Attention: Property Owners / Tenants

Re: King Street Improvements, Dover Street to Bishop Street, City of Cambridge

The Region of Waterloo is preparing to reconstruct King Street from Dover Street to Bishop Street. The primary purpose of the project is to reconstruct the roadway and underground infrastructure on this section of King Street. The need for this reconstruction also presents an opportunity to incorporate enhanced facilities for pedestrians and cyclists as well as enhanced streetscaping along this section of King Street.

This project was approved to proceed to detailed design by Regional Council in January of 2015 following a planning process which included a Public Consultation Centre in June of 2014.

Following the completion of a contractor selection process, construction is tentatively scheduled to commence on or about April 8, 2019 (weather permitting) and continue in stages over 2 ½ construction seasons (typically April 1st to November 30th). All construction and restoration activities are expected to be complete in the second half of 2021. A map showing the current proposed staging sequence is attached. Note that the staging sequence may be reviewed and revised once a contractor has been selected.

The work under this contract includes the full reconstruction of the road structure on King Street (gravel base and asphalt), replacement of concrete curb and gutter, sanitary and storm sewers, watermain, sidewalk, adding on-road cycling lanes and upgrades to street lighting, GRT stops and streetscaping.

General Information about this Project

Working Hours

Normal working hours are Monday to Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 pm. Occasional Saturday work and weekend work may occur from time to time.

Traffic Restrictions during Construction

It is anticipated that this project will be constructed in 4 separate phases over 2 1/2 construction seasons. Phase 1 will be from approximately Dover Street to Argyle Street, Phase 2 will be from Argyle Street to Laurel Street, Phase 3 will be from Laurel Street to Montrose Street and Phase 4 will be from Montrose...
Street to Bishop Street. A map showing the current proposed staging sequence is attached to this letter. To minimize the duration of disruption in each phase, the intent is to entirely complete each phase prior to moving on to the next phase. The Region may consider exceptions to this plan if the contractor can demonstrate that advancing portions of the work in future phases will help advance the overall completion date without significant additional disturbance to businesses, residents and the travelling public.

During all phases, two-way traffic will remain in place on King Street at all times during construction. One through lane of traffic in each direction will generally be available although there may be occasional short periods where traffic in both directions will need to be reduced to a single lane with flagging. There may be periods of time when traffic needs to travel on a gravel surface. Access to all abutting properties will be provided during construction; however short-term driveway interruptions (with advance notice) may be required. Grand River Transit Service will remain in place during construction. Temporary signage indicating businesses are “Open and Accessible” will be provided for all businesses within the active phase of construction. On street parking will be temporarily removed within the active construction zone and the Region will provide additional signage directing motorists to the available off street parking in City owned parking lots.

Preconstruction Condition Survey (for properties within and adjacent to the construction limits only)

It is the Region of Waterloo’s practice to offer preconstruction survey of buildings in the vicinity of the road construction activities. While we do not anticipate that buildings abutting or adjacent to the construction will be impacted by the road reconstruction, the preconstruction survey provides thorough documentation of the existing building condition, including any existing cracks or other visible structural or cosmetic defects in both the interior and exterior of the property. If during or after the construction, residents/tenants experience any concerns with their property or suspect that damage has occurred as a result of the construction activities, the information from the preconstruction survey may prove helpful in resolving concerns. If your property is adjacent to or abutting the construction limits, a qualified consultant working for the Region of Waterloo will be requesting your permission to conduct a preconstruction condition survey of your property.

The survey consists of an interior and exterior inspection of the structures. Exterior inspections will be carried out for the first and second storey including perimeter walkways and landscaping. Interior inspections will be carried out for basement, first and second storey. There is no cost to the residents/owners for this service.

Once the Region has selected a qualified company to complete these inspections, you will be contacted by this company to make an appointment for this inspection. While the preconstruction inspection is voluntary, your permission and cooperation in helping us complete this survey is greatly appreciated.

Construction Emails

Throughout construction, the Region intends to provide periodic construction updates by email to anyone interested in this project. There will be two types of email updates – general project progress updates (monthly) and detailed updates (weekly) regarding the contractor’s staging, progress and schedule. The more frequent and detailed emails will be more applicable to property owners and tenants directly impacted by the construction (businesses and residences within the active stage of construction). At this time, we ask that anyone interested in receiving these ongoing emails, provide your name, email
address, physical (property) address, business or organization name and indicate your level of interest in the project.

All interested parties can register for these emails by providing this information to Dave Brown at dabrown@regionofwaterloo.ca

Additional Information

Following selection of a contractor, the Region will provide more information regarding this project including contact information for Region Staff, our consultant managing the construction and the contractor’s on-site staff.

The Region will also host a construction open house with the consultant and the contractor before the start of construction so that interested members of the community can meet the key people responsible for this project, review the plans and ask any questions they may have.

Every reasonable effort will be made during construction to minimize disruption and complete the work efficiently and cost effectively. We thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation.

If you have any questions about this upcoming project, please feel free to contact the undersigned. Information about this project can also be viewed on the Region’s website by going to https://www.regionofwaterloo.ca/en/living-here/construction-and-road-closures.aspx

Yours Truly,

[Signature]

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