

William Street Water Supply System Upgrades Project Update – October 2023

We have almost completed the initial phase of the William Street Water Supply System Upgrades. This phase of work saw contractors drill and install a new well, rehabilitate the existing wells to increase water production and quality, and decommission an old well that was no longer producing water. There is currently an ongoing well field test that will allow us to determine how much water we can sustainably take from this well field. This work will be completed in November.

Next phase

We have completed the tendering process to select a contractor for the next phase of work to begin in January. This phase of work includes:

- Installing additional structural support to a corner of the historic pump station building to prevent any further settlement
- Demolishing the large rectangular reservoir that fronts William Street
- Removing water distribution infrastructure from the historic building including piping, pumps, electrical and chemical systems
- Demolishing the three small well houses on site and building one larger well house that will architecturally complement the historic pump house
- Relocating the transformer away from William Street
- Installing a new laneway from Herbert Street
- Connecting this site to the Strange Street Water Treatment Plant
- Removing unnecessary yard piping from the site and performing water main clean up on William Street

We are waiting on a firm schedule from the contractor, but anticipate that this project will be completed in 18 months. We'll have timing details in the next update.

We are also in the process of retaining a firm to complete pre- and post-construction surveys of your residence to ensure we will not be negatively impacting them due to vibration or other construction-related activity. We will contact you to schedule inspection appointments once we have the firm retained.

How can I learn more?

Please visit https://www.regionofwaterloo.ca/en/living-here/current-projects.aspx#William-Street-Strange-Street-Water-Supply for project information.

Please contact me with any questions.

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