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Attention: Property Owners / Tenants

Re: Contract T2020-131 Erb Street Improvements, Ira Needles Boulevard to Fischer-Hallman Road, City of Waterloo

Regional Council, at its meeting of May 13th, 2020, has awarded Contract T2020-131 Erb Street Improvements in the City of Waterloo to Capital Paving Inc. of Guelph, Ontario. Construction is tentatively scheduled to commence on or about June 1st, 2020 (weather permitting) and continue in stages to a planned completion in the summer of 2021. A map showing the limits of the project is attached.

The primary purpose of the project is to reconstruct the roadway and underground infrastructure on this section of Erb Street. The need for this reconstruction also presents an opportunity to incorporate enhanced facilities for pedestrians and cyclists along this section of Erb Street between Erbsville Court and Fischer-Hallman Road.

General Information about this Project

We understand that some residents may have concerns with construction moving forward during the COVID-19 pandemic. On March 23rd, the Province included construction activities on a list of essential services. On April 3rd, the Province reduced the list of essential businesses but maintained that construction of roads, watermains, sewers and other municipal services is essential to ensure that these services continue to work properly and continue to meet our community's needs. In moving forward with construction projects, the Region of Waterloo is acting consistently with other local area municipalities and most other major municipalities in the Province. We will continue to evaluate and re-assess the situation as required.

Contractors working for the Region will employ policies and procedures to protect the health and wellness of workers and the community in general as part the contractor's Health and Safety Plan. Contractors will adjust these policies and procedures as required for each project and in accordance with relevant Federal, Provincial and Regional guidelines related to the COVID-19 pandemic issued at any given time. Region staff and consultants working for the Region will similarly be following all relevant COVID-19 guidelines during the course of construction.

Working Hours

Normal working hours are Monday to Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 pm. Occasional Saturday work and weekend work may occur from time to time.

Traffic Restrictions during Construction

It is anticipated that the work on this project between Ira Needles Boulevard and Fischer-Hallman Road will be constructed in several stages over the construction season:

2020

Stage 1 – Fischer-Hallman Road to Beechwood/Gateview Drive (south side)

Stage 2A – Beechwood/Gateview Drive to Erbsville Court (north side – temporary widening)

Stage 2B – Beechwood/Gateview Drive to Erbsville Court (south side)

Stage 3A – Fischer-Hallman Road to Beechwood Place (north side)

Stage 3B – Beechwood Place to Erbsville Court (north side)

Stage 4 – Fischer-Hallman Road to Erbsville Court (medians, islands, and sod/landscaping for all Stages)

2021

Stage 5 – Ira Needles Boulevard to Fischer-Hallman Road (surface asphalt from Fischer-Hallman Road to Erbsville Court and resurfacing from Erbsville Court to Ira Needles Boulevard)

Note that the staging sequence for construction will be reviewed and revised once the contractor has developed their project schedule and staging plans.

It is intended that Erb Street be open to through traffic for the duration of the works in maintaining a single lane of traffic in each direction at all times, as well as access to driveways and local streets. There may be periods of time when traffic will need to travel on a gravel surface, as well as times when traffic will need to be controlled with flag persons.

Please plan for some delays and travel carefully through the construction zone. We request that when driving or walking through and around the construction zone that you follow and obey the construction traffic signage for your safety and for the safety of the workers.

Access to Businesses, Residences and Side Streets

Access to businesses, residences and intersecting local streets along Erb Street will be maintained to the greatest extent possible; however, short-term disruptions will occur when construction activities are being completed directly adjacent to an entrance or local street. The

Contractor will provide as much notice as possible to businesses and residences when construction activities are occurring adjacent to those properties.

Grand River Transit (GRT) Service Changes

Grand River Transit Service will remain in place during construction although stops may be temporarily relocated as required. In some instances, GRT buses may need to be rerouted. Please refer to the GRT website for the most current information on transit routes.

<https://www.grt.ca/en/schedules-maps/detours.aspx>

Garbage and Recycling (for properties within the construction limits only)

During construction, for those properties that receive curb-side collection, we urge that you place your garbage in disposable bags (please avoid use of containers) at the curb along with your blue box, green bin and yard waste prior to 6:00 A.M. on your normal collection day. The garbage and recycling materials will be taken by our contractor to adjacent side streets for pickup by Waste Management. Blue boxes and green bins will be returned by day's end. Please clearly mark your address number on your blue box and green bin to ensure proper return. Please refer to the Region of Waterloo's website regarding recent changes to collection of garbage and recycling at:

www.regionofwaterloo.ca/en/aboutTheEnvironment/waste-management.asp

Canada Post Mail Delivery and Other Delivery Services (for properties within the construction limits only)

During construction, access to all properties will generally be maintained and therefore delivery services should not be affected. If you experience a disruption in your mail delivery please contact Canada Post at 1-866-607-6301 or go to their website www.canadapost.ca. You may also contact the Region's on-site representative if you experience any disruption to mail delivery or any other delivery service.

Restoration and Landscaping (for properties within the construction limits only)

The work on this project includes the reinstatement of driveways, sidewalks and any landscaping that is affected by the work. Only the affected portion of a driveway will be replaced/reinstated.

The Region of Waterloo will not replace existing underground lawn sprinkler systems that exist within the Region's road right-of-way. Should any existing sprinkler system be disturbed we will endeavor to salvage the existing sprinkler heads and leave them on-site for individual property owners to re-use. Please arrange to have any existing sprinkler system relocated prior to road construction.

Water Service Shutdown

In order to replace the aging watermain and existing water services to property line on Erb Street, there will be temporary shut down periods where water supply to affected properties will be interrupted for a few hours in order to connect to the newly installed watermain. Water service shutdowns are typically scheduled during daytime hours to limit the impact to residents. The Contractor will provide written hand-delivered notification 2 working days prior to any water service interruption.

Vibration, Dust, Mud

You may feel slight vibrations from the construction work. All efforts will be made to minimize adverse impacts from the construction including dust, mud and vibration.

Preconstruction Condition Survey

It is the Region of Waterloo's practice to offer preconstruction survey of buildings in the vicinity of imminent road construction activities. While we do not anticipate that buildings abutting or adjacent to the construction will be impacted by the road reconstruction, the preconstruction survey provides thorough documentation of the existing building condition, including any existing cracks or other visible structural or cosmetic defects of the exterior of the property. If during or after the construction, residents/tenants experience any concerns with their property or suspect that damage has occurred as a result of the construction activities, the information from the preconstruction survey may prove helpful in resolving concerns.

The survey consists of an exterior inspection of the structures including perimeter walkways and landscaping. No interior inspections will be carried out at this time due to the COVID 19 Virus protocols. There is no cost to the residents/owners for this service.

The Region has retained the firm OZA Inspections Ltd. to conduct the preconstruction survey and if your property is adjacent to or abutting the construction limits, they will be contacting you to request your permission to conduct a preconstruction inspection of your property. There is no need for the property owner to be present or contacted in person while the inspection is completed, and no entry into residential buildings will be required. While the preconstruction inspection is voluntary, your permission and cooperation in helping us complete this survey is greatly appreciated.

Contact Information During Construction

For any questions or concerns during construction, please contact either:

Contact Person	Nature of Question / Concern	Name	Contact Number
Region of Waterloo's Service First Call Centre	After hours emergencies		(519) 575-4400
Capital Paving's On-Site Representative	Construction related issues (access, loss of	Marcos Bordadagua	(226) 821-0871

Contact Person	Nature of Question / Concern	Name	Contact Number
	service, etc.) daytime or after hours		
Region of Waterloo's On-Site Representative	Construction related issues daytime or after hours	Daniel Nielsen (Walterfedy)	(519) 465-9750
Capital Paving's Project Manager	Construction related issues during working hours	Devon Good	(519) 244-7081
Region of Waterloo's Contract Administrator	Construction Related issues during working hours	Chris Powell (Walterfedy)	(226) 748-3035
Region of Waterloo's Project Manager	General project enquiries during working hours	William Gilbert	(519) 575-4603

Every reasonable effort will be made during construction to minimize disruption and complete the work efficiently and cost effectively. With the Covid-19 pandemic ongoing, it is anticipated that contractors may face challenges meeting traditional production rates, and project timelines may require adjustment. We thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation.

If you have any questions about this upcoming project, please feel free to contact the undersigned. Information about this project can also viewed on the Region's website by going to <https://www.regionofwaterloo.ca/en/living-here/construction-and-road-closures.aspx>

Yours Truly,



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