



April 16, 2024

To The Property Owners, Tenants

Re: Public Information Centre (PIC) – Sidewalk Infill (Edward Street and Preston Parkway)

The City of Cambridge is looking for public feedback on the proposed sidewalk construction on Edward Street from Jardine Street to Strathcona Street and on Preston Parkway from Fountain Street South to the existing sidewalk termination, approximately 100m south of Woods Lane.

The work will involve the installation of a new sidewalk behind the south curb on Edward Street, and behind the south curb/guard rail on Preston Parkway.

A private contractor will be selected through the City's public tender process to undertake the sidewalk construction. Construction is expected to commence late summer / early fall of 2024.

You are invited to attend an informal Public Information Centre (P.I.C) to review the proposed plans and see how they may affect your property, business, or residence. This 'drop-in' style information session provides you with an opportunity to review the project in detail with City and Project staff. Staff from Transportation Engineering will be available to answer questions.

The Public Information Centre will be held at:

Location: Hespeler Memorial Arena – Optimist Room
640 Ellis Rd, Cambridge, ON
Date: Wednesday, May 1st, 2024
Time: 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Enclosed for your review, is a copy of the information package that will be available at the P.I.C. on May 1, 2024. Please take time to review it. We look forward to answering any questions you may have at the Public Information Centre.

If you are unable to attend the session at that time and have questions or comments, please contact the undersigned at 519-623-1340 ext. 4268 no later than May 16, 2024.

The Public Information Centre display materials will also be available for review through the Engage Cambridge website: www.engagewr.ca and feedback will be collected online through Engage Cambridge [from May 2, 2024, to May 16, 2024.](#)

Thank you for taking the time to provide valuable feedback. If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact the undersigned.

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EDWARD STREET SIDEWALK INFILL

FROM JARDINE STREET TO STRATHCONA STREET

PRESTON PARKWAY SIDEWALK INFILL

FROM FOUNTAIN STREET SOUTH TO 100M SOUTH OF WOODS LANE

INFORMATION PACKAGE

Wednesday May 1, 2024

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5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m**

Edward Street and Preston Parkway Sidewalk Infill
Public Information Centre
May 1, 2024

What is the scope of work?

The City of Cambridge is proposing to complete the installation of sidewalks to fill in gaps in the City's current pedestrian sidewalk network. The scope of the work will be limited to the boulevard behind the south curb on both streets.

What is the timing of the reconstruction?

Construction is expected to commence in late summer / early fall of 2024.

Who will be doing the work?

A private contractor selected through the City's public tender process will undertake the work.

How will the reconstruction affect me?

During the sidewalk installation, access to private property will be temporarily interrupted when the sidewalk is poured across private driveways. For times, you do not have access to your property, alternate arrangements should be made for parking. Overnight parking will be permitted on intersecting streets within one block of the works, but you must abide by all other existing parking restrictions (i.e. don't block a driveway, don't park too close to a fire hydrant, don't park where parking is prohibited, etc.).

How will disruptions be minimized?

One issue of critical importance to the City of Cambridge is to have the work completed while minimizing disruption to the neighbourhood. Construction activity will be limited to daylight hours after 7:00 a.m.

Surface features existing on City property

On some sidewalk infill projects, we find that residents have constructed gardens, shrubs, hedges, retaining walls, and fences within the City road allowance. This is usually not a problem unless the new sidewalk conflicts with these features. In this case you will be asked to relocate the garden, hedge etc. onto your property prior to construction taking place.

When installing the sidewalks, it may be necessary to cut back some driveways to match the new grade. If this is the case, the driveway will be saw-cut and a patch placed using the same material if possible. Impressed or coloured concrete driveways cannot be replaced to match the original, which is also the case with paving stone driveways (unless the owner has a supply of matching stones that the contractor could use).

If you have a sprinkler system installed along the edge of the roadway within the City's road allowance, please remove the piping prior to construction as the contractor will not be responsible for damage and the City will not replace it. You may have it reinstalled on private property after construction is completed if you wish.

Will blue box, green box and refuse collection be affected?

Blue box, green box and refuse collection will be maintained throughout the duration of construction. When access is restricted by construction operations, the construction crew will place the blue boxes and refuse containers at a location accessible by the collection service on collection days. To minimize problems during construction, it would be appreciated if all refuse is bagged – Yard Waste in paper bags, Household Garbage in plastic bags. **Please ensure that your address is clearly marked on containers / blue boxes.**

How can I voice my comments?

The City of Cambridge realizes that sidewalk construction will cause inconvenience to the residents and businesses in the area and requests your cooperation and patience throughout its duration. A comment sheet is attached to this information package and you are encouraged to fill it out with your comments, concerns or questions. Feedback will also be collected online through the Engage Cambridge website: www.engagewr.ca. In addition to your comments, other information we would like to receive from residents or businesses are your special needs, e.g. for disabled persons or driveway modifications. This written record will assist the City to address all the issues related to the above noted works.

We thank you for reviewing this information package.

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