



Construction Newsletter #8 – September 17, 2020

Berford Street Reconstruction and Streetscaping Improvement Project George Street to Division Street

What's happened since the last newsletter?

The Contractor, Bridge Excavating Ltd., continued construction south of William Street.

William Street intersection was closed and the traffic detour was moved to George Street.

Berford Street between William and George is still open but has no exit, to allow access to local traffic and businesses only. Please use the municipal parking lots on Louisa Street (immediately west of Berford Street) or the George Street parking lot (off George Street immediately east of Berford Street) when you visit our downtown businesses.

Dewatering treatment will continue from Boyd Street to south of William Street while Bridge installs the deep utilities (watermain, sanitary sewer and storm sewer).

Bridge installed the remainder of the sanitary and storm manholes in the William Street intersection.

Test pits were dug between William Street and George Street to check for soil contamination. Preliminary results show that we don't have the type of petroleum product contamination seen within the northern portion of the project.

Hi there!

You may have noticed this newsletter is a bit different; we're trying to make it more interesting and interactive.

We'd love to include you in the project chronicle! Send us your photos, positive thoughts or experiences associated with the project to share with the world!

Submit them to:

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What's coming up next?

Bridge will continue to install the 1200mm storm sewer on Division street, east and west of Berford.

Sanitary sewers and structures will be installed on Division St (west of Berford) and the north end of Berford Street.

The existing storm sewer on Berford Street from Division to William will be removed.

Installation of sanitary laterals and water services from Division Street to William St, from the main to building face/property line. Water services will be connected through to the existing water meters within some buildings.

Road subgrade to be prepared and Granular B application to follow.

The electrical contractor is awaiting a design from Hydro One. Once the design is received, they will start installing the electrical conduits.

Conduits will also be installed for the street lights and traffic signals.

Why the delay?

We had originally planned to begin construction as early as possible in the spring. Unfortunately, the tenders were approximately double the available budget. Staff and Burnside reissued the tender with a reduced scope. This second round of tendering was still too high, and at that point we wondered whether the Town would ever have the means to do the project. Council decided not to award the contract based on the second round of tendering, but to negotiate with both bidders. We revised the scope and solicited one last bid from each of the interested contractors. This scope eliminated the non-sequential phasing of the project, which was initially proposed to avoid working in the main downtown area (Division to George) in the peak summer season. Council made this difficult but necessary decision to save the “throw-away” costs involved with connecting infrastructure only to have to move it again.

Once the contract was awarded, we needed to obtain final approval from the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) for the detour route. The approval process took longer than we’d hoped it would, considering Burnside had been consulting with the MTO for months prior to contract award. This delayed the ground-breaking by 1-2 weeks.

Finally, construction was underway! Then soil samples taken while preparing for dewatering showed significant petroleum product soil contamination, which meant additional soil handling, specialized disposal and treatment of the groundwater from the contaminated zones. The approval for the groundwater treatment took approximately 3 weeks, which slowed Bridge’s progress. Construction is now back on track, but the project team now faces delays by Hydro One as they have still not prepared a design for the underground electrical ducts.

Working in a historic district is very challenging as you never know what you’re going to find until you start to dig.

By themselves, each of these setbacks had a relatively minor impact on the schedule, but added together they show that despite the best-laid plans, construction projects of this size can easily veer from the anticipated schedule.

Where do we go from here?

We must now decide where to stop to get as much work done this season without jeopardizing the ability to place asphalt before the asphalt plants close for the year and winter settles in. We must reinstate the surface to allow for normal snow removal this winter. We expect that we have finished excavating as far as we’re going to for this year.

For the rest of the season, we will focus on installing the large stormwater quality control structure on Division Street and the shallow utilities (hydro conduit, electrical ducts for the traffic signals, telecommunications/internet and natural gas). We will then reinstate the asphalt and concrete surfaces.

We will tell you about the plans for 2021 in an upcoming newsletter.



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Conceptual Rendering



Work in progress

Road Closures:

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- **Berford Street** is closed to vehicle traffic between the parkette (south of William Street) and north of Division Street.
- **Berford Street from the parkette (south of William) to George is open to local traffic only** as it is now “no exit”.
- **Division Street from Berford Street to Bayview Drive** is closed.
- The **Beer Store** is accessible from the north end of Warton only. Please use the detours provided and access Berford Street from Jenny Street/County Road 13.

Customer access to the businesses is provided via side streets, rear parking lots and pedestrian access. If you require special accommodation, please contact the business owner or the Project Ambassador for current accessibility conditions.

Business owners needing accommodation for deliveries should contact the Project Ambassador.

Access for emergency vehicles will always be maintained.

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Who do I call if I have a question?

Bridge Excavating Ltd.

Please call **Sandra LeFaucheur, your Project Ambassador**, with any questions or concerns related to the construction or for personal or business-related accommodation needs.

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*Sandra LeFaucheur, your
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R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited

R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited is administering the project on behalf of the Town. If you have any questions regarding the construction, you may also call a Burnside representative between **8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday to Friday**, and your call will be responded to as soon as possible.

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