



April 11, 2016

To The Property Owners, Tenants

**Re: Invitation to Attend a Public Information Session
Centre Street, Short Street and South Street Reconstruction**

The City of Cambridge is proposing to reconstruct Centre Street from Concession to South Street, Short Street, and South Street from Centre Street to Vimy Street, beginning in the spring of 2017 or 2018, subject to budget approval.

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

You are invited to attend an informal Information Session to review the proposed plans and see how they will affect your property, institution or residence. This 'drop in' style information session provides you an opportunity to review the project in detail with City staff. Staff from the Development and Infrastructure Department will be available to review the project and answer questions.

The Public Information Session will be held at:

Location: Bowman Room, 1st Floor, City Hall
50 Dickson Street, Cambridge, ON
Date: Monday, April 18, 2016
Time: 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Enclosed for your review is a copy of the information package that will also be available at the Information Session. Please take time to review it. We look forward to answering any questions you may have at the Information Session.

If you are unable to attend the Information Session at that time and have some questions, please contact the undersigned.

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CENTRE STREET RECONSTRUCTION
FROM CONCESSION STREET TO SOUTH STREET

SHORT STREET RECONSTRUCTION
FROM CENTRE STREET TO END

SOUTH STREET RECONSTRUCTION
FROM CENTRE STREET TO VIMY STREET

INFORMATION PACKAGE

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What is the scope of work?

The City of Cambridge is proposing to complete Road Reconstruction and Infrastructure Replacement on the above noted streets. The scope of the works is as follows:

- Removal of the existing watermain, sanitary sewer and storm sewer;
- Installation a new watermain and appurtenances;
- Installation of new storm and sanitary sewer;
- Replacement of water and sanitary services up to the property line;
- Reconstruction of the road; and
- Restoration of disturbed areas.

Why is the City proceeding with this work?

The City of Cambridge upgrades infrastructure each year so that aged facilities are replaced prior to a complete failure or the cost of maintenance becoming exorbitant. The existing watermains, storm sewer 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, including curbs on both sides, 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 Paul Hilker of the Development and Infrastructure Department at 519 621-0740 ext. 4542 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.

Are there any changes proposed to the existing streetscape?

Yes. The complete roadway will be reconstructed. The existing minimum width of the asphalt surfaces is approximately 6.7m on Centre Street, 7.5m on South Street, and 7.7m on Short Street. The proposed asphalt road width will be 7.3m on Centre Street, 7.6m on South Street and 8.0m on Short Street. New curb and gutter will be installed on both sides of each street.

On Centre Street, the 1.5 m existing sidewalk on the east side of the street (odd numbered side) will be replaced with a new sidewalk of the same size. A 0.5 m wide grass boulevard between the sidewalk and the curb will be provided. On the west side of the street (even numbered side) the existing sidewalk will be removed to allow for the widening of the street.

On South Street, the existing 1.2m wide sidewalk on the south side of the street (odd numbered side) will be replaced with a new 1.5m wide sidewalk, as per the accessibility guidelines A 0.5 m wide grass boulevard between the sidewalk and the curb will be provided.

On Short Street, the 1.5 m existing sidewalk on the south side of the street (odd numbered side) will be replaced with a new sidewalk of the same size. A 0.5 m wide grass boulevard between the sidewalk and the curb will be provided.

What is the timing of the reconstruction?

Construction is expected to commence in April of 2017 or 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, 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?

In locations where the existing sidewalk is being disturbed, removed or relocated, efforts will be made to minimize the impact of these works on pedestrian travel. To minimize disruption to pedestrians, at all locations where the sidewalk will be reconstructed, 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; and
- 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, retaining walls, 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 roadway 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 road, 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 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 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 businesses are your special needs, e.g. for disabled persons, water or sewer service improvements and/or driveway modifications. This written record will assist the City to address all the issues related to the above noted works.

We thank you for attending this Informal Information Session.

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