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Re: Contract 2016-112, Cedar Street Reconstruction – Osborne Street to Cambridge Boundary, City of Cambridge

Dear Owner/Occupant;

As you may be aware from previous correspondence, the Regional Municipality of Waterloo is planning the reconstruction of Cedar Street from Osborne Street westerly to the Cambridge Boundary in 2016. The contract has been tendered in early February and will be awarded in March. Construction is scheduled to commence in April and will continue until mid to late October 2016.

This project includes the complete road reconstruction of Cedar Street from Osborne Street to the Cambridge Boundary, involving the replacement of the storm sewers, partial replacement of sanitary sewers and watermain, replacement of the concrete curb and gutters, sidewalks and roadway pavement structure including new gravel base and asphalt. The project also includes construction of a multi-use trail on the south side from Kent Street to Dale Avenue and on the north side from Dale Avenue to Westgate Plaza.

Access and Parking

A single lane of traffic in each direction will be maintained on Cedar Street for the duration of the construction, except for a two week period where one direction of travel must be detoured between Southgate Road and Osborne Street in order to construct the sanitary sewer and watermain in this section. Due to the size and depth of excavation needed to complete the required sanitary sewer and water construction it is not possible to undertake this work and still have traffic maintained. Advance notification will be provided when the detour timing is confirmed.

Access to all Cedar Street residences and businesses will be maintained to the best practical extent during the construction; however, due to the nature of the work, short-term access interruptions are unavoidable. During times of temporary driveway closures for concrete works etc., on-street parking over the 3-hour limit (and overnight) will be permitted on adjacent side streets. Notice will be provided at least 48 hours in advance of the need to park on side streets.

In addition, notification and arrangements will be made with the appropriate schools boards for alterations to their school bus routing when they are affected.

Garbage and Recycling

During construction, we ask that you place your garbage in plastic bags (please avoid use of containers) and place them at the roadway along with your blue box on your normal collection day. The garbage and recycling materials will be taken to adjacent side streets for pickup by our contractor and they will return all blue boxes by day's end. Please clearly mark your address number on your blue box to ensure proper return.

Grand River Transit (GRT)

Grand River Transit buses will continue to travel on Cedar Street for the duration of these works; however temporary bus stop relocations will be required.

Restoration and Landscaping

The work on this project includes the reinstatement, to existing conditions, of driveways, sidewalks and any landscaping that is affected by the work. Only the affected portion of a driveway will be replaced. In order to accommodate the work, if is necessary to remove some existing trees within the road right of way; the Region of Waterloo will undertake a tree replacement design. The replacement trees will be planted under a separate contract in 2017.

Preconstruction Condition Survey

It is the Region of Waterloo's standard practice to offer to inspect any buildings that might be affected by road construction activities, in advance of construction commencement. If during or after the construction, residents/tenants experience any concerns with their property, the information from the preconstruction survey will prove very helpful in quickly and accurately resolving any claims. The Region of Waterloo is requesting your permission to conduct a preconstruction survey of your property.

The firm of Oza Inspections was hired to conduct a preconstruction survey of all buildings within the vicinity of the proposed construction area to verify existing conditions.

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

Vibrations During Construction

On projects of this nature, it is normal that you will feel some vibrations from the construction equipment during the Cedar Street works, however, it should be minor. We ask that you please remove light, fragile or delicate objects from shelves when construction activity is taking place adjacent to your property. Should you feel that the vibrations are causing damage to your property, we ask that you call us immediately so that we may see how the Contractor can modify their operation to reduce the vibration effects.

Water Service Shutdown

We are not anticipating a need to temporarily shutdown water supply to individual properties. Should a temporary water shutdown be deemed necessary during construction the Contractor will provide written hand-delivered notification 2 days prior to any water service interruption.

Contact Names During Construction

The consulting firm of IBI Group performed the detailed engineering design and will be responsible for contract administration and inspection services for these works.

We recognize that this project will cause significant inconvenience to motorists, pedestrians, residents, businesses and their customers. We are making every effort to minimize the disruption and to complete the works in as short a timeframe as possible. We thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation. Should you experience any problems during construction please bring the matter to the attention of the on-site construction inspector, or to myself at 519-575-4606. For after-hours emergencies please call the Regional Municipality of Waterloo Dispatch at 519-575-4400.

Thank you for your co-operation and patience while these improvements are being undertaken.

Yours truly,



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