



## **Community Development**

The City of Cambridge

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### **To Property Owners and Residents:**

#### **Re: Update to Residents on Newman Drive Sidewalk Construction, City of Cambridge (Contract T21-72)**

This letter is intended to provide an update to the construction notice that the City sent to you on October 20, 2021.

The City of Cambridge will be proceeding with the sidewalk construction on the **north side** of Newman Drive (from 61 Newman Drive to Princess Street).

The contractor, Sousa Concrete Limited, has scheduled to start the construction on or about April 11, 2022. The construction is planned to take approximately 20 working days to complete, which would be until approximately the mid of May 2022. Weather and other unexpected delays could extend the completion of the work.

The City recognizes that some residents may have concerns with construction moving forward during the COVID-19 pandemic. Attached with this letter, and available on the City's construction website below are additional FAQ's surrounding construction and COVID-19. All notices and updates for the project will be provided through the City's website below.

[www.cambridge.ca/construction](http://www.cambridge.ca/construction)

For general City updates on COVID-19, please visit [www.cambridge.ca/COVID19](http://www.cambridge.ca/COVID19).

### **City Contacts**

The City of Cambridge appreciates your cooperation and patience throughout the reconstruction duration. If you have any questions or concerns about the reconstruction, please feel free to contact the undersigned.



Your primary contact for the construction project will be Brian Sugg. Brian is the City's on-site Construction Inspector for this project.

**Primary Contact:**

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## **Frequently Asked Questions Re. City Construction Projects**

### **Why is the City proceeding with construction work at this time?**

We understand that some residents may have concerns with construction moving forward during the COVID-19 pandemic. On January 14, 2021, the Province of Ontario provided an updated list of essential workplaces. Through coordinated review with the Region of Waterloo and member municipalities, the City has determined a number of its infrastructure renewal projects to be considered critical. The City continues to assess the COVID-19 situation, and will reevaluate as required based on the most recent directives from Public Health and the Province.

The City is working with contractors to ensure that safety guidelines are in place while completing these projects to protect workers and members of the public during the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **Will anyone need access to my home?**

At this time, we do not anticipate that anyone will need to access your home. The City is taking alternate steps so that the contractor does not need to access homes. Should you receive a request from a contractor to access your home, please do not hesitate to contact the Project Manager noted on your letter.

### **Will my driveway access be maintained during the day?**

The road will be closed to all but local traffic as is normal during our construction projects. Access to private property will be maintained, but we ask that you travel with caution through the construction zone. There may be times during the work day that driveway access is limited due to work in the immediate vicinity. The contractor will ensure that all driveways are accessible at the end of the work day for local and emergency vehicles. For times when you do not have access to your driveway during the day, alternative parking arrangements should be made.

### **Where can I park?**

Parking, including overnight, will be permitted on intersecting streets within one block of the reconstruction but you must abide by all other existing parking restrictions (i.e. do not block a driveway, do not park too close to a fire hydrant, do not park where parking is prohibited, etc.). Additional details on available alternate parking will also be provided where required.

### **How are the contractors protecting workers and members of the public?**

We are working with contractors to ensure that there are measures in place to protect workers and members of the public. Construction management will be screening staff daily to ensure those that are showing symptoms or not feeling well are staying home and following current public health procedures. There will be sanitation measures in place and additional personal protective equipment (PPE) as required. Interactions with the public will not be required in order for the contractor to perform their construction activities.

With our community's children home from school during the day we would like to remind parents that children must avoid playing around the work site. The contractors will be reminded of this and in the interest of everyone's safety please keep your children away from work areas.

### **Will there be noise?**

We understand that many people are currently home with their families and also may be working from home. Please anticipate some noise and vibrations due to construction activity. The contractor is permitted to work between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. on weekdays.

### **What if a member of my household has any specific needs?**

If someone in your home has physical disabilities or special needs for accessing your property, please contact the project manager noted on your letter so that we can help ensure access is maintained where and when possible.

### **Will Garbage / Blue Box Collection be affected?**

Blue 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 your containers/blue boxes.

### **Existing Landscaping**

If you have a sprinkler system installed within 4 metres to the curb, please remove the piping prior to construction as the contractor and city will not be responsible for damages. You may have it reinstalled after construction is completed if you wish.