

BECKWITH STREET REVITALIZATION

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS UPDATE NO.9

Although we've experienced a mild winter to date there have still been a handful of classic Canadian winter days, with deep colds and heavy snowfall. Despite this, all three crews continue to make progress on Beckwith Street.

Down near Chambers Street, the contractor was able to swap southbound traffic to the other side of the road, and continue the sewers that cross the road.

The crew working in the middle block of Beckwith is nearing the William Street intersection, and will soon tie their work into the new manholes installed by the third crew.

As we get closer to connecting the sewers from William Street all the way down to Chambers Street, the third crew is continuing to push further up the hill and is a third of the way through the William Street to Russel Street block.

UP-COMING

The upcoming weeks are expected to see the following activities split amongst the three crews on site:

1. Completing the main sewer and watermain work at the bottom of the hill near Chambers on the West side of the road. Once this is complete, the sewers that travel East down William Street will be installed.
2. Wrapping up the mainline sewers in the William Street intersection. The contractor will then turn the shovel around and start to work their way back towards Main Street while installing the new watermain.
3. The mainline storm and sanitary sewers will continue to progress up the hill and approach the Russel Street intersection.



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TRAFFIC

In order to safely continue the sewer installations surrounding the William Street intersection, William Street East will remain closed to traffic for up to an additional three weeks. This will allow the contractor to complete the mainline sewers in the intersection, and install the new sewers that run approximately 30m East down William Street. Main Street and Russel Street are to remain open during the duration of the William Street East closure.

Traffic Southbound from Main to Chambers was also be pushed East towards the closed northbound lane to allow work on the West side of Beckwith to be completed.



DID YOU KNOW?

In Ontario, the traffic barrels used for traffic safety are referred to as TC-54's. These barrels are typically 1.0 metre tall, and made of high quality polyethylene. They can come in different shapes and they have high intensity reflective 3M sheeting for visibility. The standard black and orange striped pattern seen in Ontario is not standard, and many locations outside of Ontario use Orange and White barrels.

The heavy rubberized bases that help keep the barrels in place, and prevent them from being knocked over as easily, are manufactured using recycled tires.

