



February 10, 2023

To The Property Owners, Tenants

Re: Public Information Centre (PIC) Blenheim Road Reconstruction

The City of Cambridge is proposing to reconstruct the following street in 2024 subject to budget approval.

- Blenheim Road from Devil's Creek to Mount View Cemetery (230m east of Parkwood Drive)

The reconstruction work will involve replacing the existing watermain (including new water services to property line), curb and gutter, and roadway. As part of the design, staff are reviewing the potential for sanitary sewer extension from 134 Blenheim Road to Devil's Creek (properties not currently serviced by sanitary sewer). A staff report to Council in late Spring/early summer will outline considerations for the possible sanitary sewer extension, including the potential for Local Improvement Charges. Residents impacted by the potential sanitary sewer extension will be kept informed of the staff report and associated Council meeting.

The work will also include construction of a new 2.4m to 3.0m wide Multi-Use Trail along the south side of Blenheim Road to provide connection to the Devil's Creek Trail. A private contractor selected through the City's public tender process will undertake the reconstruction.

There are two opportunities to review the proposed plans as described below (in person or virtually on the City's Engage Cambridge Website).

In Person Public Information Centre will be held at:

Location: Bowman Room B, 1st Floor, City Hall
50 Dickson Street, Cambridge, ON
Date: Monday, February 27, 2023
Time: 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Staff from the Community Development Department will be available to answer questions at the PIC.

The City will also be undertaking virtual consultation through the City's Engage Cambridge website (www.EngageCambridge.ca). Plans will be posted for a period of two (2) weeks, starting on February 27, 2023, and comments will be accepted during this two-week period. This is an additional opportunity to review the project plans and provide your comments to City Staff and the Engineering consultant.

Enclosed for your review is a copy of the information package. Please take time to review it. We look forward to answering any questions you may have regarding the project.

If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact the undersigned.

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Blenheim Road Reconstruction

Devil's Creek to Mount View Cemetery

Information Package

Monday, February 27, 2023

**Public Information Centre
Bowman Room B, City Hall (First Floor)
50 Dickson Street, Cambridge, ON
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

**Blenheim Road Reconstruction
Public Information Centre
February 27, 2023**

What is the scope of work?

The City of Cambridge is proposing to reconstruct Blenheim Road from Devil's Creek to Mount View Cemetery.

Reconstruction will include:

- Replacement of the existing watermain, appurtenances and services to property line;
- Replacement of the existing roadway, curb and gutter, and sidewalk; and
- Construction of a new 2.4m to 3.0m wide Multi-Use Trail along the south side of Blenheim Road
- Potential extension of sanitary sewer from 134 Blenheim Road to Devil's Creek is being reviewed as part of the design and will be subject to City Council consideration.

Are there any changes proposed to the existing streetscape?

- **Blenheim Road from Devil's Creek to Mount View Cemetery**

Yes. The complete roadway including curbs, boulevards, and sidewalks will be reconstructed. The width of the existing asphalt surface is approximately 7.4m from Devil's Creek to Mount View Cemetery. The width of the existing sidewalk on the south side of the roadway from Parkwood Drive to Mount View Cemetery is 1.2m. There are currently no sidewalks on either side of the road from Parkwood Drive to the Devil's Creek Trail.

The existing 1.2m wide sidewalk on the south side of Blenheim Road from Parkwood Drive to Mount View Cemetery (230m east of Parkwood Drive) will be replaced with a new multi-use trail. The width of the proposed multi-use trail will be 2.4m to 3.0m.

The proposed asphalt roadway width will be reduced to 7.0m from Devil's Creek to Mount View Cemetery. A new 3.0m wide multi-use trail will be constructed along the south side of Blenheim Road from Parkwood Drive to the Devil's Creek Trail. Due to some steep boulevard grades, new retaining walls are proposed in some locations on both sides of Blenheim Road between the Devil's Creek Trail and Parkwood Drive.

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 watermain will be replaced due to age and deterioration. All water 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.

The City of Cambridge Cycling Master Plan (2020) has identified Blenheim Road as a constrained corridor recognizing a gap in active transportation. The proposed multi-use trail connects to an

existing multi-use trail that runs along the east side of Devil's Creek from the Cambridge West Subdivision and aligns with the goals set out in the City of Cambridge's Official Plan to have a sustainable, effective, accessible, and energy efficient transportation system.

Can I upgrade my existing water service?

All water service laterals for single families will be replaced with 25mm diameter polyethylene pipe from the watermain to property line.

Any property owner wishing to have new (additional) or larger sized services must make written application to the City of Cambridge. Any new or upgrade service will be at the expense of the property owner making the request. Should you require a new or upgraded service, please contact Steven Huang of the Community Development Department at 519-623-1340 ext. 4616 so that your requirements can be incorporated as part of the construction.

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.

What is the timing of the reconstruction?

Construction is expected to take place in 2024 subject to budget approval.

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 may be 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 its 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?

Sewer and water service will be maintained throughout the duration of construction. However, short interruptions can be expected, particularly when the services to individual properties are transferred from existing mains to the new mains. In the majority of cases, interruptions will be limited to a few

hours and will occur during normal working hours. Advance notification will be provided where possible prior to any planned service interruption.

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 and 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. If existing services are below that particular feature, or there is a grade change, or if the location of roadway / sidewalk changes, you will be asked to relocate the garden, hedge etc. onto your property prior to construction taking place.

When constructing the new multi-use trail, 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. Comments can be provided to the City through a number of avenues:

- City's online engagement platform (www.EngageCambridge.ca). Please note project plans will be posted online, for a period of two weeks. The comment period will remain open during this two-week period.
- A comment sheet is attached to this information package and you have the option to mail or e-mail this comment form to the undersigned.

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.

Information in an accessible format

If you require information in an accessible format or accommodation to access municipal services, please contact accessibility@cambridge.ca.

We thank you for reviewing this information package,

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Comments Sheet

Blenheim Road Reconstruction

City of Cambridge

Public Information Centre – February 27, 2023

Please complete and hand in this sheet so that your comments can be considered prior to start of this project. Please mail, email or fax your comments by March 13, 2023 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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