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Notice of Road Closure of Welland Canals Parkway

Expected start date: November 16, 2026
Duration: Three construction seasons

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The QEW Garden City Skyway Bridge Twinning Project continues to progress through the enabling works stages of the project. As part of that work, a section of Welland Canals Parkway between Eastchester Avenue East and north of Queenston Street will be closed for approximately three construction seasons.

What is happening

Road closure

- Welland Canals Parkway will be closed to through traffic to accommodate construction activities for the bridge pier protection system.
- Starting November 16, 2026, all southbound traffic on Welland Canals Parkway will terminate at Eastchester Avenue East. Northbound traffic on Welland Canals Parkway will terminate north of Queenston St. south of the existing skyway bridge.
- Access to businesses on Welland Canals Parkway south of the closure at the Garden City Skyway bridge will be maintained with access from Queenston Street.
- Detour routes will be implemented via Eastchester Avenue East, detouring onto Cushman Road to Queenston Street. (**See map below**).
- Minor traffic disruptions are anticipated.

Multi-Use Path

- The Multi-Use Path will be closed from November 16, 2026, to April 2027. Cyclists can follow the detour route via Eastchester Avenue East, detouring onto Cushman Road to Queenston Street.
- A new temporary detour that closely follows the original multi-use path route will be implemented in Spring 2027 to maintain north-south connectivity through the corridor.

What to expect

- Please allow extra travel time and drive with caution on the following surrounding roadways:
    - Dieppe Road
    - Dunkirk Road
    - Eastchester Avenue East

- Queenston Street

- Mitigation measures will include clear signage and wayfinding, portable message board signs, and ongoing coordination with emergency services and local authorities.
- Temporary routes will be delineated and barrier separated where required to protect pedestrians and cyclists.
- Pedestrians will be directed through the work zone using traffic barrels and concrete barriers.
- There will be temporary traffic disruptions that will be managed by traffic control personnel present to assist vehicles and pedestrians.

Project Details

The QEW Garden City Skyway Bridge Twinning Project scope includes:

- Construction of a 2.2 km twin Garden City Skyway bridge connecting the Niagara Region, City of St. Catharines and Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake.
- Widening the QEW approaches (on and off ramp reconfiguration) to the new bridge.
- The realignment and reconfiguration of some local roads to accommodate the new bridge piers.
- Construction of retaining walls, drainage and stormwater management ponds.
- Relocation of affected utilities.

Additional information is available at www.qewgcs.ca.

The project is being delivered by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure Ontario.

