



FIRST AVENUE and GRAND AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION

INFORMATION PACKAGE

**Wednesday April 19, 2017
4:30 pm – 6:30 pm**

**St Andrews Public School
Library
65 Victoria Street
Cambridge**

**FIRST AVENUE and GRAND AVENUE
RECONSTRUCTION
Public Information Centre
April 19, 2017**

What is the scope of work?

The City of Cambridge is proposing to reconstruct First Avenue and Grand Avenue. The scope of work for the First Avenue project will include:

- Replacement of the existing watermain, appurtenances and services* to property line
- Replacement of sanitary sewer, appurtenances and services to property line
- Replacement of the existing storm sewer and appurtenances
- Replacement of curb and gutter
- Replacement of the existing sidewalk on First Avenue
- Reconstruction of the road base and surface asphalt

The scope of work for the Grand Avenue project will include:

- Replacement of the existing watermain, appurtenances and services* to property line
- Replacement of sanitary sewer services to property line
- Replacement of the existing storm sewer and appurtenances
- Replacement of curb and gutter
- Replacement of the existing sidewalk on Grand Avenue
- Reconstruction of the road base and surface asphalt

Why is the City proceeding with this work?

The City of Cambridge upgrades infrastructure each year in order that aged facilities are replaced prior to there being a complete failure or the cost of maintenance becomes exorbitant. The existing watermains, storm sewers and sanitary sewers will be replaced with new materials due to deterioration. All service laterals will be replaced to the property line. Reconstruction of the road and concrete surface works is necessary due to deterioration and reconstruction of the underground services.

What is the timing of the reconstruction?

Construction is expected to commence in the spring of 2018 pending Council approval of the tender.

Who will be doing the work?

A private contractor selected through the City's public tender process will undertake the work.

How will the reconstruction affect me?

During road reconstruction, it will be necessary to close the road to through traffic. Access to private property will be maintained as best as possible, but it will be at your own risk, as you will be traveling through a construction zone. For times you do not have access to your property, or if you do not wish to travel through the construction zone, alternate arrangements should be made for parking. Overnight parking will be permitted on intersecting streets within one block of the reconstruction but you must abide by all other existing parking restrictions (i.e. don't block a driveway, don't park too close to a fire hydrant, don't park where parking is prohibited, etc.).

How will pedestrian access be maintained?

To minimize disruption to pedestrians, the construction crew will:

- Maintain the existing sidewalk until it's removal is absolutely necessary;
- Provide a temporary gravel sidewalk between removal of the old and placement of the new sidewalk;
- Whenever possible, provide advanced notice to the property owners and residents whose sidewalk or driveway will be temporarily affected

Will sanitary sewer and water services be interrupted?

A temporary watermain will be installed prior to the commencement of the removal and replacement of the existing watermain. Thus, sewer and water service will be maintained throughout the duration of construction. However, short interruptions to water services can be expected, particularly when the services to individual properties are transferred from the existing watermain to the new watermain. In the majority of cases, interruptions are anticipated to be limited to a few hours and will occur during working hours. Advance notification will be provided whenever possible prior to any planned service interruption.

Can I upgrade my existing sanitary sewer or water service to a larger size?

Any property owner wishing to have new (additional) or larger sized services must make written application to the City of Cambridge. Any new or upgraded service will be at the expense of the property owner making the request. Should you require a new or upgraded service, please contact Paul Hilker of the Development & Infrastructure Department at (519) 621-0740 ext. 4542 so that your requirements can be incorporated as part of the construction. All upgraded service requests will be subject to City approval.

Please note that the service installed would be to the property line only. Any work on private property would be the responsibility of the property owner who must obtain a permit under the Plumbing Code from the City's Building Department.

Are there any changes proposed to the existing streetscape?

On First Avenue no changes to the streetscape will occur. The roadway will maintain the same width and alignment.

On Grand Avenue it is proposed to reduce the road width from 10.5m to 10.0m, however, the revised width will still provide sufficient space to allow on street parking to be maintained.

How will disruptions be minimized?

One issue of critical importance to the City of Cambridge is to have the work completed while minimizing disruption to the neighbourhood. Road reconstruction and underground servicing is disruptive and at times will create noise, vibration due to compaction and a potential for dust. To address these disruptions, water and calcium chloride are used for dust control and construction activity is limited to daylight hours after 7:00 a.m.

Surface features existing on City property

On some reconstruction projects we find that residents have constructed gardens, shrubs, hedges, and fences within the City road allowance. This is usually not a problem unless the existing services are below that particular feature, if there is a grade change or if the location of the sidewalk changes. In this case you will be asked to relocate the garden, hedge etc onto your property prior to construction taking place.

When reconstructing the sidewalk, it may be necessary to cut back some driveways to match the new grade. If this is the case, the driveway will be saw-cut and a patch placed using the same material if possible. Impressed or coloured concrete driveways cannot be replaced to match the original, which is also the case with paving stone driveways (unless the owner has a supply of matching stones that the contractor could use).

If you have a sprinkler system installed along the edge of the roadway or sidewalk within the City's road allowance, please remove the piping prior to construction as the contractor will not be responsible for damage and the City will not replace it. You may have it reinstalled on private property after construction is completed if you wish.

Will blue box, green box and refuse collection be affected?

Blue box, green box and refuse collection will be maintained throughout the duration of construction. When access is restricted by construction operations, the construction crew will place the blue boxes and refuse containers at a location accessible by the collection service on collection days. To minimize problems during construction, it would be appreciated if all refuse is bagged – Yard Waste in paper

bags, Household Garbage in plastic bags. **Please ensure that your address is clearly marked on containers/ blue boxes.**

How can I voice my comments?

The City of Cambridge realizes that reconstruction will cause inconvenience to the residents and businesses in the area and requests your cooperation, understanding and patience throughout its duration. A comment sheet is attached to this information package and you are encouraged to fill it out with your comments, concerns, or questions. In addition to your comments, other information we would like to receive from residents or institutions are your special needs, e.g. for disabled persons, water or sewer service improvements or driveway modifications. This written record will assist the City to address all the issues related to the reconstruction of First Avenue and Grand Avenue.

Information in an accessible format

If you require information in an accessible format or accommodation to access municipal services, please contact accessibility@cambridge.ca or TTY: (519) 623 - 6691

We thank you for attending this Informal Information Session.

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COMMENT SHEET

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Please complete and hand in this sheet so that your comments can be considered prior to start of this project. If you cannot complete your comments today, please take this home and mail or fax your comments by April 24, 2017 to:

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Comments

(Please continue comments on back of page if additional space is needed)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

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