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'Investing in Ontario' Investments Continue Cambridge Reconstruction Projects are Strong

Cambridge, Ontario. July 14, 2009...Three more reconstruction projects supported by the 'Investing in Ontario' grant program will move forward in Cambridge this week. Last night, Cambridge City Council approved the tendering of projects on West River Road and Rose Street that will kick off immediately. The third project relating to reconstruction on Glenview Avenue received earlier council approval and work began last week.

The investment comes from a 2008 grant which saw some \$5.7 million injected into local community for infrastructure enhancements. Groff Mill Creek work is a recent example of work that is wrapping that was partially support by the grant for 08/09 initiatives.

"The new reconstruction work consists of replacement of watermains, sanitary sewers, storm water systems, sidewalks and resurfacing elements such as asphalt," says Phil Antoniow, Manager, Design and Construction for the City. "This will greatly improve the life and capacity of the services in these areas."

Keeping Residents Informed

Cambridge continues to work with community residents to communicate the impacted on the areas and to share information on some of the temporary restrictions and safety needs related to vehicular traffic flow. Earlier in the year 'Public Information Centres' were held to provide direct information and opportunities for input for citizens.

Councillor Gary Price says the work on Glenview Avenue is good for his ward. "Some of the infrastructure dates back to the 1950s, so these improvements are welcome enhancements for the neighbourhood." The work on Glenview Avenue from Highman to Albert Streets is expected to be complete by the end of August.

Another investment of over \$2.8 million will happen on Rose Street from Church Street to Bernhardt Avenue; Homuth Avenue from Rose Street to Cherry Hill; and Cherry Hill from Homuth Avenue to Front Street. Councillor Karl Kiefer notes the work is designed in four phases in order to reduce the impact on the surrounding area. It is expected to start within the next two weeks. "There will be restrictions such as limiting vehicular traffic to local residents only. We ask that through traffic be redirected. This is done for the safety of the community and the construction workers."

In addition to the underground infrastructure for the \$1.7 million West River Road project, the approach includes adding new vegetation for the residents. Ward Council Pam Wolf says the plan includes planting 20 to 25 new trees of various species, in areas throughout the West River Road/Glenmorris Street from Grand Ridge Drive to Fourth Avenue. "There is a need to take out some trees which are poor in health to make way for construction enhancements. The great news is that we'll be adding new trees that not only beautify the neighbourhood, but also help to improve air quality and reduce the greenhouse effect."

To aid emergency vehicles, no parking will be enforced during the duration of these construction projects. All projects will have some tree planting component in keeping with Cambridge's green philosophy.

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Background:

The 2008 Ontario Build projects are in full swing. Here is a breakdown of the activity which brought an investment of \$5.7 million for 2008/09 initiatives:

- Rose Street, Homuth Avenue and Cherry Hill Reconstruction (\$2,800,000.00)
- Glenmorris Street/West River Road Reconstruction (\$1,750,000.00)
- Glenview Avenue Reconstruction (\$677,096.50)
- Asphalt Overlay Program - Supplemental Funding (\$412,247.50)
- Groff Mill Creek - Supplemental Funding (\$125,000.00)

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