

Lakeview Ditch Rehabilitation

Contract No. CP000892

Public information session – Open house
November 25, 2025

6 to 8 pm at the Ron Kolbus Lakeside Centre, Garden Room



Land acknowledgement

We recognize that Ottawa is located on unceded territory of the Anishinabe Algonquin Nation.

We extend our respect to all First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples for their valuable past and present contributions to this land.

We also recognize and respect the cultural diversity that First Nations, Inuit and Métis people bring to the City of Ottawa.

Welcome

Welcome to the public information session for the Lakeview ditch rehabilitation project.

The purpose of this session is to provide an overview of the existing issues and discuss the possible design approach with residents. As the project is in the early design stages, design drawings indicating areas of work have not yet been developed. The project team is looking to address questions or concerns and receive comments through this session.

We encourage you to provide your comments using the [online form](#) (scan QR code), by email, or in writing using one of the comment sheets December 10, 2025.

The project team will update you on the project using different methods to communicate, including letters and posting information on ottawa.ca/LakeviewDitches.



Project limits

- Aero Drive
- Corkstown Road
- Fairfield Street
- Hillview Road
- Holly Acres Road
- Horner Drive
- Inkster Street
- River Bend Drive
- Westdale Avenue



Background and existing issues

The Lakeview community is serviced by sanitary sewers, watermains, and roadside ditches. Over the years, many of the ditches have lost their ability to properly convey runoff and discharge from sump pumps due to natural sedimentation, ditch infilling, and intensification.

In 2021-2022, a drainage study was completed within the Lakeview community to document existing conditions and make recommendations for next steps.

Observations during the study identified:

- Significant nuisance ponding
- Ditch obstructions and modifications
- Unknown connectivity and blockages
- Inconsistent ditch and culvert grades

This project is required to reduce flooding and minimize drainage nuisance by addressing deficiencies within the ditch drainage system to increase conveyance, storage, and infiltration capacity.



Scope of work

The project will improve stormwater management throughout the Lakeview community and mitigate flooding risks. The scope of work includes:

- **Ditching:**
 - Re-establishing ditches where required by excavation, cleaning out vegetation, or re-grading to ensure positive drainage and away from properties.
- **Culvert work:**
 - Replacing or cleaning driveway and roadway culverts where conditions and/or depths require improvement.
- **Storm sewer:**
 - Upgrading the existing storm sewer along Holly Acres Road from south of Hillview Road to Carling Avenue.

The City is also investigating the possibility of a new sidewalk on Westdale Avenue; however, the feasibility of this is still being determined.

Existing drainage paths



Ditch and driveway culvert overview

- Please note that drainage improvements will be proposed as required to address identified drainage concerns and the approach at each property may vary, with impacts subject to change as the design progresses.
- Disrupted landscaping features including driveways, and/or walkways will be reinstated.
- Existing headwalls and retaining walls where culverts terminate at ditches will be reinstated. Where there are no headwalls present, culverts will extend beyond the driveway edge with gradual grading to match existing landscaping (i.e., grass) for safety and ease of maintenance.
- Ditches provide ecological and hydrological benefits to the local watershed by slowing down runoff, improving water quality of storm discharge through the natural filtering of pollutants and sediment, and recharging groundwater levels.
- Ditches are designed to allow for some ponding to protect stormwater facilities and to allow for natural infiltration of stormwater into the ground. Stormwater in ditches and culverts are to be expected and may not be a result of a drainage issue that needs to be corrected.



Project schedule

- **Preliminary design start:** fall 2025
- **Complete detail design:** spring 2026
- **Tender phase:** spring/summer 2026
- **Construction timeframe:** Scheduled to start in summer-2026, pending final approvals, and expected to be completed by fall 2027.

The project team understands that residents may continue to have questions specific to their individual properties following this session, and staff are available as needed to address any questions or concerns.

A second public information session will be held at a later date to present the design and anticipated construction impacts. Information will be relayed to residents through the project website and flyer handouts.

Stay up to date on the project by following the project website: ottawa.ca/LakeviewDitches.

Thank you!

We welcome your feedback. All information/comments received will be maintained on file for use during the design and may be included in design documentation. Except for personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

Accessible formats and communication supports are available, upon request, at the following link:

ottawa.ca/accessibleformat

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Online comment form