

Veterans Memorial Parkway Extension Project and its Impact on Access to Fanshawe Conservation Area

August 4, 2020 UPDATE



As a valued user of Fanshawe Conservation Area and the lands located within 1424 Clarke Road, we would like to update you on the construction of the Veterans Memorial Parkway Extension and impacts the project will have on access to the property.

Construction of the Veterans Memorial Parkway (VMP) Extension continues with increased activity at the entrance to Fanshawe Conservation Area. There is an important change regarding the detour access to the park during the next phase of construction.

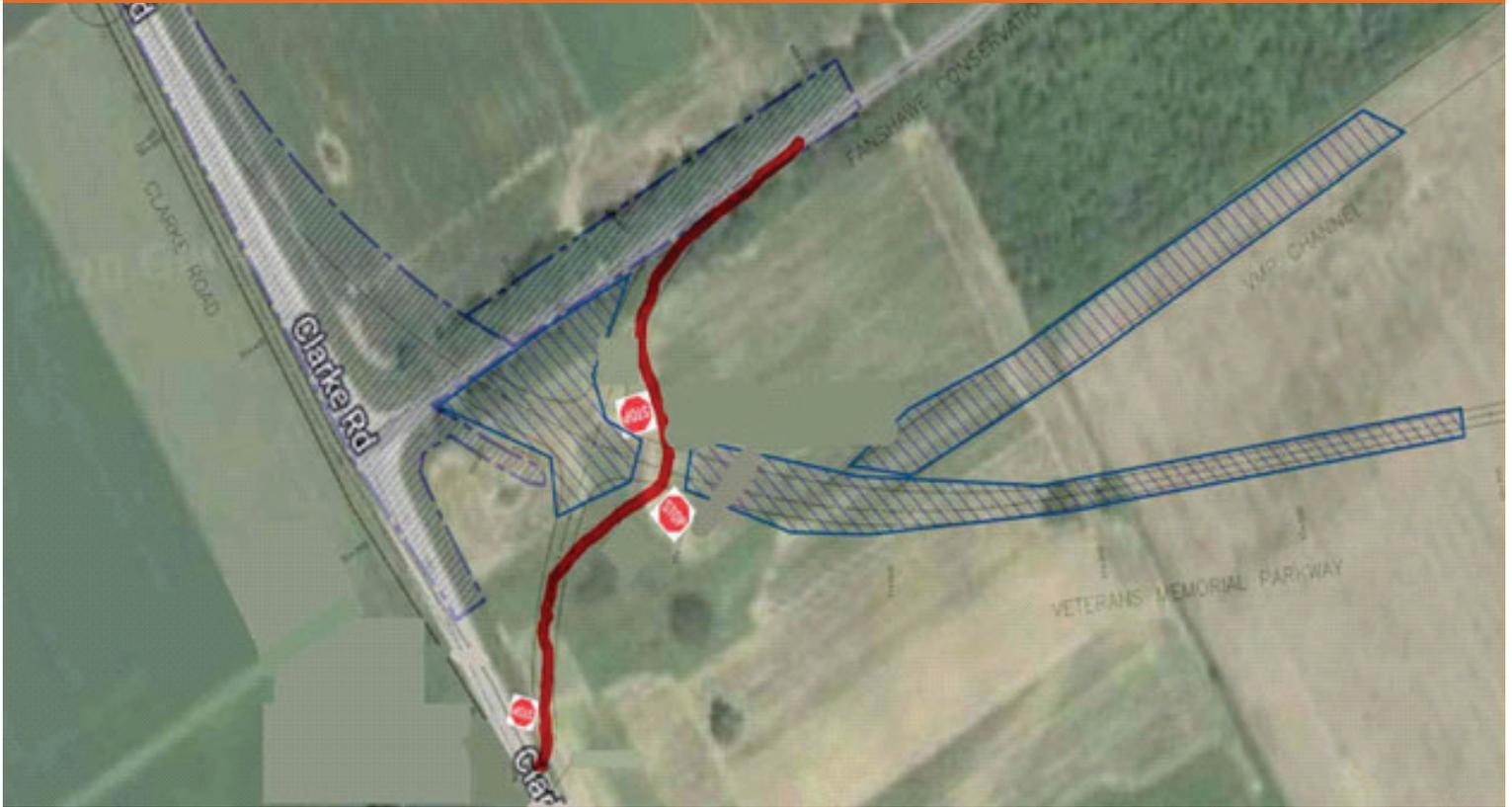
The work that is currently underway southeast of our entrance and along Clarke Road is part of Phases 1 and 2 of the project. This work involves extending the VMP northwest from Huron Street, stopping just short of the park entrance. The temporary road along the west side of Clarke Road is in anticipation of Phase 3 of the project.

During Phase 3, access to Fanshawe Conservation Area and all the amenities within will continue off of Clarke Road, south of the existing access (see map on reverse). We expect that this new access will open the week of August 24 and will remain for the duration of the project this fall.

Reduced speeds and other traffic controls measures (stop signs, etc.) will be in place to assist with traffic flow. Visitors can follow the detour signs that identify Fanshawe Conservation Area and the Watershed Conservation Centre. Please ensure you slow down and be mindful of those working to improve access to our lands.

Phase 4 will complete the VMP extension and remove the temporary road along Clarke Road.

Planned Temporary Access



How will the construction impact me?

- Access to Fanshawe CA may be difficult at times. Visitors and staff should expect a lot of construction activity, as well as traffic delays and slower traffic speeds.
- Some of the roads used to access the entrance to Fanshawe CA will be gravel for a period of time.
- There will be days when the detour access will be completely shut down and access to the park will be fully restricted. Staff are working to address this by using the park's north gate, which is located at the east end of Fanshawe Park Road, east of Clarke Road.
- Water systems will be shut down while tying into the new meter chamber at the entrance for a brief period of time (less than 8 hours).

Once this project is complete this fall, we will FINALLY have a controlled and safe access point for our users to access the park! Traffic lights will be installed. Left turns will no longer be nearly impossible. People that opt to bike or walk to and from the property will also benefit. But like all good things, this improvement takes time and patience.

Stay informed!

Staff update the Fanshawe Conservation Area website and social media as details become available, including road closures, detour plans, and operational interruptions. Please check our website and social media regularly to stay up to date on the project.

<https://www.fanshaweconservationarea.ca>



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We encourage user groups such as the Fanshawe Pioneer Village, London's Children Safety Village, Rowing Club, and Fanshawe Yacht Club to share our updates with your users via social media.

Slow down!

Speed limits are reduced in construction zones. For the safety of you, others sharing the road, and construction workers, it is imperative that you abide by the speed limit. This applies within the conservation area as well. A speed limit of 20 km/hr on conservation lands will be enforced.

The City of London's website has more information about this project.