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Wellington Bridge: Tree and Shrub Removal

The Wellington Bridge, located on 102 Avenue between 130 Street and 132 Street, has reached the end of its service life and needs to be replaced to maintain safe operation. Construction is anticipated to begin in late summer 2025 and is expected to be completed by the end of 2026. In anticipation of construction, some trees and shrubbery near the project area must be removed. **This removal will begin in January 2025 and is expected to be completed by February 2025.**

Tree Removal Details

- To prepare for construction, crews will remove trees and shrubs from the project site where necessary. An International Society of Arboriculture-certified arborist, working under the direction of a City of Edmonton urban forester, will oversee these removals.
- The project includes a comprehensive tree removal and replanting strategy. This plan involves replanting native vegetation and protecting plants near the project site.
- New trees and vegetation will be planted in 2027.
- A 2021 bat survey identified a maternity colony roost in a small gap of the bridge.
- An approved bat mitigation plan requires measures to prevent bats from returning to the bridge before demolition.
- Crews will carry out the bat mitigation work in two phases: the first starting in mid-January, and the second in mid to late February.
- Trees near the bridge will be cleared to accommodate necessary equipment. Bat boxes have been installed in the ravine to provide an alternative habitat for the bats.
- To avoid construction delays, tree removals are being completed before bird nesting and bat roosting season begins in mid-March.

Access

- The City of Edmonton's certified arborist contractors will work from the Ramsay Ravine shared path below the bridge and from the street level. A flagger will be on the path to signal and direct trail users safely. Pedestrian access will be maintained.

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