

DURHAM-NEWMARKET 13080-B Status Update  
November 3, 2017

The following is a status update on the progress of the **Durham-Newmarket 13080-B** project as well as a tentative schedule for next year. On site work on this project began on March 21, 2017.

- As of the date of this memo, the contractor has completed approximately 95% of the drainage installation in the Durham - Newmarket I section, which is the southern end of this project.
- The sewer work in Newmarket is about 80% completed. This also includes tying in new services to homes.
- Stonewalls have been reset throughout the project on the northern end as well as the southern end.
- Drainage on the northern end of the project in Durham is about 30% completed.
- Road box widening has occurred in the southern end and is about 75% completed, which includes proper disposal of contaminated soils encountered in some areas.
- This project also will require proper disposal of existing Asbestos Cement pipe which in itself is a safety concern and time consuming.
- New utility poles have been relocated and all lines have been transferred to the new poles on the southern end of the project. The northern end of the project still requires the installation of additional utility poles as well as the relocation of all the lines.
- The project has implemented two (2) sets of temporary traffic signals in lieu of flaggers to help establish better flow of traffic as well as provide some consistent production and time management.

Barring unforeseen circumstances, the following work is anticipated to be done prior to winter shut down (Note: The goal would be to have the majority, if not all, of the following work done by the end of November 2017.):

- Complete all sewer work in Newmarket.
- Drainage work on the southern end of the project should be 99% completed, except raising of drainage frames and grates.
- Drainage on the northern end will stay at 30% completed.
- Mill and pave the northbound lane in Durham where ledge was removed and temporary pavement patches have been in place.
- Place paver shim over rough areas of sewer and drainage trenches in Newmarket.
- Reapply pavement markings (double yellow and white edge lines).
- Tie-in driveways.

Work to be completed in 2018:

- The contractor will continue with road box widening on both ends of this project
- The southern end will get new as well as reset granite curb for new bituminous sidewalks
- The completion of pavement treatments at both ends.
- The realignment of Durham Point Road.

- The completion of new utility poles and line relocations in the northern end of the project.
- There is still some drilling and blasting that will occur on the northern end of the project for drainage as well as road box widening.

With this type and magnitude of work, disruptions are unavoidable but they are kept to that which is required in order to complete the work. The Department has weekly progress meetings with the Contractor and are constantly adjusting schedules and methods of operations based on input from the week prior. Onsite Staff is available to answer questions and deal with complaints as they come up and have been extremely responsive to issues they are made aware of, like Contractor vehicles blocking driveway access.

The Department understands the frustration of the residents and traveling public and is doing it's very best to minimize the impact to the greatest extent practical. The tight quarters and lack of room tends to magnify the work that is happening. The Contractor is currently trying to get the work to a good stopping point prior to buttoning things up for the winter. There is no specific date for winter shutdown. The contractor will work as late into the season as weather permits to minimize the amount of work that needs to be done next season. There will, however, be a brief respite for the residents over the winter.

The project's final completion date is currently scheduled for November of 2018.