Street. Campbell Park trees on the right.

Work zone.

Q: Why do we need to prune the trees at Campbell Park?

The Siberian Elm trees are located right along the fence line that separates Campbell Park from the GO Rail corridor. Some of the branches hang well over the fence line and need to be pruned to facilitate guideway construction and future train operation, as they pose a safety risk for passing trains. These trees have been assessed by a Professional Certified Arborist, and the pruning of their limbs and branches has been calculated to where no permanent damage will be inflicted upon them.

Q: When will this work be carried out?

This work will be carried out in early to mid-September, following the end of bird nesting season. After this initial work, trimming will be done on an ongoing, as-needed basis. It will never interfere with bird nesting season, from March 25 to August 31.

Q: Where will this work be performed?

The work will be performed within the GO Rail corridor and within Campbell Park, along the fence line that separates the two.

Q: How are we protecting the trees?

As the Siberian Elm trees border on the rail corridor, their roots extend into the corridor where crews will be building the elevated guideway. Since heavy equipment will be passing over the root zones of these trees, we want to make sure their roots are not harmed in any way so they can continue to grow.

To ensure this, we are protecting them in two ways:

- 1) We are laying down 30 cm of mulch followed by two pieces of thick plywood with the rail corridor along the entire length of the Campbell Park fence line. This way, when heavy machinery passes over, the roots are not harmed. This method of protection is done in accordance with the City of Toronto's guidelines.
- 2) We are giving these trees a deep root treatment called Deep Root Fertilizing, also known as Root Feeding. This process involves injecting selected minerals into the soil around the trees so the nutrients can be easily absorbed by their roots. This fertilization method will help mitigate and lessen the stress on the trees caused by pruning and construction.

Q: Are permits required for this work?

Yes, permits are required from the City of Toronto. Pruning work will only move ahead with the proper permits in hand. Professional Certified Arborists and other environmental personnel will oversee all tree pruning and protection activities.

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