

Asphalt will be replaced on King Street in Bolton

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Road improvements are in the works for King Street in Bolton this summer, but the plan is to make them as inobtrusive as possible. Peel Region hosted an information session last week in Bolton to outline what is planned.

The plan is to replace all existing asphalt on King between Deer Valley Drive and Humber Lea Road. There will also be sidewalk replacement and repairs to a storm culvert under the street east of Queen Street. As well, there will be a short section of sanitary sewer replaced on Queen, north of King. Street lights and crosswalks will be upgraded at the intersection of King and Queen. Information presented at the session indicated summer is the best time to do this work. Asphalt paving and concrete work require warm temperatures for a better quality of product. As well, the longer days of summer allow for more hours to get the work done, and since it's vacation time, there promises to be less disruption.

The plan is to do the work in stages, with the road being closed during each stage. Trying to work with partial road closures would shorten the amount of work that can be done during the day, thus lengthening the construction period. Full road closures allow for a larger work area and longer work days, meaning the project should be completed sooner.

There are plans to use the Bolton Arterial Road (BAR) to the south to deal with through traffic along King. Local traffic will use side streets while sections of the road are closed.

Project Manager Olek Garbos said the work will be done in 11 sections or stages. He added it will take between a couple of days and a week to do each section, depending on what complications arise.

?It will be fairly short duration,? he said.

Construction is scheduled to start in May and June, with partial road closures while work begins on sewer repair, electrical work on other minor tasks. The full road closures should take place in July and August, with asphalt replacement and road base repairs.

Everything should be done in time for the start of the new school year.