

Vegetation Control and Tree Clearing

Background

The expansion of GO Train service along the Kitchener GO corridor will transform the line into a more frequent transit experience - with fast and convenient train service that runs outside of the rush hour. As a part of the GO Expansion program, Metrolinx is undertaking vegetation control and tree clearing work within the railway corridor to make room for a new crossover track, and upgrades to the existing main line and service tracks in Kitchener and Waterloo. This work is necessary in order to establish a safety zone within rail corridors, protect the new infrastructure, and keep customers and neighbours safe.

What work is taking place?

Crews will trim and remove some of the trees and vegetation on the north and south sides of the rail corridor between Shirley Drive and Ahrens Street West.

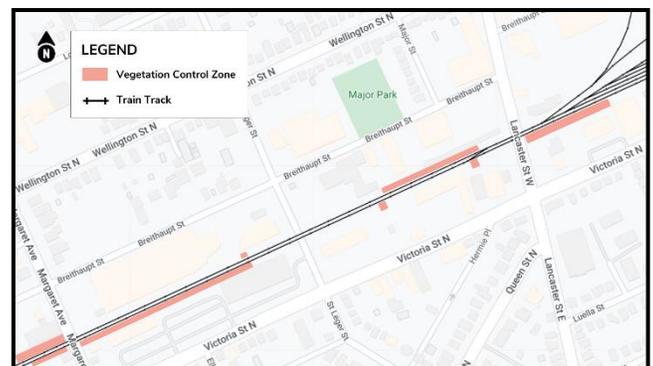
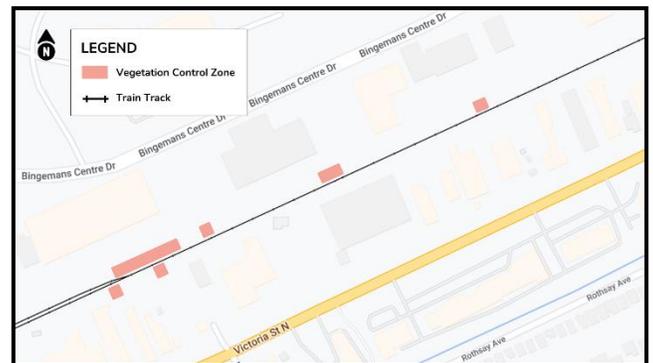
What does this mean for you?

- The pruning, branch cutting, and removal of potentially hazardous trees within the Metrolinx property boundary will begin on September 5, 2022 and is expected to end by December 30, 2022.
- Construction Crews will access the work site from the train tracks.
- The work will primarily take place on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., though some weekend work may be required as a result of weather and other unforeseen circumstances.
- Residents and businesses near the corridor can expect to hear noise from trucks, chainsaws, woodchippers and other construction equipment related to this work.

Metrolinx is working with conservation authorities across the region to identify opportunities to fund reforestation efforts. Long-term sustainability is always top of mind at Metrolinx, and our proactive approach to replanting and reforestation exceeds all regulatory requirements for trees removed as a part of the GO Expansion initiative. We aim to enhance the health of local ecosystems by increasing vegetation cover in the region. For more information on the GO Expansion vegetation and removal compensation program, please visit <https://www.Metrolinx.com/vegetation>

QUESTIONS?

We have a dedicated Community Relations team available to answer your questions by email, Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at WaterlooRegion@metrolinx.com. To receive updates about Metrolinx projects and services in your area, sign up for the Region of Waterloo E-newsletter at [metrolinx.com/subscribe](https://www.metrolinx.com/subscribe).



The vegetation control zones depicted in these diagrams are approximate and should be used for illustrative purposes only.

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