

BECKWITH STREET REVITALIZATION

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS UPDATE NO.11 – TOP OF THE HILL

New storm and sanitary sewers have been installed to the northern limit of the construction zone at the top of the hill.

Progress on Main Street West also continues, as the watermain work through the Beckwith / Main Street intersection is now completed.

The trees on Beckwith Street have been removed since the previous update. Please note that as part of the Beckwith Street Revitalization project, 32 new trees will be planted to replace those that were removed.

UP-COMING

With the mainline sewers on Beckwith Street completed, the Contractor can now install the new watermain starting North of Russell Street and work their way south towards William Street.

The work to install the new watermain and sewers on Main Street West will continue for another two weeks and the intersection will remain closed.

TRAFFIC

Russell Street East remains closed at Beckwith Street, as the Contractor continues working near the signalized intersection. Local traffic is still permitted to enter Russell Street East from Market Street. Russell Street West will remain unaffected.

Main Street West also remains closed from Beckwith Street, and is still accessible to local traffic coming from George Street or Maple Avenue.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Contractor uncovered a buried manhole lid just north of Russell Street, while they made the connection from the existing sewer to the newly installed sewer. The manhole lid was buried just beneath the asphalt surface, and as you can see from the picture below the cover was manufactured in the year 1900!

Also seen on the cover are the words “ENGINEER – WILLIS CHIPMAN”.



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Willis Chipman (1855-1929) was born in Elgin, Ontario, on October 1, 1855. He is a graduate of Athens (Ontario) Public School, Weston High School and McGill University - Civil & Mechanical Engineering with Honours, in 1876.

Willis Chipman was one of Canada's pioneer consulting engineers. He worked on water and wastewater systems in many parts of Canada in the late 1800s before setting up the private consulting practice of Chipman and Power in 1901. He laid the foundation for standards in drinking water and wastewater systems in Canada and is regarded as the originator of separate systems for sanitary and stormwater sewers in Canada.

Chipman was instrumental in the founding of The Association of Ontario Land Surveyors and served as its first secretary treasurer from 1886-1890. He was also instrumental in the founding of the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario in 1922. He served as its second President in 1923.

For more information on Willis Chipman, visit the following website: <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Chipman-988>

