



## **Information about our Tree Management Plan and upcoming tree removals on the east shore**

Hello, from the Third Crossing team

In the fall of 2019, the project team removed some trees and bushes on the east shore to prepare for construction work. This constituted Phase 1 of the tree removal portion of our Tree Management Plan. Starting the week of Nov. 2, Phase 2 will begin and all necessary tree removals will be completed. Residents on the east shore will see some trees removed, as well as bushes on the property of the Pittsburgh Library and along Highway 15. These removals allow us to continue building the bridge and related infrastructure, including off-road cycle tracks, sidewalks, utility relocations, and an access path to a stormwater pond.

### **Our Tree Management Plan**

The Third Crossing's Tree Management Plan ensures that only the absolute minimum number of trees are being removed. Through careful planning, we have been able to reduce the impact area on the east shore and decrease the number of trees being removed for the entire project. These upcoming tree removals are limited compared to the first phase in the fall of 2019. Additionally, as part of the Tree Management Plan, trees were offered to Indigenous Nations as well as to the past president of the Ontario Woodland Association.

Restoring trees is a very important aspect of the Third Crossing's Tree Management Plan, which was made in consultation with the project team. The plan meets and exceeds the requirements of the City of Kingston's Tree Bylaw. For every healthy tree taken down one or more trees will be planted. We will continue to share the tree-restoration plans as they develop, including landscaping of the east and west shores.

We also want to thank residents for joining us in the discussion around trees – especially those who met with us in 2019 and this year to discuss tree removals and the restoration plan. We appreciate that you continued to engage with us on this.

### **Impact to near-neighbours**

There will be some impacts around the Pittsburgh Library. Please see below for further information about the upcoming work:



- Trees are anticipated to be removed Nov. 2 to 9,
- Trees will be removed north of Gore Road on the Pittsburgh Library land, along Highway 15 on the east and west side, north of Gore Road and along the wooded pathway west of the library building (see map below),
- Expect some traffic delays along Highway 15 north of Gore Road,
- Expect some sidewalk disruptions along Highway 15. To ensure safe movement of the area onsite personal will safely guide pedestrians.

## Map of tree removals

The red line indicates the area where trees and bushes will be removed.



## About The Third Crossing Bridge

Once completed, the new 1.2 km bridge will connect the east and west sides of Kingston over the Cataraqui River. The two-lane bridge will improve emergency services, increase active transportation through a multi-use pedestrian and bike pathway, create greater business connectivity and enhance the quality of life for the residents and visitors of Kingston. The bridge is jointly funded by the Government of Canada, the Province of Ontario and the City of Kingston.

Learn more about Third Crossing at our website: [thirdcrossing.cityofkingston.ca](http://thirdcrossing.cityofkingston.ca)

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Your comments and participation continue to be important to the project team and to the success of the overall project. Please contact us or join our newsletter.