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Reconstruction of Ballantyne Avenue Underway Resident Communications Program Established

Cambridge, Ontario. September 8, 2008...Work is proceeding on a major construction project slated for the Ballantyne Avenue area in Cambridge. Today, the construction schedule and detailed information will be hand delivered to area residents who will be impacted by the project, to keep the lines of communication open and provide city contact information for people who have further questions.

In June, City Council approved the go forward strategy of the project which included temporary road closures. The project will include Ballantyne Avenue between Albert Street and McKay Street; Albert Street from Ballantyne Avenue to 67 Albert Street; and McKay Street between Stewart Avenue and Ballantyne Avenue.

The City of Cambridge announced earlier in April that it was successful in attaining a grant for \$1.7 million through the Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative (MIII) program. MIII is a provincial, one-time grant program to support local infrastructure investment.

The project includes partial replacement of the watermain, replacement of deep sanitary and storm sewers, sanitary service replacements and installation of curb, gutter, driveway ramps, asphalt roadway and sidewalks. The contract was awarded to locally based Bel-Air Excavating and Grading Ltd.

"Residents have been advised that the project will be undertaken in four phases," says Phil Antoniow, Manager, Design and Construction. "We are trying to minimize the impact on local residents, but as is always the case with large projects of this scale, there will be some temporary pains for the long term gain."

Along with road closures for through traffic, resident can expect their recycling systems to be modified to continue to allow for curbside pick-up. Temporary disruptions to driveway access and water services have also been addressed in the comprehensive outline to the residents.

Total project costs are \$2.7 Million. Funds from the city's Capital Works Reserve Fund, Waterworks Capital Reserve Fund and Sanitary Sewer Reserve Fund will also be used in addition to the grant to complete the infrastructure project that will address the present and future needs of the neighbourhood.

Construction Key Dates:

Phase	Location	Estimated Timing
I	Albert Street	September to October 2008
II	Ballantyne Avenue (Albert Street to Dalglish Street)	October to November 2008
III	Ballantyne Avenue (Dalglish Street to McKay Street)	November to December 2008 <i>(Tentative – weather dependant)</i>
IV	McKay Street	April to May 2009

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