

TOWN OF WASAGA BEACH
Wasaga Beach Area 1
Phase 1 Reconstruction
CONTRACT NO. PW2025-15

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BEACH DRIVE & BEACH AREA 1 CONSTRUCTION NEWSLETTER NO. 17

Important updates about beachfront and Beach Drive access:

- Sidewalks remain closed on Beach Drive between 1st Street and Main Street.
- **The pedestrian crossing at Playland Parking Lot will close the week of October 20th**
- Members of the public can continue to access the beach as usual at Beach Area 1 between Second Street and Third Street, and from the Town's Spruce Street parking lot.

Work Completed This Week

- Watermain work on Main Street continued.
- Installation of the sanitary pumping station on Beach Drive at 1st Street.
- Dewatering operations continued at 1st Street. The dewatering process removes and discharges ground water to create ideal ground conditions for pipe installation. The ground water will temporarily discharge to a check dam on the beach front.
- Dewatering operations at Spruce Street was decommissioned and the system was dismantled.
- Installation of the sheet piling wall along Beach Drive continued.
- Installation of the retaining wall on the south side of Beach Drive began.
- Storm work on Main Street continued.
- Infrastructure investigation continued throughout project limits.

Working Coming Up Next Week

- Road works for Spruce Street will commence. This will involve excavation and material placement. Access will be maintained; however, traffic disruptions will occur.
- Curb preparation and installation on Spruce Street **weather permitting**
- Electrical road crossings on Spruce Street will be installed.
- Dewatering at 1st street will continue. The dewatering process removes and discharges ground water to create ideal ground conditions for the sanitary pump station installation.
- Crews will continue the installation of the sheet piling wall on Beach Drive.
- Crews will continue the installation of a retaining wall on Beach Drive.
- Infrastructure investigation will continue throughout the project limits.
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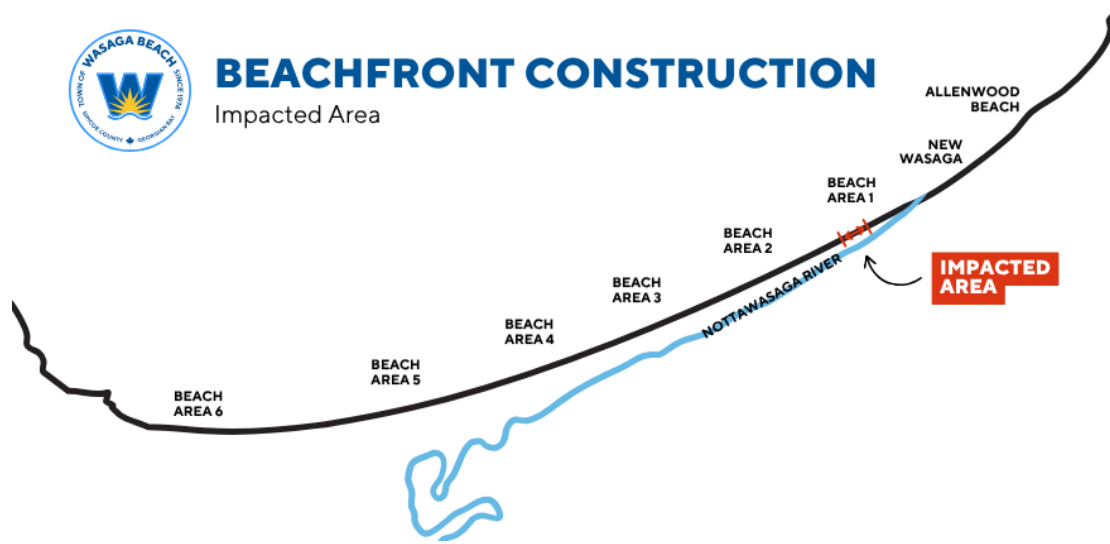
4 things you need to know right now:

1. **Businesses remain open during construction!**
2. **Access to businesses and the beach remains open!** Beach Access points in the construction zone are located at 2nd Street, and Spruce Street.
3. **Sidewalk closures are now in effect.** The sidewalk on Beach Drive is now closed between 1st Street and Main Street. The beach access point at Playland Parking Lot is now closed.
4. **Your safety is our #1 priority.** We're asking all residents and visitors to keep out of fenced work areas and exercise caution while navigating the beach during this exciting phase of construction.



BEACHFRONT CONSTRUCTION

Impacted Area



WHY ARE WE DOING THIS?

- **Flooding & Climate Resilience**

Beach Drive has long been prone to repeated flooding during high water events, which damages infrastructure, disrupts businesses and tourism, and renders the area inaccessible. As part of the rebuild, the road will be raised by about 5 feet (≈ 1.5 m) to mitigate flooding risks.

- **Economic Revitalization & Redevelopment**

Beach Drive (and the surrounding “Beach Area 1” commercial strip) is the main economic corridor for the town’s tourism and business activity. The rebuild is already [unlocking new investment](#) aimed at diversifying the economy, growing tourism, creating jobs, and growing the town’s commercial tax base. The project aligns with the Town’s [Destination Wasaga vision](#) and Downtown Redevelopment Master Plan.

- **Unlocking Further Development & Housing**

By improving infrastructure and reducing the risk of flooding, the Town expects the area to become more attractive for private investment and development similar to the Village at Blue Mountain, including mixed-use buildings, hotels, commercial spaces, and new housing. The goal is to grow and reinvent the Beach Area 1 zone into a thriving hub of commerce and community that is sustainable beyond the short summer season. The [province is partially funding the upgrade \(about \\$10.9 million\)](#) under infrastructure and housing enabling programs.

- **Modernization & Infrastructure Upgrades**

As part of the rebuild, the town is redesigning Beach Drive to be more climate-resilient, with updated infrastructure, public space and safety improvements, improved accessibility, and a better design, and better integration with commercial and community uses.

GOOD TO KNOW:

Vehicle Traffic

Motorists are reminded that they must observe and obey all traffic controls that are in place. During this phase of construction, Beach Drive between Spruce Street and 2nd Street and 1st Street will be closed to vehicular traffic. 2nd Street and 3rd Street, and the section of Beach Drive that connects them, will continue to be open. Motorists are encouraged to slow down and familiarize themselves with the new road closures and traffic control measures that are in place. A little extra care will go a long way to ensure safety for everyone ♥

Pedestrian and Cyclist Traffic

We know you're excited to find that perfect spot on the beach to play and watch the sun go down ♥ But please, SAFETY FIRST – Cyclists are reminded that they must observe and obey all traffic controls that are in place. Pedestrians are advised to take extra caution and stay out of fenced off work areas. "Sidewalk Closed" signage will be installed in areas that are not accessible to the public. Pedestrians must observe and obey any restrictions that are in place for their own safety. The Town and Contractor have made every effort to make as much sidewalk accessible to the public as possible.

How will Access to my Property be Affected?

Where work is located within driveways or entrances to dwellings and/or businesses, temporary access modifications may be required. Full access will be restored as quickly as possible after the work is completed. Advanced notice of any scheduled access restrictions will be provided to the residents and businesses. We ask for your patience in such instances. Access for emergency vehicles will be maintained at all times.

Accessibility

We encourage residents with mobility limitations or other special requirements to contact the project team so their specific needs can be addressed. Due to the required work zone in the Municipal Parking Lot off Spruce Street, some accessible parking spaces will be unavailable during this phase of construction. There are several accessible parking spaces available in other [municipal lots, including at 3rd Street](#).

How Will My Services Be Affected?

Telephone, hydro, cable TV, sewer and gas services should not be affected by construction, barring any unforeseen circumstances. You will be notified in advance if we expect any planned interruptions to your water supply. While we will do our absolute best, unplanned interruptions to services may occur. Your patience during these transformational times is appreciated – should something unplanned or unexpected occur, the Contractor is committed to restoring services as quickly as possible.

In the event of an unplanned disruption to services, residents are asked to contact one of the representatives from the Town, Arnott Construction or Tatham that you will find listed at the end of this newsletter.

Waste Collection

If construction operations interfere with regular garbage or recycling pickup, the Contractor will collect garbage and recycling containers from the end of each driveway on collection day and transport the containers to either end of the work site where they can be picked up by the Town's collection contractor. **Please be sure to clearly label your bins with your address so that they can be returned. Bins must be left out at the end of your driveway by no later than 7:00 a.m. on collection days.**

Safety

Arnott Construction Ltd. is dedicated to working safely – that’s why we create clear walking paths for pedestrians, mark hazards with traffic cones and carefully control the flow of traffic. It’s also why we’re asking residents and visitors who may be travelling near the construction zone to take extra care and caution – and keep out of the fenced off work areas. Safety first ♥

Newsletters & Notices

Construction Newsletters and Notices will be available on the [Current Projects and Construction](#) section of the Town of Wasaga Beach website, and available by email request to beachone@arnottgroup.com.

Who Do I Call If I Have a Problem?

Arnott Construction Ltd., Tatham and the Town of Wasaga Beach have designated site representatives to respond to public enquiries related to this project:

- The Contractors Public Relations Officer (Sara Shaw) should be your first point of contact regarding any construction related concerns.
- Please keep in mind that the Contractor should only be contacted outside of the normal working hours of 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for emergencies or critical situations only.

Tatham Engineering Limited is administering the project on behalf of the Town of Wasaga Beach. If you have any questions regarding this construction project, you may also call or email a Tatham representative, as noted below, between the hours of 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday to Friday, and your call or email will be responded to as quickly as possible.

Contractor	Contract Administrator	Town
Arnott Construction Ltd. Sara Shaw Public Relations Officer Phone: 800-801-6767 beachone@arnottgroup.com	Tatham Engineering Ltd. Rob Haste (Field) Site Inspector rhaste@tathameng.com Adam Timlock (Office) Contract Administrator Phone: 705-888-4133 atimlock@tathameng.com	Town of Wasaga Beach Mark Taylor, C.E.T, Project Coordinator – Engineering Public Works Department Phone: 705-429-2540 x2337 mark.taylor@wasagabeach.com

Thank you in advance for your patience, understanding and cooperation. Arnott Construction Ltd. is a proud partner in this project to redesign and rebuild Wasaga’s iconic Beach Drive.