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Beckwith Street project named as top three finalist for Municipal Paving Awards 2020

Smiths Falls – The Town of Smiths falls is pleased to announce the Beckwith Street Revitalization received recognition as a top three finalist for the Ontario Good Roads Association's (OGRA) 4th Annual Municipal Paving Awards.

Each year, OGRA puts out a call to municipalities and hot mix asphalt producers to submit nominations for innovative paving projects for recognition. The Municipal Paving Award promotes and recognizes the successful collaboration between municipalities and hot mix asphalt producers for excellence and innovation in paving projects in Ontario.



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In December of 2020, the Town of Smiths Falls, in partnership with Tomlinson, submitted the Beckwith Street Revitalization project for consideration for the 4th annual Municipal Paving Awards. The Beckwith Street Revitalization project later advanced as a top three finalist for 2020 projects in the province along with the City of Hamilton and the County of Simcoe.

On March 10, 2021 the City of Hamilton and Steed and Evans Ltd. received the prestigious 2020 Municipal Paving Award for their Highway 8 Reconstruction Project.

“We are so pleased to receive provincial recognition as a finalist for the Municipal Paving Award,” said Shawn Pankow, Mayor of the Town of Smiths Falls. “The Beckwith Street Revitalization project is a significant project undertaken by the Town of Smiths Falls, and we have been pleased with the results of the heavy collaboration with Tomlinson on this highly complex project.”

The Beckwith Street Revitalization project is a two-phase project to see the complete redevelopment of Beckwith Street from Elmsley St. North to Chambers Street. The project has been under development since 2017 and Phase 1 was completed in November 2020.

“This project was a privilege to be a part of; with so many different divisions of Tomlinson working together as one team to complete the project on time and during a Pandemic. The Town of Smith Falls and Consulting Firm Parsons were our biggest support systems to ensure the project progressed smoothly,” said Robert Enright, Project Manager with Tomlinson. “When my team stood back and looked at the completed project at the end of November, we were all proud to say we were part of the Beckwith Street Reconstruction Project in Smith Falls.”

About the Beckwith Street Revitalization Project

The Beckwith Street Revitalization project is a two-phase reconstruction project that commences at Chambers Street and stretches approximately 600m northerly to Elmsley Street. The downtown renewal project includes the replacement of turn of the century water and sewer infrastructure along with the separation of combined sewer systems. The underground program also includes the construction of a newly separated storm drainage trunk system.

The above ground reconstruction component includes full depth reconstruction of three travel lanes, two parallel parking lanes, four new traffic signal replacements meeting Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) accessibility standards, a new pedestrian cross-over, newly upgraded LED street lighting, sidewalks and various streetscape features.

The street will also be adding a newly configured cycle-track (fully separated) meeting the objectives for a complete street design. Phase 1 of the project was completed between Chambers Street and Russell Street in November of 2020.

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