

## Road construction projects getting under way in town

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Several road construction projects are slated for the summer months in Orangeville.

Construction is currently under way on the reconstruction of Maple Crescent. The project is expected to wrap up in early September, with the top coat of asphalt to be applied in the summer of 2019. The road project includes the reconstruction of the sanitary, storm and watermains as well as the road, including concrete curbs and sidewalks.

Reconstruction of Second Avenue, between First Street and Third Street, is also scheduled for 2018. This work is to be undertaken from September to November, with the top coat of asphalt to be applied in the summer of 2019. The project includes the reconstruction of sanitary, storm and watermains as well as the road, concrete curbs and sidewalks. It also includes the addition of a lay-by (parking area) between First and Second Streets to accommodate parking, as well as the addition of a retaining wall between Second and Third Streets to help facilitate a new wider sidewalk along the south side of the street.

General road maintenance and asphalt rehabilitation will start at the beginning of August. The project includes resurfacing several streets that have been identified in the Town's Road Needs Study. The list includes resurfacing west Broadway (between Diane Drive and County Road 16), east Broadway (between Town Line and the MTO limits of Highway 10), parts of Blind Line and parts of College Avenue.

Catchbasin and maintenance hole rehabilitation is scheduled to begin at the beginning of August. The project includes rehabilitating and rebuilding structures on the road that have been identified as being deficient and in need of repair to ensure that the storm water on the road continues to drain as intended.

The areas being targeted include Alder Street and streets south of Alder, Spencer Avenue and streets south of Spencer, and Centennial Road.

The replacement of noise attenuation fence is underway. The Town is in the third year of a five-year program to replace the more than 20-year-old cedar noise fence with new longer-lasting PVC noise barriers. This year's program includes the replacement of approximately 110 metres of fence along the back of the homes which front onto Jay Crescent and back onto Highway 10.

The annual sidewalk bay replacement and reconstruction program is slated for August. This is a general maintenance and replacement program that includes the replacement of deficient sidewalks and curbs that have been identified by the Town's Operations staff. This year's program is focused on the sidewalks in the Brown's Farm subdivision, specifically Brenda Boulevard and Diane Drive.

The Town is also upgrading several traffic control signals. Works includes controller replacements, traffic/pedestrian head replacements and cabinet modifications at C Line, Town Line & Sherbourne Street, and John Street & Broadway. This work will allow the signals to be fully upgraded and functional by early August.