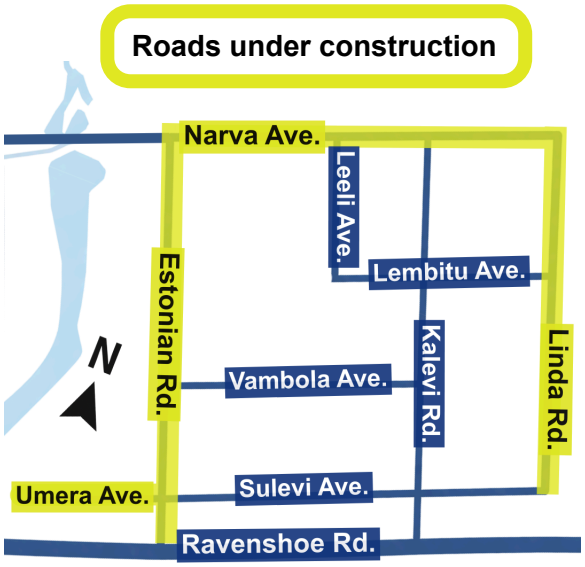
Letter to residents

Estonian Road, Narva Avenue, Linda Road, Umera Avenue

Road construction works - August 2026 update

Dear resident,

Thank you for your patience while the construction activities have been temporarily put on hold. An unexpected result from a standard soils test falsely indicated the presence of chemicals that could have been harmful if present. The Town has completed primary and secondary testing, resulting in clean soils and no concern for public or environmental health risks. Further details are outlined below.



Soils test results

An unexpected event occurred while completing standard soils testing prior to removing and disposing of excavated soil off-site; acetone, benzene and toluene concentrations were represented as being above the applicable limits in the first results. As these compounds are known as hazardous chemicals to the public and the environment under long-term exposure, out of an abundance of caution, the Town directed the contractor to secure the site, stop work and demobilize, while a suitable plan to deal with these results could be developed.

To ensure the results were valid, the Town hired a third-party consultant to re-test the same soils to validate the first results. The result of the re-testing found that no harmful compounds, including the chemicals found in the first test, were found in concentrations above applicable standards. The Town then completed a third, and final, validation of soil test to ensure all soils are clean. The results clearly show the soils are clean, safe and meet the most stringent provincial standard for residential, agricultural and commercial uses. The investigation indicated the first soils test was contaminated and/or contained an error at the testing facility which falsely represented soils contamination on-site.

Next steps

With the clear understanding there is no risk to the public, the Town or its contractors; the Town will re-mobilize the contractor as soon as possible, for construction to continue as originally planned. Works to be completed include minor ditch regrading, road realignment at the west limit of Narva Avenue, full reconstruction of sections of Estonian Road and Umera Avenue, gravel top-up, regrading along Umera Avenue, Estonian Road, Narva Avenue and Linda Avenue, and restoration.

The Town is committed to completing the planned construction promptly and apologizes for any inconvenience resulting from the above delay.

Continue to check the webpage for updates. If you have any questions, reach out to Service Georgina at info@georgina.ca or 905-476-4301 and reference "Udora Roads."