

# Retaining Wall Work near Fairy Lake Park

As early as May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 until July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026

Monday - Sunday from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m and from 12:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.

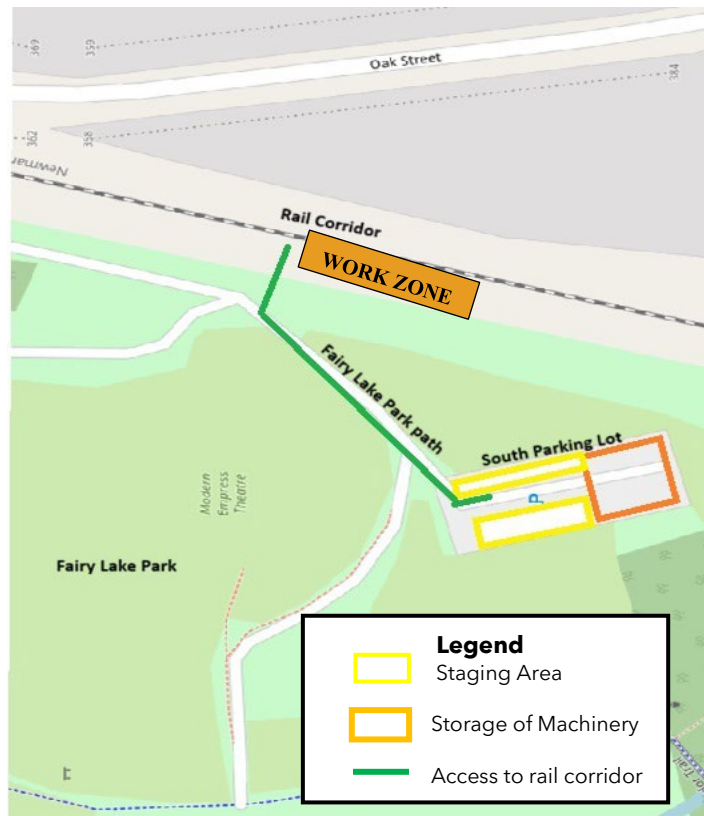


Figure 1: *Approximate area of work zone. Not to scale. Metrolinx image.*

## What Is Happening

As part of state of good repair maintenance work, Metrolinx has been replacing, repairing, and upgrading infrastructure along the Barrie line in the Town of Newmarket. Part of this work includes rehabilitation of a retaining wall as the existing structure is nearing the end of its service life. This work is required to ensure the safety of the railway infrastructure and ongoing service.

Crews will start mobilizing and staging equipment in the Fairy Lake Park south parking lot on Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. The installation of temporary plank crossings will begin **Friday, May 1**. The rehabilitation of the retaining walls along the corridor will begin on Friday, May 22. This work will result in temporary reductions to pathway access for machinery movement and corridor access. Temporary lane closures will also be in place for equipment to enter and exit the rail corridor using the access roads at Mulock Drive and Water Street. Please exercise caution in all areas under construction and follow the direction of signage and flag persons.

## WHAT TO EXPECT

- Work to prepare the site for rehabilitation of the retaining wall will begin as early as Monday, April 20. Preparatory works includes establishing laydown areas and site fencing.
- The installation of temporary plank crossings, as part of preparatory works, will begin Friday, **May 1, 2026**.
- The rehabilitation of the retaining walls along the corridor will begin on Friday, May 22, 2026, during a weekend pause in service of the Barrie line (major track closure).
- Work will be carried out in stages including:
  - Drilling, placement and installation of caisson piles,
  - Placement of pre-made retaining wall panels, and
  - Site restoration work.
- **Noise:** Residents and businesses near the work zone may hear noise caused by heavy equipment and material delivery and other construction equipment required for this work. Work will be conducted as efficiently as possible to minimize disturbances in the area.
- **Light:** Lights will be directed into the work site to minimize light pollution into nearby buildings and businesses.

## HOURS OF WORK

- Hours of work will vary from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and from 12:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. throughout the week. During the following major track closures from May 1-4, May 22-25, and May 29-June 1, work will be continuous.

## LOCATION OF WORK

- Work will take place within the Barrie rail corridor, near Fairy Lake Park (see Figure 1).

## PEDESTRIAN DETAILS

- The sidewalks on the Fairy Lake Park path and the nearby bike trails will be accessible, with a portion of the trail temporarily closed for machinery movement and corridor access. There will be temporary signage to direct pedestrians.
- Access to the Fairy Lake Park south parking lot, will be unavailable for the duration of the work starting on April 20 as it will be used as a construction laydown area (see Figure 1).

## TRAFFIC DETAILS

- Temporary lane closures will be in place for equipment to enter and exit the rail corridor using the access roads at Mulock Drive and Water Street.

## TRANSIT IMPACTS

- During major track closures from May 1-4, May 22-25 and May 29-June 1, service along the Barrie line will be paused.
- Please visit the GO Transit website for alternative transit options.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- We thank you for your patience as we strive to bring you enhancements on the Barrie line.
- If you have any questions or concerns about this work, please contact us at **YorkRegion@metrolinx.com**.

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