

Construction notice:

Ira Needles Blvd Resurfacing

City of Kitchener and City of Waterloo

July – September 2026

Yellow Birch Drive (Kitchener) to Erb Street West (Waterloo)

Notice date: July 6, 2026

About the project

The Region of Waterloo is resurfacing Ira Needles Boulevard between Yellow Birch Drive and Erb Street West. Deterioration of the pavement on the road has accelerated and has been further worsened by recent winter freeze-thaw conditions.

Maintaining a safe, reliable road network is one of the Region's core responsibilities. This work will improve the roadway and support the reliable movement of people and goods while helping maintain an accessible and connected transportation network. The work includes asphalt surfacing, repair of curbs, storm catch basin adjustments and manhole adjustments.

Timing — starts on or about July 27, 2026

Construction is anticipated to begin on or around July 27, 2026, and is scheduled to be completed by September 7, 2026. The work will be completed in stages to minimise detour, traffic congestions and noise levels.

Stage 1- Anticipated timing of construction from Yellow Birch Road to Highland Road (including Highland Road roundabout) is July 27 - August 10, 2026.

Stage 2- Anticipated timing of construction from Highland Road to University Road. is August 10 - August 24, 2026.

Stage 3- Anticipated timing of construction from University Road to Erb Street West (including University Road roundabout) is August 24 - September 7, 2026.

The timing for each construction stage is an estimate and may change due to weather delays and/or construction delays. Any changes to the schedule will be shared in advance.

Closures (or lane reductions)

Ira Needles Boulevard will be closed from July 27th to September 7th from Yellow Birch Drive to Erb Street West. This project entails nighttime work.

During the daytime (6a.m. to 9p.m.), two-way traffic will be maintained at all times with one lane open in each direction. During the nighttime (9p.m. to 6a.m.), the road will be fully closed for paving operations. Night closures may not be required every night; however residents are encouraged to avoid using Ira Needles during these hours.

Detour

During construction, road users will be detoured to Fischer Hallman Road using regional roads. Detour routes may include Erb Street West, University Avenue, Victoria Street and Highland Road. Please follow posted detour signs and allow extra travel time.

GRT stops will be temporarily moved in each phase as construction progresses. See details at www.grt.ca/alerts-and-detours

All emergency services have been notified of the closures and traffic modifications.

Pedestrian access

The sidewalks in this area will remain accessible during the project. Pedestrians should follow the signs as they walk through the site.

Property and business access

All businesses in the construction area remain open and accessible during construction. Every effort will be made to maintain access to driveways in the construction area during working hours (7 a.m.–7 p.m.). Construction activities may temporarily impact access to entrances. We will provide notice of any interruption in advance as much as possible.

During nightly paving operations, the road will be fully closed to all traffic, with limited access to emergency vehicles only. These closures will occur during designated stages of construction and will be communicated in advance.

Please plan for some delays and travel carefully in the construction zone. We request that when driving or walking through and around the construction zone you follow and obey the construction traffic signage for your safety and for the safety of the workers.

Waste collection changes

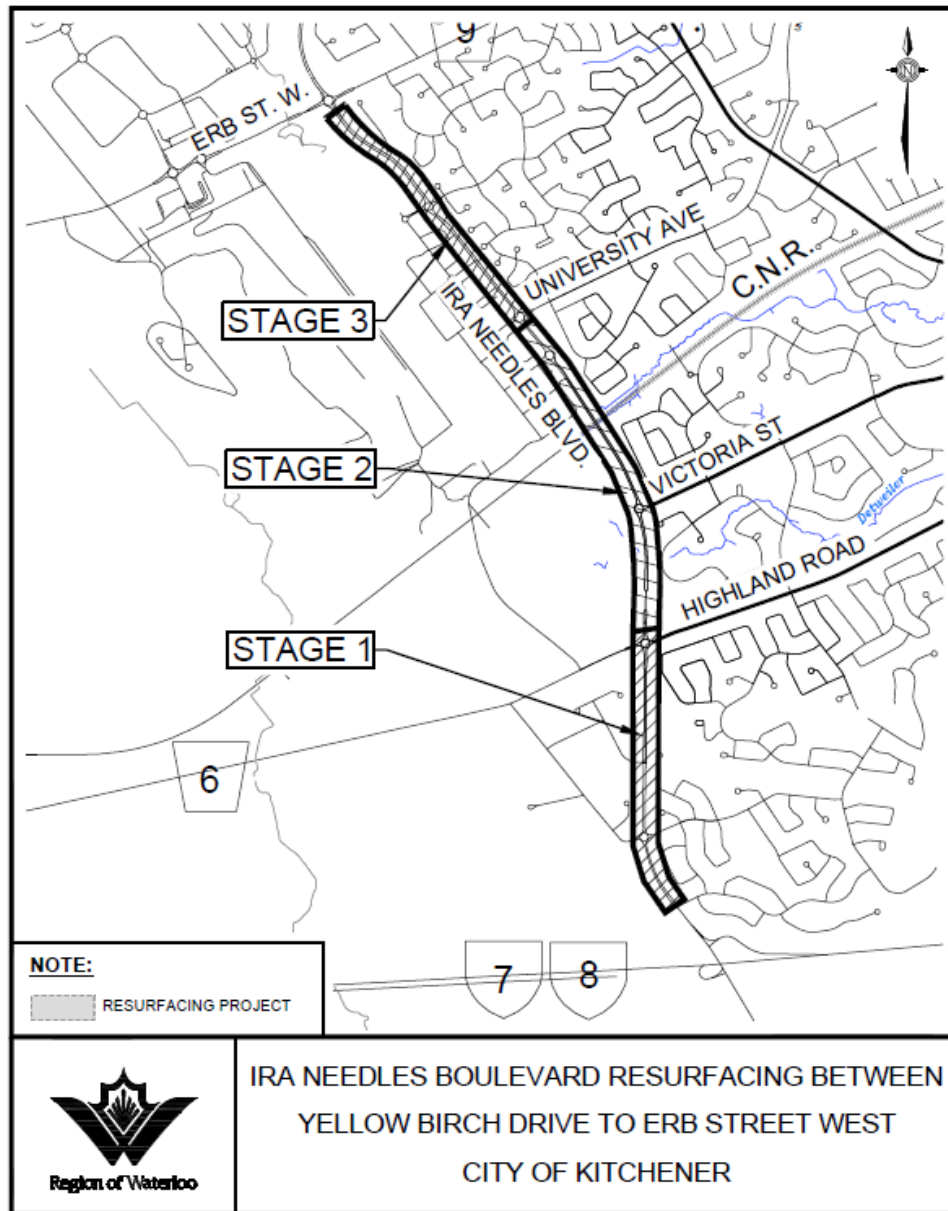
No changes will be made to waste collection.

Dust, mud and vibration

You may notice slight vibrations from the contractor's equipment during construction. All efforts will be made to minimize adverse impacts from construction including dust, mud and vibration.

More information

Visit www.regionofwaterloo.ca/ira-needles-blvd for additional information or text **INBL** to 57555 to receive the latest information on the project. Standard messaging rates apply.



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