



April 2, 2019

**To: The Property Owners, Tenants**

**Re: Invitation to Attend a Public Information Session**

**Argyle Street South, Argyle Street North, Church Street North, Church Street South, and Westminster Drive South Reconstruction**

The City of Cambridge is proposing to reconstruct Argyle Street South (King Street East to Queenston Road), Argyle Street North (King Street East to Duke Street), Church Street North (King Street East to Duke Street), Church Street South (King Street East to Queenston Road), Church Street South (Hamilton Street to Sherring Street), and Westminster Drive South (King Street East to Queenston Road in 2020 or 2021 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 Transportation and Public Works Department will be available to review the project and answer questions.

The Public Information Session will be held at:

Location: Allan Reuter Centre, 507 King Street East, Cambridge  
Date: Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Time: 5.00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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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**ARGYLE STREET SOUTH RECONSTRUCTION**  
FROM KING STREET EAST TO QUEENSTON ROAD

**ARGYLE STREET NORTH RECONSTRUCTION**  
FROM KING STREET EAST TO DUKE STREET

**CHURCH STREET NORTH RECONSTRUCTION**  
FROM KING STREET EAST TO DUKE STREET

**CHURCH STREET SOUTH RECONSTRUCTION**  
FROM KING STREET EAST TO QUEENSTON ROAD

**CHURCH STREET SOUTH RECONSTRUCTION**  
FROM HAMILTON STREET TO SHERRING STREET

**WESTMINISTER DRIVE SOUTH RECONSTRUCTION**  
FROM KING STREET EAST TO QUEENSTON ROAD

## **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 for Argyle Street South is as follows:

- Replacement of the existing watermain, appurtenances and services to property line;
- Replacement of sanitary sewer, appurtenances and services to property line;
- Replacement of the existing storm and appurtenances;
- Replacement of curb and gutter;
- Reduce road width from 6.7m to 6.0m to allow for widened sidewalks;
- Reconstruction of the road base and surface asphalt;
- Construct new 1.8m wide curb faced sidewalk on both sides.

The scope of the works for Argyle Street North is as follows:

- Replacement of the existing watermain, appurtenances and services to property line;
- Replacement of sanitary sewer, appurtenances and services to property line;
- Replacement of the existing storm sewer and appurtenances;
- Replacement of curb and gutter;
- Reduce road width from 7.0m to 6.4m to allow for widened sidewalk;
- Reconstruction of the road base and surface asphalt;
- New 1.8m wide curb face on east side, maintain existing sidewalk width on east side.

The scope of the works for Church Street North is as follows:

- Replacement of the existing watermain, appurtenances and services to property line;
- Replacement of sanitary sewer, appurtenances and services to property line;
- Replacement of the existing storm appurtenances at Duke Street;
- Replacement of curb and gutter;
- Reduce road width from 6.2m to 6.0m to allow for widened sidewalk;
- Reconstruction of the road base and surface asphalt;
- New 1.5m wide sidewalk on west side, 1.8m wide curb faced sidewalk on east side.

The scope of the works for Church Street South (King Street East to Queenston Road) is as follows:

- Replacement of the existing watermain, appurtenances and services to property line;
- Replacement of sanitary sewer, appurtenances and services to property line;
- Replacement of curb and gutter;
- Maintain 6.6m road width;
- Reconstruction of the road base and surface asphalt;
- New 1.5m wide sidewalk on west side, 1.8m wide curb faced sidewalk on east side.

The scope of the works for Church Street South (Hamilton Street to Sherring Street) is as follows:

- Replacement of the existing watermain, appurtenances and services to property line;
- Replacement of sanitary sewer, appurtenances and services to property line;
- Replacement of curb and gutter;
- Possible relocation of hydro poles;
- Reduce road width from 6.6m to 6.0m to allow for widened sidewalk;
- Reconstruction of the road base and surface asphalt;
- Sidewalks will be 1.5m wide on both sides.

The scope of the works for Westminster Drive South is as follows:

- Replacement of the existing watermain, appurtenances and services to property line;
- Replacement of sanitary sewer, appurtenances and services to property line;
- Replacement of curb and gutter;
- Maintain existing road width;
- Reconstruction of the road base and surface asphalt;
- Replace and widen the existing sidewalk to 1.5m throughout.

### **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. Sidewalks will be widened to a minimum width of 1.5m to meet Accessibility Standards.

### **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 Walter Buettel of the Transportation and Public Works Department at 519 621-0740 ext. 4356 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 commence in April of 2020 or 2021 pending Council approval of the budget.

## **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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