

City of Guelph

Baker Street, Chapel Lane, and Park Lane Reconstruction

Information Package

Virtual Open House

Monday, March 7, 2022 to Sunday, March 27, 2022

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About the Project

We have a great downtown and want it to stay that way for years to come. Today, we have aging water and sewer pipes, roads and sidewalks that must be replaced. Our goal is to improve this critical infrastructure to provide quality service and support the vitality of our downtown core.

We're reconstructing Baker Street, Chapel Lane and Park Lane to ensure our downtown is future ready. In addition to enhancing the vitality of Downtown Guelph, this work supports the Baker District redevelopment.

The work is intended to begin in summer 2022, reach substantial completion by fall 2024, and be phased to coordinate with the utility improvements and adjacent Baker District redevelopment. The work will include watermain, sewer, and road construction on Baker Street, sewer and road construction on Chapel Lane, and sewer and road construction on Park Lane. Road construction on Baker Street includes the conversion of Baker Street from the existing one-way road to a two-way road between Chapel Lane and Woolwich Street, and intersection improvements at the Baker Street and Woolwich Street intersection including new traffic signals.

Purpose of the Open House

The purpose of this virtual open house is to present property owners, business owners, residents, and members of the general public with an opportunity to:

- Learn about the Project:
 - Potential impacts to their property
 - Traffic impacts during construction
 - What to expect during construction
- Review the details of the reconstruction, including plans and construction schedule
- Understand the next steps
- Ask questions about the project

Comments and questions will be received and answered during the Open House period.

Scope of Reconstruction

The infrastructure improvements involve the following work:

- Replacing existing stormwater management infrastructure
- Replacing existing sanitary infrastructure and construction of a new sanitary sewer system
- Replacing existing watermain
- Converting Baker Street from the existing one-way road to a two-way road
- Signalizing the Baker Street and Woolwich Street intersection

- Replacing existing concrete curb and gutter, sidewalk, and asphalt road surface
- Adding new streetlights, bollards, benches, bicycle racks, and street trees

Construction Timing

The reconstruction project is anticipated to start in summer 2022 and reach substantial completion by fall 2024. The construction will be phased to accommodate archaeological assessments in spring/summer 2022, temporary and permanent utility relocations, and the Baker District redevelopment. The overall project timeline and completion date may be affected by the contractor's schedules, weather, and any unforeseen difficulties we encounter during reconstruction.

Comments or Concerns

In order to assist the City in addressing any comments or concerns that you might have about this project, we ask that you please provide your comments at <https://www.haveyoursay.guelph.ca/baker-street-reconstruction> between March 7 and March 27. You may also contact us directly by phone or email using the contact information below. Our office hours are 8:30AM-4:30PM Monday to Friday, and we will try to respond within two business days.

We thank you for your interest, participation, and feedback in this important reconstruction project.

Contact Information

Should you have any questions, please contact:

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Additional information

Access to Private Property

Scheduled full road closures (with advance notice) will be required on Baker Street, Chapel Lane, and Park Lane. During construction, Baker Street will be converted to a two-way road to maintain local traffic.

Access to properties will be maintained as best as possible throughout construction by:

- Maintaining at least one lane traffic flow;
- Providing notification to properties throughout the area of scheduled road closures; and
- Maintaining access to all businesses and residences, some disruptions are anticipated with advance notice provided

There will be no parking in the construction area, crews will work with homeowners and businesses to accommodate deliveries and passenger drop-offs (when possible). **Please let us know if you require special accommodations by reaching out to the contact listed above.**

Water Service Interruptions

Water service will be maintained as much as possible throughout construction. Short interruptions can be expected, particularly when the services to individual properties are transferred from existing pipes to the new pipes. In most cases, interruptions will be limited to a few hours and will occur during working hours. Advance written notice will be provided when possible before any planned service interruption.

In order to maintain water service to individual properties, a temporary above ground watermain may be installed as part of the reconstruction. Your property will be connected to the temporary watermain through your existing underground water service, or a temporary aboveground water service connected to an outside water tap. Access onto your property may be required to provide the temporary connection.

Lead Water Service Pipes

This is a great opportunity to look into replacing your lead pipes. If your home or business was built before the mid-1950s, it could have a lead water service pipe. Lead can leach into tap water through the corrosion of lead pipes and plumbing material containing lead. Lead in drinking water is a health concern. Visit the website to find out about our rebate program, free lead testing, and additional information about lead water service pipes at:

guelph.ca/living/environment/water/drinking-water/drinking-water-and-lead/

Private Landscaping Features

If you have private landscaping features (gardens, shrubs, hedges, fences, etc.) that are located on City property that you wish to keep, please arrange to have them relocated prior to the start of construction. If you have a sprinkler system installed on City property, you may also wish to remove it prior to construction. The contractor and the City will not be responsible for damage to items located on City property.

Waste Collection

There will be no interruption to any City services during construction. Waste collection will not be affected. Please continue to place your green, blue and grey carts at the curb, as per your regular schedule. Please ensure all waste carts are marked with your municipal street address so they can be returned to you should they need to be relocated by the contractor to a convenient pick-up location (e.g., across the street).

Canada Post Mail Delivery

Regular mail delivery should not be affected. Normal service is expected to continue throughout construction.

Dust, Noise, and Vibration

Dust, noise, and vibration are a common part of most construction projects. The contractor is required to provide proactive dust suppression by placing water or calcium chloride on exposed excavation surfaces, power sweeping muddied roads, using "whisper quiet" generators for temporary power supply and only operating equipment during the working hours permitted by the City's Noise Bylaws.

The contractor will also be required to hire an independent inspection firm to conduct preconstruction building condition inspections prior to the start of construction. The inspection firm will make an appointment with the homeowner/business to inspect outside and inside. The purpose of the surveys is to identify and document the condition of existing homes and buildings in the unlikely event of damage during construction.

Future Notices

If you would like to remain informed about this project and future meetings, please register on HaveYourSay.Guelph.ca. Those who register on Have Your Say or who live and work nearby may receive additional information about the project and future meetings via mail, email, or hand-delivered notices.