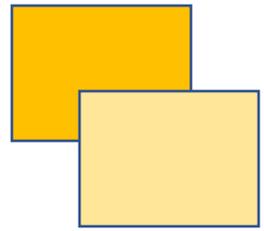




The Big Dig Ontario Street Rehabilitation May 23, 2018



It's an exciting time to be part of Burk's Falls; Ontario Street is getting a facelift this summer. Here are some frequently asked questions.

1. Construction Begins

Fowlers Construction will begin putting signs up on May 28, 2018 and shovels will be in the ground on June 4, 2018. The project will start at the south west end of the construction area and move north. We anticipate the project will run into October.

There will be fencing, and barriers put up for the construction area but it will be limited in size to minimize the impact to businesses.

2. Will my business still be accessible?

Yes. There will be one lane of traffic always open. Parking will be maintained across from the municipal office/beside the Home Hardware as well as at the Yonge at Heart Seniors Club.

There will be pedestrian signage where access to the sidewalks leading into the businesses affected by the construction in front of their establishment.

Fowlers will have dust suppression equipment on site for the roadways and the sidewalks to limit the disturbance to your space, however, you may need to clean your windows an extra time or two this summer.

3. What about parking?

There will be no street parking. The parking at the Seniors and the lot on Ontario Street will be accessible for visitors and shoppers. However, we ask that where possible that your employees park behind your business or the rear of these lots to leave more room from shoppers to park and access the shops.

4. How will my garbage be picked up?

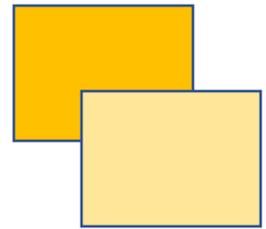
Garbage will remain on Thursdays. We ask that during the period that the construction is taking place on your side of the street that you bring your waste and recycling to the other side of the road.

The garbage truck will continue to pass along Ontario Street around 8:00 am when the traffic is not as busy so that there is little interruption to drivers while the driver is collecting. He will make one other pass during the day to collect but we would like to keep this collection to a minimum as it will interrupt drivers more.

If you would prefer to put your waste out the night before we ask that you put it out in a secure container to discourage the wildlife. Mark your container and blue boxes for ease of retrieval. If you have excessive garbage, more than three bags, you may want to consider bringing the waste to the landfill site yourself or hiring a private company to collect.



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5. **How do I keep up to date?**

The Village will update our Facebook account and website as new information is available.

We will also be hosting Coffee Talks every Wednesday morning at 8:00am for the month of June to talk to owners about the upcoming week's schedule and discuss any concerns that have come up between meetings. The Coffee Talks may continue less frequently if they are necessary and continue to be well attended. See the sheet for helpful tips in Surviving the Big Dig for locations.

Any urgent matters or concerns along the way can always be discussed with the Clerk, the Village's Project Manager, at the Municipal Office. You can stop in or call the office at 705-382-3138 to have a discussion.

6. **There's a promotional contest?**

Yes. It is called the Big Dig Contest. The Village knows this facelift will affect your business. There are many things you can do to continue to draw visitors to your shop but we think a little extra help would go a long way.

If you are interested in participating please speak with the Clerk, Nicky Kunkel or Erica Kellogg for more information. There is no cost to you to participate.

How the contest will work.

The Village, expecting the construction to run to end of September/beginning of October will take the month of June to organize the contest and start collecting ballots. Starting in July, there will be weekly draws for a \$50.00 gift card to a local business. There will then be one draw a month, July, August and September for a \$100.00 prize value (gift basket or certificates) and then a final grand prize draw of a \$500.00 Visa card at the end of the construction.

A ballot can be given to any shopper who purchases an item in a local store. This contest will be successful if all appropriate businesses participate and promote the ballot entry. It is hoped that winning the gift certificate will encourage another shopping event in the downtown and thus more traffic and activity in our downtown.

7. **What else is the Village doing for the downtown?**

Council has recently adopted the Downtown Revitalization and Waterfront Master Plan. This Plan contains actionable items for the downtown. There are ideas for street furniture, a rejuvenated waterfront with boat slips and a space to celebrate the artistic talents in the area. There is also a Community Improvement Plan which once approved will allow the Village to contribute financially to assist property and business owners improve their facades.

Council also received the Target Sector Analysis study that outlined the missing diversity of our downtown and provides direction for filling those gaps. There is much going on we are happy you are part of this transformation.