

BECKWITH STREET REVITALIZATION

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS UPDATE NO.8 - PROGRESS ACCELERATES

Major changes to Beckwith Street have been observed since the last update. First the northbound lane was closed from Main Street to William Street, along with the closure of Main Street East. Then, not too long after Main Street reopened, the northbound lane of Beckwith was closed from William Street to Russell Street.

Along with these evolving traffic changes, there have also been more crews and more equipment. There are now three excavators, two front end loaders, a dozer, a roller, and multiple smaller power tools and generators on Beckwith Street.

With all the construction activity on site we have seen an increase in progress, including the following:

- A 1050mm concrete sewer has been brought halfway across the road near Chambers, leaving the pipe exposed at the centerline so they can continue the other half once traffic is moved to the West side of Beckwith.
- A new Manhole structure at Chambers for the Storm sewer has been installed.
- The mainline Storm and Sanitary sewers have progressed 25% of the way through the Main to William block.
- 4 capping's have been completed on existing watermains, across 3 overnight shifts.

UP-COMING

The mobilization of a 3rd excavator to Beckwith Street helps to illustrate the overall scale of the project. Three crews will be working simultaneously up and down the street to install the sewers and watermains over the winter months.

The work from Russell to William, and William to Main will be nearly identical. The crews in each of these two blocks will continue to install the mainline Storm and Sanitary sewers over the next few weeks.

The work at Chambers will continue by wrapping up the mainline sewers and new watermain, and in a few weeks be ready to swap over to the other side of the road.



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TRAFFIC

Northbound traffic on Beckwith Street has now been closed from William Street to Russell Street, in addition to the northbound closures at Main as well as Chambers. The Southbound lane on Beckwith Street will remain open throughout the duration of the project.



William Street East will also be closed to traffic for a brief period, similar to previous closures seen on Main Street East, to allow the Contractor to install two sewer manholes in the middle of the intersection. The duration of this closure will be less than two weeks.

DID YOU KNOW?

In order to install all the new infrastructure along Beckwith Street, the Contractor will be required to break through over 2,100 m³ of existing bedrock and excavate over 6,700 m³ of earth. To put that into perspective, if you were to remove that much material using a traditional ice cream scooper, it would take you nearly 300 million scoops!

