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Dear Resident:

**Re: Resident Information Package
Dorchester Road - 120m South of Jubilee Dr. to 100m North of Cooper Dr.
Road Reconstruction
City of Niagara Falls**

The City of Niagara Falls (City) has initiated a project to complete miscellaneous underground infrastructure repairs and full road reconstruction on Dorchester Road from 120m South of Jubilee Drive to 100m North of Cooper Drive. A brief description of the planned work has been provided below for your information. Also enclosed you will find high level plan view showing the proposed works.

ROADWORKS

Dorchester Road within the project area will receive a full road reconstruction, including the installation of new curb and gutter, asphalt pavement and 1.5m wide concrete sidewalk on both sides of the street. The reconstruction will entail widening Dorchester Road to a 10.0m road width. This is to enable a 1.5m wide curbside bicycle lane to be provided in each direction. This section of Dorchester Road is a planned on-road active transportation corridor in the City's Transportation Master Plan. To ensure the bike lanes are accessible, on-street parking will be prohibited.

Dorchester Road, south of McLeod Road is classified as a major collector road, and it is intended to carry larger volumes of all types of traffic, including trucks and buses. The City's Speed Control policy limit traffic calming to local residential and neighbourhood minor collector streets. Accordingly, traffic calming measures are not proposed.

Miscellaneous Underground Infrastructure Repair

The current sanitary & storm sewer system has adequate service life to meet the reconstruction and future rehabilitation life of this portion of Dorchester Road. As part of this project the City will be looking to make spot repairs as needed for location that otherwise cannot be repaired by trenchless methods. Adjustments and rehabilitation of existing manholes and replacement of catchbasins will ensure the reconstruction of Dorchester Road meets it's intended service life.

The Dorchester Road watermain north of Jill Drive was replaced in 2016 with the portion south of Jill Drive having adequate service life to meet the reconstruction and future rehabilitation life of this portion of Dorchester Road.

BOULEVARDS

Damage to your boulevard will be repaired in full. Driveway aprons will be repaired with a clean cut across the driveway width and asphalt will be restored with asphalt, concrete with concrete, etc. Decorative or landscaping items (shrubs, hedges, fences, gardens, boulders, etc.) encroaching on City property should be removed or relocated off City property prior to construction. Larger plantings removed or damaged during construction such as shrubs, hedges, trees, etc., will not be replaced; however, all efforts will be made to salvage smaller shrubs and vegetation for replanting where possible.

SCHEDULE

Please note that the City's construction schedule is tentative and subject to change based on coordination needs with Regional projects, availability of the City's Contractor, scheduling of private utility relocations and receipt of the necessary easements, permits and approvals. Tentatively, the City is proposing tendering the project in April of 2022 with construction to commence in late spring/early summer of 2022 with continuous work being substantially completed by the end summer of 2022.

In addition to the information provided in this letter, a copy of the City's Capital Construction - Frequently Asked Questions handout has been enclosed.

Should you require any additional information, or wish to schedule a formal meeting, please contact me directly at (905) 356-7521, ext. 4290, or by email at ngolia@niagarafalls.ca. To be ensured consideration in the City's final design, comments or concerns should be provided no later than March 4, 2022.

Yours truly,



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CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What do I do if I have an irrigation system or lamp post in the City's road allowance?

Contact the City's Project Manager and mark the location of the irrigation piping or electrical wiring with white paint and/or stakes prior to the start of construction. The City will not be held responsible for any damage to unmarked systems.

2. Where do I park during construction? How do I access my property?

During construction the Contractor will provide advanced notification when access to your property is blocked and you will be provided an alternate location to park your vehicles. Where driveway access overnight is unavailable, typically during concrete restoration works, overnight on-street parking will be permitted.

3. If my boulevard tree is removed, can I request a new tree?

A replacement tree can be requested through the City's forestry program at the conclusion of the project; however, replacement trees, and requested tree species, cannot be guaranteed. The replacement tree will not be provided until at least one year after the project is completed or the termination of the project warranty period.

4. What happens if there is damage to my property?

Should your property be damaged during construction please contact the City's Project Manager. You will be provided a copy of the City's Construction Related Claim Form. Furthermore, prior to construction, you will be provided information about a third party precondition survey firm who will be conducting inspections on the interior and exterior of all structures. The purpose of this inspection is to determine and document the condition of your property prior to the commencement of construction. This information can then be used to determine the extent of the Contractor's responsibility in the unlikely event that damages to your property occur during construction. Inspections are free of charge for all properties within 30m of the construction limits.

5. What happens if my telecommunication lines are damaged?

During the replacement of municipal servicing underground telecommunication services to your home, such as Bell or Cogeco, may be damaged. Should damages occur the Contractor will notify you; however, individual service repairs must be requested by the individual customer directly. There will be no charge to you for the required repairs.

6. Will I receive a credit for watering new sod?

There is no credit applied for watering of new sod on capital construction projects. The Contractor will be responsible for the watering of the sod initially and residents will be provided an informational flyer for new sod upkeep.

7. What do I do if my water is brown or discoloured?

When a new connection to the watermain is made you may experience brown or discoloured water. Please run the tap until the water runs clear. Should the water remain discoloured after continuous flow for greater than 20 minutes, please contact this Project Manager or the City's Environmental Services Department.

8. Will the City replace my water service or sewer lateral to my home?

New water services and sewer laterals will be provided to each property from the mainline pipe in the road allowance to the property line, not to the home. If an issue is noted at the property line such as the observation of a lead water service or a black tar sewer lateral, the resident will be provided a letter of notification. Replacement or repair from the property line to the home is the responsibility of the homeowner.

9. Will the construction prevent future sewer backups and basement flooding in my home?

The installation of new sanitary and dedicated storm sewers will decrease the likelihood of future sewer backups and basement flooding; however, backups and flooding can be caused by a number of issues that may not be addressed by the proposed construction work. Additional information can be obtained by visiting the City's website, specifically the Weeping-tile Removal Assistance Program page at <https://niagarafalls.ca/living/environment/wrap.aspx>.