



November 4, 2020

**To The Property Owners, Tenants**

**Re: Online Public Information Centre (PIC)  
Richardson Street, Kay Street and Byng Avenue Reconstructions**

The City of Cambridge is proposing to reconstruct Richardson Street from Cedar Street to Victoria Avenue, Kay Street from Cedar Street to Victoria Avenue and Byng Avenue from Salisbury Avenue to the South End in 2025 subject to budget approval.

The reconstruction work will generally involve replacing the sanitary sewer, storm sewer, watermain, curb and gutter, road and sidewalk. Sanitary and water services will also be replaced to property line. Proposed work on each is outlined in the attached Information Package. A private contractor selected through the City's public tender process will undertake the reconstruction.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City will be undertaking virtual consultation through the City's Engage Cambridge website ([engagewr.ca/richardson-kay-byng](http://engagewr.ca/richardson-kay-byng)). You are invited to review the proposed plans to see how they will affect your property, institution or residence. Plans will be posted for a period of three (3) weeks starting November 9<sup>th</sup>, and comments will be accepted during this three week period. This is your opportunity to review the project and provide your comments to City Staff and the Engineering consultant.

In addition to the online consultation materials, 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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**Richardson Street Reconstruction**  
Cedar Street to Victoria Avenue

**Kay Street Reconstruction**  
Cedar Street to Victoria Avenue

**Byng Avenue Reconstruction**  
Salisbury Avenue to the South End

**Information Package**

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**What is the scope of work?**

The City of Cambridge is proposing to reconstruct Richardson Street from Cedar Street to Victoria Avenue, Kay Street from Cedar Street to Victoria Avenue, and Byng Avenue from Salisbury Avenue to the South End.

For Richardson Street and Kay Street the reconstruction will include

- Replacement of the existing watermain, appurtenances and services to property line
- Replacement of the existing sanitary sewer, appurtenances and services to property line
- Replacement of the existing storm sewer and appurtenances
- Replacement of the existing roadway, curb and gutter and sidewalk

For Byng Avenue the reconstruction will include

- Replacement of the existing watermain, appurtenances and services to property line
- Installation of a new storm sewer and appurtenances
- Replacement of the existing roadway, curb and gutter and sidewalk only as required for restoration as a result of the watermain, appurtenances and services and storm sewer and appurtenances construction

**Are there any changes proposed to the existing streetscape?**

**- Richardson Street from Cedar Street to Victoria Avenue**

Yes. The complete roadway including curbs and sidewalks will be reconstructed. The width of the existing asphalt surface is approximately 6.7m from Cedar Street to Victoria Avenue. The width of the existing sidewalks on the east and west sides of the road is approximately 1.2m. The width of the grass boulevard between the concrete curb and sidewalk on both sides is approximately 1.0m.

The width of the proposed asphalt will be 7.0m, approximately 0.3m wider than the existing asphalt, except for the north section of the street, where the width of asphalt will be increased to 8.0m.

The width of the proposed sidewalks on the east and west sides of the road will be increased to 1.5m as per the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA). The proposed sidewalks will be approximately in the same location as the existing sidewalks except that they will be widened toward the road and except for the north section of the street, where the sidewalk on the east side will be approximately 1.0m closer to the property line.

**- Kay Street from Cedar Street to Victoria Avenue**

Yes. The complete roadway including curbs and sidewalks will be reconstructed. The width of the existing asphalt surface is approximately 6.00m from Cedar Street to Victoria Avenue. The width of existing sidewalks on the east and west sides of the road is approximately 1.2m. On the east side there is no sidewalk in front of the 2 southernmost properties. The width of the grass boulevard between the concrete curb and sidewalk on the east side is approximately 0.70m and the width of the grass boulevard between the concrete curb and sidewalk on the west side is approximately 0.8m.

The width of the proposed asphalt will be 6.0m, which is approximately the same width of the existing asphalt.

The width of proposed sidewalks on the east and west sides of the road will be increased to 1.5m as per the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA). A 0.5m wide grass boulevard between concrete curb and sidewalk is proposed, except for the north section of the street, where the width of the grass boulevard is 0.3m on the west side. The proposed sidewalk on the east side will be approximately in the same location as the existing sidewalk except it will be widened toward the road. The proposed sidewalk on the west side in the south section will be approximately in the same location as the existing sidewalk except it will be approximately 100mm closer to the property line and except it will be widened toward the road. The proposed sidewalk on the west side in the north section will be approximately in the same location as the existing sidewalks except it will be widened toward the road.

#### **- Byng Avenue from Salisbury Avenue to the South End**

No. The existing roadway including curbs and sidewalks will generally remain as they are now except that areas disturbed for installation of the watermain, appurtenances and services and storm sewer and appurtenances construction will be restored as they are now. The width of the existing asphalt surface is approximately 7.0m from Salisbury Avenue to the South End. The width of the existing sidewalk on the west side of the road is approximately 1.2m. There is a 1.0m wide grass boulevard between the concrete curb and sidewalk on the west side.

### **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, storm sewers and sanitary sewers will be also replaced due to age and 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.

### **Can I upgrade my existing sanitary sewer and water service?**

All water service laterals for single families will be replaced with 25mm diameter polyethylene pipe from the watermain to property line and all sanitary service laterals will be replaced with 100mm diameter PVC pipe from the sewer main 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 Matt Holland of the Community Development Department at 519-623-1340 ext. 4751 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 2025 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. During watermain reconstruction, a temporary above ground watermain may be installed. Each property will be connected from the temporary main to an outside water tap. Access onto your property will be required to provide the temporary connection.

## **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. If existing services are below that particular feature, there is a grade change or if the location of the sidewalk changes, 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. Comments can be provided to the City through a number of avenues:

- City's online engagement platform ([engagewr.ca/richardson-kay-byng](http://engagewr.ca/richardson-kay-byng)). Please note project plans will be **posted online only**, for a period of three weeks. The comment period will remain open during this three 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](mailto:accessibility@cambridge.ca).

We thank you for reviewing this information package.

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