



Crews make divot around Groff Creek

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The overhaul of Groff Creek through the centre of Cambridge has begun.

The multi-phased project to eliminate flooding on Coronation Boulevard was to have begun earlier this year on the section of the creek running through the Galt Country Club. The work was delayed until after Labour Day, at the request of the golf course, because it would have interfered with its spring golf business.

On Friday, preliminary work began along the creek on the first hole at the Galt Country Club.

City director of engineering Cathy Robertson said that in the coming weeks heavy construction equipment will be brought in to raise the golf course on both sides of the creek, while widening and deepening the water course.

"When it is complete the creek will be returned to its natural state and be much more meandering than it is now," she said.

The cost of the first phase of the project is \$740,000. Meanwhile, tenders are being called in the next few weeks for the next stage of the project.

"We're expecting council will award the tender for the next phase at the end of October or early November," Robertson said.

That work will include the construction of a storm water retention dyke upstream of Coronation Boulevard in the Dumfries Conservation Area.



Construction has begun on the first leg of the Groff Creek reconstruction project through the Galt Country Club's first hole. This is the first phase of an estimated \$1.5-million project to eliminate flooding along Groff Creek.

"The work will be done this winter when the park is least used and so it won't disturb the fish habitat," she said.

The final stage of the project will be tackled by the Waterloo Region. It will involve widening a three-foot-wide culvert under Coronation Boulevard into a small bridge. The move will eliminate the damming effect that currently takes place in heavy rains, which has twice washed out the section of Coronation Boulevard at the golf course. This section of the project won't start until next summer.

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