

NOTICE: ROADSIDE MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS

TREE AND BRUSH TRIMMING AND REMOVAL

WHAT:

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury will be undertaking mechanical trimming of trees and brush.

WHERE:

Along the Town-owned right-of-way on Line 10 east of Yonge Street.

WHEN:

Tentatively starting August 28, 2017 for approximately 1 week.

WHY THIS IS NECESSARY:

Removing trees and brush from roadside ditches is vital to the safety of the traveling public.

Roadside vegetation has flourished at an ever-increasing rate thanks to the current hot and humid weather, restrictions on herbicide application and reductions in grass mowing.

If this material is not removed, it can have numerous negative impacts:

- reduces sightlines at intersections and driveways
- obstructs views of traffic signs
- obstructs views of wildlife trying to cross the road
- hides illegally dumped waste
- intensifies snow accumulation
- interferes with drainage
- keeps dust clouds from dissipating
- blocks sunlight, slowing snow and ice melt
- increases risk of branches striking vehicles



HOW IT WORKS:

Mechanical trimming uses a rotary or flail device to mulch small diameter trees and branches. When done correctly, the process causes no damage to the main trunk of the tree and promotes upper growth.

WHY WE CHOOSE THIS METHOD:

Mechanical brushing is an environmentally friendly, cost effective and highly productive method that utility companies and municipalities commonly use to control and maintain natural vegetation in rural settings.

To manually trim dead, overhanging and impeding branches would require significant staff time using a bucket truck and wood chipper, making it much more expensive and time consuming. We understand that the result immediately after mechanical trimming is less natural looking, but this is short-lived. Within a few months, leaves grow back and the area returns to a natural, undisturbed appearance.

HOW YOU MAY BE AFFECTED:

Trees and brush along the front of residential lots that are being well maintained will be skipped over. Mechanical removal will only be done along front lawns if the vegetation has become very dense, if it is impacting sightlines or if overhanging limbs could interfere with traffic.

If you encounter this operation while travelling, please approach slowly and follow the direction of signal people. Do not physically approach the work area because there may be flying debris near the equipment.

We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your co-operation in ensuring a safe, unobstructed road system.

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