



Construction Newsletter #15 – September 2, 2021

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

What's happened since the last newsletter?

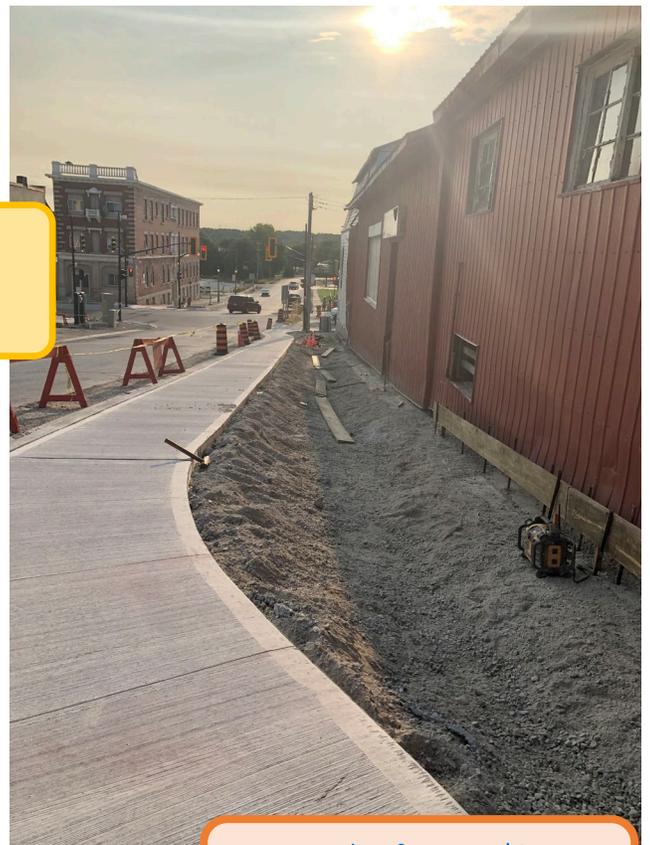
- Completion of sidewalks from William Street to Division Street
- Installation of the coloured concrete strips between the sidewalk and the curb, between the sidewalk and the building faces/property line, and on the island at Division Street.
- Installation of the raised curbs around the planting beds
- Installation of the fully-signalized intersection at George Street
- Installation of the stone bench bases and feature rocks
- Realignment of the sidewalk on William Street west of Berford

What's coming up next?

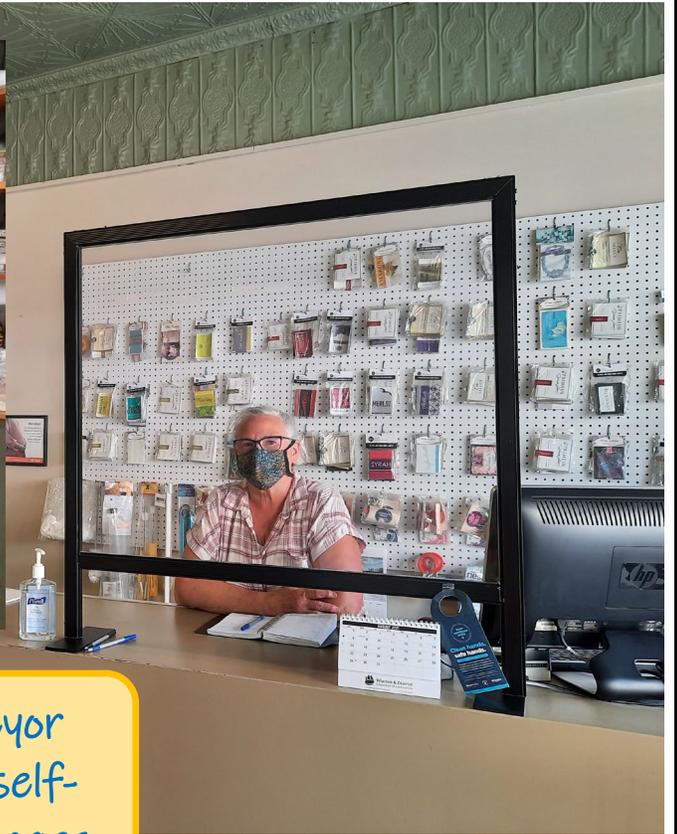
- Completion of the remaining coloured concrete, curbs and sidewalk
- Installation of base asphalt course
- Placement of topsoil and tree cages in the planting beds
- Installation of street furniture (benches, garbage cans, bike racks, etc.)

William St.
looking East

The evolution
continues...



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For our interviews with these fine folks, see page 3

Marsha, Purveyor and artisan of self-made fine beverages



Tracey, Owner of Sullivan's Butcher Shop, home of culinary delights



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

Welcome to the food-and-drink issue! Today I'm speaking with the proprietors of **Mr. Beer** and **Sullivan's Butcher Shop**.

I popped in **Mr. Beer** to chat with Marsha, who helps Bruce Peninsula residents make their own wine and beer.

Sandra: I bet you're pleased that Berford Street is starting to return to normal.

Marsha: Yes, things have moved along really well this year. It's nice to have sidewalks again and I like the coloured concrete.

Sandra: I agree the terra cotta colour is nice. The coloured concrete really aids with accessibility as it draws the attention of people with reduced vision to the curves in the curb line. They can clearly see where to walk safely.

Marsha: That's true. A lot of our customers are seniors who want to park right in front of the store to load and unload their cars and we now have a planter on the corner. I can see why parking isn't allowed so close to the corner, though. There's been a few near fender-benders there before and the planter will provide protection from cars coming round the corner. I just want the project to be completed. I'm really looking forward to seeing the finished product!

And then a short stroll down the road to buy some sausages from **Sullivan's Butcher Shop**, the purveyor of fine sausages, specialty cuts, game, pies, lasagnes, condiments.... If it's savoury, you'll find it here. Owner Tracey graciously took a few minutes from her busy day to chat.

Sandra: How long has Sullivan's been part of Wiarton, Tracey?

Tracey: I've owned it for 16 years. The business has really grown in that time. Since Covid, a lot more people are cooking at home rather than dining out and are trying new cuts like brisket or ribs on their smokers. Also, more people are moving into the area so we're seeing a lot of new faces.

Sandra: What do you think about the project?

Tracey: I'm frustrated with the loss of parking down here. We've lost some parking spaces (due to the streetscaping). We do have a small parking area behind the shop, though.

Sandra: I'm sure though that once all the work is done, Wiarton will be a much more inviting place to walk around. I, for one, love shopping in downtown areas! I'm confident that people will park in the municipal lots to visit all the Berford Street shops. I've taken enough of your time, though, so I'll have some of those feta and spinach sausages, please. They'll be great on the barbecue tomorrow!

Next time you're on Berford Street, be sure to visit the shops north of William Street. It'll take a little while to make the tippie of your choice at Mr. Beer, but that means you'll be able to visit Sullivan's regularly while your wine and beer brews. Enjoy!

Sandra

Road Closures:

Keep informed! Please subscribe for updates on the Open Mic website: openmicsouthbrucepeninsula.ca

- 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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