

BECKWITH STREET REVITALIZATION

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS UPDATE NO.12

The watermain on Beckwith Street has been installed from Russell Street back down to William Street. This marks a point where the mainline of watermain and sewers are nearly complete. As a result, the large green excavator that has been on site throughout the winter is no longer required and has left the job site. The remaining sewer work to be completed can be finished with the smaller excavators remaining on site.



UP-COMING

The following two or three weeks will be focused at William Street East. New water, storm and sanitary sewers are to be installed approximately 30m East down William Street.

The Contractor is also preparing to implement temporary water services throughout the project, to ensure there are no disruptions to services while they work around and underneath the existing watermains. These temporary services must be installed in a manner not to impede vehicle or pedestrian traffic.

Once the temporary system has been installed, the Contractor will work with the Town to disinfect and test the temporary hoses to ensure the water meets ministry standards for potable water.

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TRAFFIC

Prior to starting the work in the William Street intersection, the Contractor has spent time reopening Russell Street East and Main Street West. The sewer work in these areas cannot be completed until the temporary water services are up and running.



William Street East is now closed and will remain closed for approximately 2 to 3 weeks.

DID YOU KNOW?

Under the Highway Traffic Act, the province enforces reduced load restrictions on trucks to protect Ontario's highways during spring thaw when road damage is most likely to occur. These restrictions are typically in place during the months of March and April and depending on conditions can extend further into May every year.

This enforcement is essential as there is a significant loss of strength in the roadbed that occurs during a seasonal thaw period. As frost melts beneath a paved road, the roadbed turns wet and spongy because water is trapped between the pavement and the remaining ice layer beneath. Permanent cracks can occur when trucks and heavy equipment travel over the weakened road, and the damage to the road is directly related to weight of the vehicles.