WILLIAM ST. RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT
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Project Description

The Township of Woolwich will be contracting Gedco Excavating Ltd. for the reconstruction of William Street between Snyder Avenue North and Arthur Street North in Elmira.

The scope of work is to include the complete replacement of the watermain, cellar drain, sanitary and storm sewers, and replacement of the sidewalk, curb, road base and pavement.

Communication

If you have any questions or concerns during the course of this project, please contact the people noted below. Site representative Paul Gregorio will be aware of current conditions and will be your best contact for site related issues.

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Timely responses will be provided in accordance with customer service guidelines that have been established by the Township. Newsletters will continue to be issued on a regular basis throughout the balance of the project to keep residents informed of progress and provide schedule updates.
The following map shows the limits of the construction project:

For your information we have also made the construction drawings available for viewing on our website at: http://www.woolwich.ca/en/newsevents/Engineering_Public_Notices.asp.
Structure Pre-Condition Survey

As a requirement of the contract, Gedco Excavating has retained DST Consulting Engineers, a qualified independent firm, to inspect and document the existing condition of all buildings and structures within 30 metres of the construction limits. These necessary inspections are completed prior to the start of construction and are meant to protect the Property Owner, the Township, and the Contractor should any damage, however unlikely, occur during construction. DST will provide company contact information to all property owners in order to arrange suitable times to visit the property and complete the inspections.

Schedule for Reconstruction

Generally, William Street between Snyder Avenue N and Arthur Street N will be closed to through traffic in mid April 2019 for the duration of construction, which is approximately five months. Since the contractor will not be working on all blocks of the road at all times, it is expected that access to driveways for local residents will be maintained most of the time. There will, though, be times when trenching, grading or curb work will be underway in the vicinity of your house and you will not be able to park in front or get in your driveway. The contractor will endeavour to make these areas useable and keep the disruptions short. We also schedule sidewalk removals to near the end if possible to maintain access for pedestrians.

Good Neighbourhood Relations

The Township is committed to ensuring good neighbourhood relations throughout this project. The Township will look to achieve this through ongoing communications, such as regular newsletters and/or notification letters, attention to site safety and by providing good customer service. Although this will go a long way in helping with neighbourhood relations, good neighbourhood relations requires a commitment from all stakeholders, this includes the Township, GM BluePlan, Gedco Excavating as well as co-operation from the area residents within the community. All questions or concerns should be directed to the Township’s Site Representative, Paul Gregorio of GM BluePlan. Based on the nature of the inquiry Paul will be able to determine who else may need to be involved in addressing any issues which may arise during construction.

Site Safety

Ministry of Labour regulations will be rigorously adhered to during this project. In addition, the Contractor has been directed to instruct all of their workers to place special emphasis on ensuring site safety for children in the neighbourhood. The Township needs the co-operation of all parents who have young children to help ensure that all are kept safe throughout the duration of the project. Please be aware and make it known that **children are not to play within the construction zones, at any time.**

In addition, emphasis will be placed on the safety of children using streets within the construction area on their way to and from school. The Township will also provide regular communication with local school officials regarding the construction schedule.
As much as possible excavation areas will be back filled on a nightly basis and construction fencing will be used to delineate active work areas.

Residents with Special Needs / Access Challenges

Please contact any of the personnel noted above concerning any residents with special needs and/or access challenges that may be directly affected by the construction. The Site Representative will be making inquiries to ensure that any people with special needs and/or access challenges are looked after throughout the course of the project.

Emergency Vehicle Access

Ongoing communication will occur with emergency service providers to ensure that they are aware of the construction activity and are kept up to date with respect to access and any temporary road closures.

Garbage and Recycling Collection

On the evening before garbage collection day, please put your garbage and recycling containers on your front yard and the Contractor will pick them up. Please mark your garbage and recycling containers with your house number to ensure that they are returned to you.

Mail Service

The Elmira post office has been notified of the construction and it is expected that delivery of your mail will continue as normal. Should mail service be affected, for whatever reason, a notification will be issued providing information on how to receive your mail.

Parking

It is intended to provide nightly access to all driveways throughout the construction period. There may be instances where this is not possible. If this situation should arise every effort will be made to notify those residents affected and alternate parking arrangements will be made such as on-street parking or parking on adjacent streets where work is not occurring. Any alternate parking arrangement will be coordinated with the Municipal By-law Enforcement Officer.

Service Interruptions

Information concerning any accidental hydro, gas, phone and/or water service interruptions will be communicated to affected residents in a timely manner. In the event of an interruption every effort will be made to restore service as quickly as possible to minimize any disruption.
Trees

No further trees removals or pruning is planned and the Contractor will make every effort to protect the trees that are within the project limits; however, residents are strongly encouraged to review the drawings and direct any concerns regarding trees to the Site Representative in advance of the work commencing.

Idling of Equipment

Idling of equipment will be minimized as much as possible; however, some equipment requires warm-up periods in order to provide for efficient operation.

Hours of Work and Noise

Work will generally occur Monday through Friday between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. There may be times, however, when the Contractor may be required to work on Saturdays in order to adhere to the construction schedule, if this is necessary the hours of operation would be between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The new watermain and sanitary and storm sewers must be connected to the existing pipes in Arthur Street N which is a heavily used Regional road. This will require a deep excavation to the full width of Arthur Street N, so vehicular traffic will not be able to pass through. In order to minimize the impact of a detour, the work on Arthur Street N will be completed over three consecutive nights between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. The exact dates have yet to be scheduled by the Contractor but this information will be made known once it is available.

While we do expect loud noise when the overnight work is underway, the Contractor has been directed to minimize noise as much as possible by not slamming truck tailgates, minimizing backing up vehicles with beepers, shutting off heavy equipment when possible, etc. These efforts should keep noise levels reasonable for most of the night.

The overnight work requires an exemption to the Township Noise By-Law, so as part of the tender award process, an exemption has been approved by Council.

Temporary Water Service

Two part day shutdowns of the existing watermains are expected in order to provide temporary water servicing and to connect the new mains. Advance notice of these shutdowns will be provided by the Contractor so that you may store some water for use during these periods. A temporary water system with individual water services to homes will be installed early in the schedule and will remain in place until the new watermain within the street has been commissioned for use.
**Water Services**

The Township will be replacing the existing cast iron watermain with a polyvinyl chloride (PVC) watermain, as it is non-corrosive and has a long service life. The existing water services will be replaced with polyethylene (PE) from the property line to the new watermain in the roadway.

The Township is aware that there may be several properties within the limits of the project that have lead water services. Ministry of the Environment information regarding lead services is attached. Lead piping is substandard to copper or polyethylene due to potential health related concerns, therefore, the Township of Woolwich is replacing lead service pipe within the roadway and recommends its replacement on private property. Any private property water service replacement will be at the property owners’ cost. Should you wish to determine whether the Township has records regarding a lead water service on your private property or to notify the Township that you are interested in replacing your private lead water service in conjunction with the reconstruction project, please contact the Township as soon as possible. If you don’t know if you have a lead water service we recommend that you obtain the services of a plumber for advice, and if we see lead service pipe when we have the service exposed at the property line our site representative will pass this information on to you.

**Sanitary Services and Cellar Drain Laterals**

The existing clay sanitary sewer and cellar drain mains will be replaced with PVC sewer pipe, and the clay service laterals will be replaced with PVC pipes from the mainline in the roadway to the property line in front of each house.

Any property owner who wants to replace their water, sanitary or cellar drain lateral from the property line into the house is requested to contact the Site Representative. An independent plumber will need to be hired by the property owner and a plumbing permit will need to be obtained before any work begins. This work should be arranged in advance of construction, so that it can be coordinated with the William Street construction work. To obtain a plumbing permit please contact Rae Bauman at 519.669.6042.

We regret any inconvenience that this construction project may cause, and we thank you in advance for your patience and co-operation. For updated information regarding this project between newsletters, please visit our website at www.woolwich.ca

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