

March 30, 2020

Contract: T20-09

To Property Owners and Residents:

Re: Covid-19 and 2020 Construction Plans for Cambridge Street and Park Hill Road Reconstruction, Contract T20-09

This letter provides an update to the information letter dated March 6th, 2020 on planned reconstruction of Cambridge Street and Park Hill Road.

At this point in time the City is proceeding with this project, with an approximate start date of April 14, 2020.

While all City facilities are closed and services reduced due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the City plans to proceed with all construction projects for 2020. This is in line with the direction from the Province that construction activities are considered a vital service to maintain some level of economic activity in the Province. This is also consistent with other local area municipalities and the Region of Waterloo's plans for reconstruction at this time. Please see more information in the attached Frequently Asked Questions document.

As we recognize this is an evolving situation, the following website has been set up for the most up-to-date information on this project, where additional construction notices will be posted.

www.cambridge.ca/construction

For general City updates on COVID-19, please visit www.cambridge.ca/COVID19.

If you do not have internet access, please contact the Project Manager as noted below.

The first phase of this contract will be Park Hill Road from Ainslie Street to Wellington Street. The initial activity on site during the first week will be to have temporary water set up and commissioned by the contractor. Under the Ministry of Environment and Region of Waterloo's requirement for watermain commissioning, there are stringent disinfection and testing procedures which are followed and monitored by the City's Inspector.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Project Manager as noted below with any questions relating to the project. At this time, e-mail would be the most preferred method of communication. Please be aware that we may be receiving a large number of inquiries at this time, however we will do our best to respond as soon as possible.

Yours truly,



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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 considering the outbreak of COVID-19. On March 23, the Province included construction activities on a list of essential services to maintain some level of economic activity in the Province. The City of Cambridge is being consistent with other local area municipalities and the Region of Waterloo in this decision; however we will continue to evaluate and re-assess the situation as required. Because these projects involve small crews working outdoors, this type of activity is considered to be lower risk for transmission. The City will continue to be in discussions with the contractor to ensure protection of the health and safety of contractor staff and members of the public. The City is committed to following any new directives received from the Region of Waterloo.

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, which would normally be required. This includes alternate arrangements for temporary water connections by the contractor. 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 residential 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?

Overnight parking will be permitted on adjacent streets but you will need to 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.). City staff/representatives will let you know when alternative parking arrangements are required for your property.

The enforcement of parking regulations has been suspended for on and off street parking limits in response to the COVID-19 outbreak; visit www.cambridge.ca/COVID19 for more details.

How will my utilities be affected?

All utilities in Cambridge have essential staff available should any emergency situation or disruption arise. In order to maintain your water service during reconstruction, a temporary above-ground watermain will be installed. Temporary service will be provided through an exterior connection. You may experience some interruptions to your water service during this temporary connection. All planned interruptions should be temporary and occur during normal working hours. You will be notified prior to this interruption to allow you an opportunity to draw sufficient water for personal use until your water service is reinstated.

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.