



Construction Newsletter #14 – July 8, 2021

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

What's happened since the last newsletter?

- Installation of the undergrounds is complete! (Watermains and sanitary sewers, storm sewer, side services, shallow utility ducts)
- Installation of pedestrian signals and electrification of the new traffic signals at William Street
- Installation of the shallow utility ducts (for electricity, gas and telecommunications)
- Installation of curbs north of William Street, including the traffic calming island at Division Street
- Installation of sidewalk on west side from William Street to Division Street and on the east side from William to New Orleans Pizza
- Decorative streetlight installation continues

What's coming up next?

- Completion of sidewalks from William Street to Division Street
- Installation of the coloured concrete strips between the sidewalk and the curb, between the sidewalk and the building faces/property line, and on the island at Division Street.
- Installation of the raised curbs around the planting beds
- Installation of the fully-signalized intersection at George Street and decorative streetlight installation
- Installation of base asphalt course



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Margot Doerr,
Proprietor of
Margot's Optical



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interviews
with these fine
folks , see
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Brent
Hepburn,
Working hard!



Mel Hepburn,
Berford Street
Bookstore owner, and
acting foreman!

Getting to know you: out and about with your Project Ambassador

While picking up my husband's new specs, I enjoyed a short chat with Margot Doerr, the doyenne of all things optical on Berford Street.

Sandra: What made you want to be an optician?

Margot: I applied for a job as a receptionist at an optometrist in Owen Sound and was put to work in the dispensary. My heart was melted when a lady cried with happiness over being able to see with her new glasses. Over twenty years on, I have never regretted my decision to become an optician. I'm lucky to have found my passion.

Sandra: Why did you move to Wiarton?

Margot: I've been coming to Wiarton my whole life. I've always loved Wiarton—the beauty, the people, the water, the rocks...the big bulldozer in front of my window! I love this little shop. It's in the best location.

Margot likes to support local artists by displaying their work in her shop. And you may want to drop in and see the work done by one up-and-coming young artist, Margot's 10-year-old son. It really is amazingly beautiful.

Oh, and what does my hubby think of Margot's Optical? He said she's the best optician he's ever been to. He was blown away by her fantastic selection of frames and lenses, and the skill and care she takes to ensure the glasses are the perfect fit.

And then over the road to the Berford Street Bookstore, where I spoke with owner Mel Hepburn.

Sandra: What made you want to own a bookstore?

Mel: It was a life-long dream. I became a chartered accountant with a business degree. When I was in the corporate world, I would put my child to bed just one night a week. I thought it was time to start living my dream, and now I see my daughter a whole lot more.

Sandra: Why did you move to Wiarton?

Mel: I'm Wiarton born and bred. I moved back from Northern Ireland to Wiarton in 2014 and was able to buy my childhood home after my parents passed away, so I'm truly back home. This is HOME. I have travelled a lot—Dublin, Belfast—but this is home. We're so lucky to live here. It's an incredibly beautiful spot.

Sandra: How has construction been for you?

Mel: You have to find the humour in it. If you can't find the humour, you will be very sad. This is a picture of my brother, Brent Hepburn, who's a plumber, sitting reading a comic book in the hole he dug where the new water line came up to attach to the water meter. Oh, and this is a picture of me wearing a silly hardhat to watch construction.

Mel has nearly 20,000 books in her store. There's something for every taste. So once you've got your new specs from Margot, don't forget to pick up a book or a comic from Mel! Pssst....don't tell anyone, but Mel has a couple of copies of *The Secret Shelter*, written by your very own project ambassador...

Sandra

Road Closures:

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- Berford Street will be closed to vehicle traffic from south of William Street to south of George Street.
- Division Street from Berford Street to Bayview Drive is still closed.

For the full road closure, traffic will be detoured on both sides of Berford whenever possible.

Southbound traffic will route to:

Jenny Street to Gould Street to Frank Street

Northbound traffic will route to:

Frank Street to Claude Street to William Street



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?

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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 Project Ambassador

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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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