

Kitchener Fourth Track

Dog Strangling Vine Removal in West Toronto Railpath

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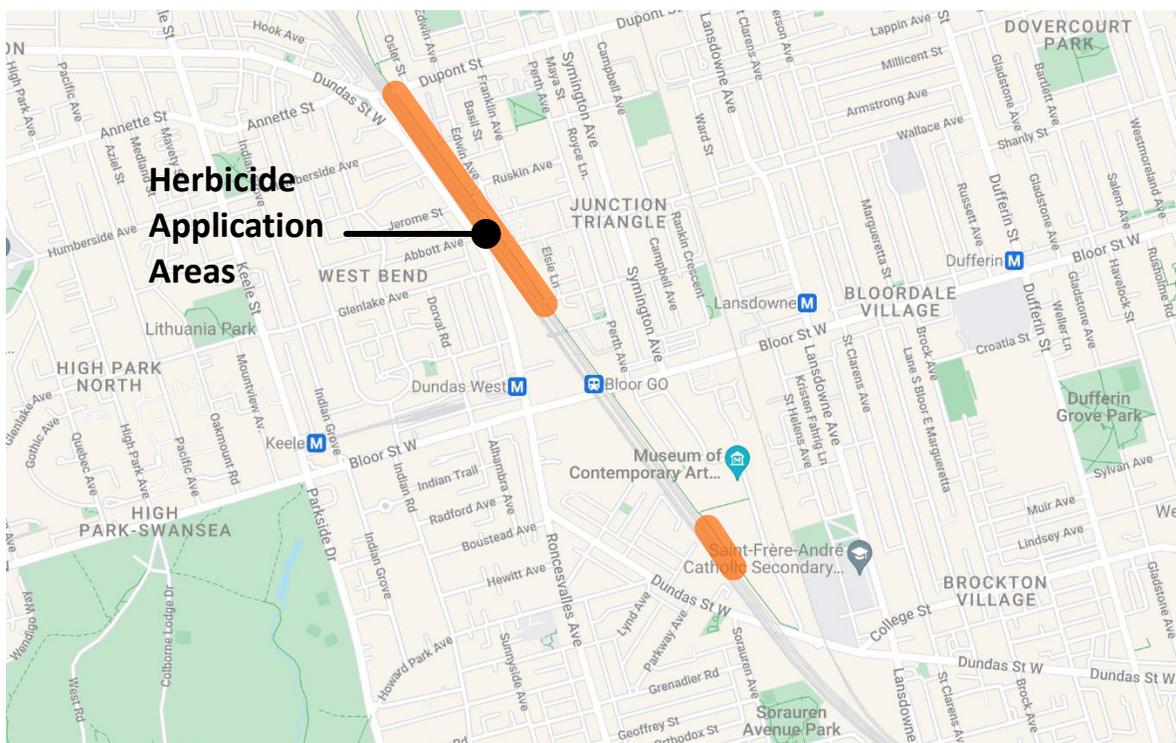
Project Overview

GO service is expanding to serve you better - with more frequent service, more stations, cleaner technology, and more connections. Across the entire network, our goal is to deliver over 10,000 train trips a week - so you won't need a schedule because you know the next train will be coming soon. GO Expansion will transform the GO rail network from a commuter service into an all-day, rapid system.

Metrolinx will be building a new track on the Kitchener GO Line, next to the West Toronto Railpath. Part of this work will include construction of a new entrance to Bloor GO Station, a new community park at Ernest Avenue, and a realignment of the West Toronto Railpath (Railpath), on behalf of the City of Toronto.

What work is taking place?

As part of the Kitchener 4th Track West Toronto Railpath Re-planting Plan, non-native invasive vegetation will be removed in specific areas and replaced with new native vegetation. The herbicide application is necessary to help remove the vegetation. Dog strangling vine (*Vincetoxicum rossicum/nigrum*) is an invasive plant that is currently found along sections of the railpath. This vine can strangle other vegetation, growing up to two metres high by wrapping itself around other plants and trees. The plant can produce up to 28,000 seeds per square metre, and new plants can also grow from root fragments, making it especially difficult to remove. As part of project, these vines and other invasive vegetation will be removed using an application of herbicide, followed by mechanical cutting and disposal.



Timing and what to expect

- The areas of dog strangling vine along the Railpath between Dupont Street and Dundas Street West will be pre-marked and cordoned off from the Railpath. Signage will be posted prior to the application of herbicide.
- Crews will apply an application of Roundup Weathermax herbicide to the areas between approximately September 23 - 30, 2022. There will be no entry to the treated areas for at least one hour. The area will be safe for people and pets once it has completely dried. After approximately two weeks, the dead vegetation will be cut and removed.
- Please keep to the paved path until all removal work is complete. Path users may be briefly stopped by flagpersons to ensure your safety while this work occurs.
- These dates are tentative, and work may be rescheduled due to weather or unforeseen circumstances.
- This work will take place between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on weekdays.

Questions

If you have any questions about this work, or would like to be included on future email communications from us, please do not hesitate to call us at 416-202-6911 or email us at TorontoWest@metrolinx.com.

Please respect all safety and exclusion measures installed to protect you. Thank you for your patience as we work to transform the rail corridor in your area.

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