



## Construction Newsletter #1 – June 4, 2020

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

**Downtown Revitalization:** The Town of South Bruce Peninsula (Town) has entered into a Contract with Bridge Excavating Ltd. (Contractor) for the Berford Street Reconstruction and Streetscaping Improvement Project (also known as “The Warton Big Dig”). The work generally consists of downtown streetscaping improvements, new sanitary sewer, storm sewer and watermain, on-road parking facilities, large oil-grit separator, dewatering, concrete sidewalks and curbs, street lighting, traffic signals, utility duct work, road base reconstruction, asphalt road and parking surfaces and geometric improvements for Berford Street from approx. 20 m south of George Street to approximately 50 m north of Division Street (475 m) and Division Street east of Berford Street.

The work is expected to start on or shortly after June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020, and be substantially completed by the end of November 2020, with final asphalt and line painting works to be completed between May 1<sup>st</sup> and June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**Work Schedule:** Starting in mid-June 2020, the Contractor will be completing a pre-condition survey and dye testing of storm and sanitary services for all structures within 50 m of the construction activities and is expected to start construction work shortly afterwards in the intersection of Berford and Division Streets, and on Division Street east between Berford and Bayview Streets. The work is expected to progress southerly along Berford Street until substantial completion in the Fall of 2020. The Contractor will suspend work until the spring of 2021. For the winter shut down period all safety fencing, construction material, etc., will be removed and all street parking and sidewalks will be temporarily re-instated.

**Parking:** No public parking during construction will be permitted within the active construction or closed areas along Berford Street. Parking will be permitted on side streets in designated areas and in other public parking areas. Some construction areas will be enclosed by a modular safety fence for the protection of the general public and shall be placed at a suitable distance from the building face to permit pedestrian access.

Bridge Excavating Ltd. is committed to provide the necessary signage and traffic control to maintain pedestrian and motorist safety and mobility.

**Will the Public Have Access to My Business?** Yes, Bridge Excavating Ltd. will maintain pedestrian access to your business. Clear, unobstructed entrances shall be maintained to all dwellings and businesses.

Where work is located within driveways or entrances to dwellings, and/or businesses, access will be restored as quickly as possible after the work is completed. Pedestrian access to apartments and businesses will be maintained during construction. Bridge Excavating Ltd. will give prior notice of any pedestrian and/or vehicular access restrictions to the residents and businesses. We ask for your patience in such instances.

Access for emergency vehicles will be maintained at all times.

**Special Needs:** If you require wheelchair access or other special needs, please contact the Public Relations Officer or Construction Inspector.

**How Will My Services Be Affected?** Long term interruptions to telephone, internet, hydro, water, cable TV, sewer and gas services are not anticipated. Interruptions to water and sewer services will be temporary only (8 hrs maximum) with 24 hours notice.

The Contractor will collect garbage and recycling containers, deliver to the nearest intersecting side street for pickup and return the containers to individual properties on each garbage day while the construction operations interfere with regular garbage/recycling pickup. Please clearly and securely label your containers so that they can be returned.

**Safety:** Bridge Excavating Ltd. is required to conduct the work in a safe manner, including fencing of the work area, etc. We ask that you take extra caution during the construction period to ensure everyone’s safety.

**Newsletters:** A weekly newsletter will be available on the Town website: [www.southbrucepeninsula.com](http://www.southbrucepeninsula.com), on the Town’s public engagement platform “Open Mic” at <https://openmicsouthbrucepeninsula.ca> or by email upon request to [mark.russo@rjburnside.com](mailto:mark.russo@rjburnside.com).

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### Who Do I Call If I Have a Problem?

Bridge Excavating Ltd. has designated a "Public Relations Officer" to respond to public enquiries related to this project. The Public Relations Officer should be your first point of contact regarding any construction-related concern. You may call or email the Public Relations Officer at any time. The Contractor will also be setting up a site office in close proximity to the project area that will be open Monday to Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. The Contractor's phone numbers, and site office address is provided below. A 24/7 emergency phone number is also provided below but should only be used in emergency or other critical situations.

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 the hours of 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday to Friday, and your call will be responded to as soon as possible.

### About the Project:

This project is crucial to preserve the health, safety and wellbeing of the community of Wiarton, by replacing undersized and ageing infrastructure. Replacing this infrastructure now will prevent disruption in the future due to road repairs; burst, leaking, or collapsed pipes; and capacity bottlenecks.

The Town is using three sources of grant funding on this project. They are:

- \$3.0 Million from the Connecting Link Grant (Ministry of Transportation)
- \$1.36 Million of Federal Gas Tax funding
- \$435,000 from OCIF - Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs)

The Connecting link funding, in particular, has been sought by the Town for years. This funding source is a rare opportunity and unlikely to be repeated anytime soon.

### Contact Names and Numbers

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The Connecting Link funding has been a major influence on the Town proceeding with the project at this time. All construction must be substantially complete, to the point that all grant monies are utilized and claimed, prior to March 31, 2022.

With the reduced project limits (Division Street to George Street), the objective is to be able to complete the construction in one construction year, with the exception of the top course of asphalt and minor surface work in the spring of 2021. It is hoped that this schedule will minimize the disruption to the businesses and residents within the project area.

Despite the reduced project length, all of the streetscaping and road improvement elements within the proposed limits are still included.

The proposed streetscaping has been based on the 2016 Downtown Streetscape Improvements concept, which was the product of extensive public input.