

Abbeyhill Area Rehabilitation

**Reconstruction of Abbeyhill Drive (Carbrooke Street to Eagleson Road), Surrey Lane, Country Lane West (Surrey Lane to William's Walk), and William's Walk)
Integrated Road, Sewer and Watermain Rehabilitation**

Contract No. ISD11-5165

The firm **Graydex Ottawa Inc.** has been engaged to carry-out the rehabilitation works on Abbeyhill Drive, Surrey Lane, Country Lane & William's Walk. Construction will also take place on a portion of Old Colony Road near William's Walk, and Eagleson Road south of Abbeyhill Drive. Construction is tentatively scheduled to start the week of **May 7, 2012**. Barring any construction delays, this project is expected to be completed in late fall of 2012.

The intent of this project is to improve overland drainage and reduce the risk of flooding in the area by providing a large diameter relief storm sewer on Abbeyhill Drive and upsizing other storm sewers in the area. As a result of the construction, there will be added benefit to the City and to residents by replacing aging sanitary sewers and watermains, including services to residential property lines.

As part of this contract, Graydex Ottawa Inc. is assuming full responsibility for the construction work until it is entirely completed. Their company will take every precaution to minimize interruptions to the normal living of your family and/or operation of your business. This work may result in some inconvenience to you such as minor delays in traveling through the construction zone, noise, dust, and possible vibrations during construction.

Temporary traffic-related modifications

- Surrey Lane, Country Lane West and William's Walk will be closed to 'local traffic only' for the duration of the contract.
- At the outset of the project, Abbeyhill Drive will be reduced to one-way traffic in the eastbound direction only between Eagleson Road Avenue and Surrey Lane.
- Any impacted OC Transpo buses will be detoured and notices will be posted, directing passengers to an alternative bus stop. Questions about transit service can be directed to OC Transpo at (613) 741-4390.
- All other motorists are to follow the signed detour route.

All these temporary traffic restrictions are anticipated to start during the week of **May 7, 2012**.

Building Survey

You may feel vibrations due to heavy equipment use, or rock removal during the construction. This is quite common and not usually a problem. However, you may want to complete a survey yourself before the work starts to record the condition of your building. This survey should include photographs.

The contractor is required by the City to carry liability insurance before any work may proceed. You may be asked by the contractor's insurance agent for permission to survey your property before the work commences, as Contractors typically carry out pre-construction inspections for their own purposes. It is to your benefit to have the inspection conducted on your property. If you have any questions about the Contractor's inspections or concerns about property damages, please call Graydex Ottawa Inc's office at **(613) 225-0780**.

Temporary Water Services

For the duration of the construction period a temporary water service may have to be provided to your property, which may cause pressure reductions and the need for occasional short interruptions in service. These inconveniences will be kept to a minimum and the quality of your drinking water will not be affected.

Private House Services

In addition to reconstructing the mainline storm sewer, sanitary sewer and watermain under the roadway, the pipe that conveys storm flows from your home (known as the “**storm service**”), the pipe that conveys sanitary flows from your home (known as the “**sanitary service**”) and/or the small water pipe that supplies water to your home (known as the “**water service**”) will be partially replaced. The City will only replace the City owned portion of the storm, sanitary and/or water services between the mainline sewer or watermain and your property line. This will be done at no cost to you. The section of your storm, sanitary and water service, owned by you, between your property line and your house are known as the **private storm, private sanitary and private water services** and will not be replaced as part of the planned City work.

Since construction will be underway soon, it may be a good time to consider your **private services**. Although no evidence was found during the various investigations undertaken during the design stage, if your house was built prior to 1958, there is a possibility that your **private water service** may have been constructed using lead pipe (modern pipes are copper). There is information available on the City’s web page Ottawa.ca regarding lead in drinking water, how to determine whether you have lead plumbing pipes and the City’s **Lead Pipe Replacement Program**. You may also contact the City’s Call Center at 3-1-1.

Private Service Replacement

If you decide to replace your **private water service** because of existing lead pipe or any of the three **private services** simply due to preventive maintenance due to the pipes’ ages, there are several options available for you to consider. In all cases you, as the homeowner, are responsible for the cost of these replacements as you own the pipes located on your land.

Option 1

You may choose to do the work yourself by hiring your own contractor. The only constraint is that you may not carry out your work while the City is working on the street and replacing your storm, sanitary and/or water services up to your property line. Concurrent work on your adjacent land may create a safety hazard for the City’s contractor. Once the City’s work is complete, you may replace your **private services** at any time thereafter.

Option 2

The City’s contractor, Graydex Ottawa Inc. has indicated that they would be willing to replace your **private services** at the same time as they are replacing the storm, sanitary and/or water service up to your property line. If you choose this option, you would then be hiring and paying the City’s contractor directly. If you are interested this arrangement, please contact the undersigned to find out the availability and details of this option.

Option 3 (for private water services only)

The City does have a **Lead Pipe Replacement Program** where the City carries out the replacement on behalf of the home owner; however, it is not set up to work with any concurrent City road, sewer or watermain construction. The program covers the replacement of both the **private water service** and the City owned portion of the water service when no other City construction is planned. Since, as part of the current City project, the water service will be replaced up to your front property line, the **Lead Pipe**

Replacement Program will only be available to you up to 2 years after the completion of the planned watermain work. Under the **Lead Pipe Replacement Program** the City cannot replace the **private water service** until the watermain work is completed for the same safety reasons described in option 1. Please note that you are responsible for all costs under this program.

Special assistance

Should you or any member of your household require special assistance when walking through the construction site due to physical or visual impairment, please feel free to contact the undersigned so that we can make arrangements to obtain assistance for you.

On-street parking

To allow the work to be completed in a timely manner, on street parking may be prohibited during the construction period. Signs will be placed 24-hours in advance indicating the parking prohibition. Vehicles parked at these locations may be towed at the owner's expenses. Parking fines may also apply. In the event that access to your driveway is restricted due to construction activities, a temporary On-Street Parking Permit (orange form) will be issued by the City Inspector to authorize on- street parking within a few blocks of your residence.

The City is committed to minimizing any disruption and inconvenience to the public during construction. We again would like to thank you for your patience and co-operation during the construction. For more information on the project, visit the Construction Projects section of www.ottawa.ca . If you have any questions or concerns during the construction please do hesitate to contact:

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Update:

AUTHORIZATION TO CLOSE STREET FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTION

In accordance with The Road Activity By-law 2003-445, permission is hereby granted for you to close the following roadway:

On: Country Lane West Lane	From: William's Walk	To: Surrey
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Under the following conditions:

Duration:

- EXTENSION: Friday, 13 July 2012 to Friday, 17 August 2012.

Public Notification:

- Notify affected residents/businesses, in writing, a minimum of 72 hours prior to the closure. The notification must include a description of any temporary changes to local access and/or parking.

Signage/Conditions:

- Contractor is to follow the conditions outlined in the Contract (ISD10-5165) pertaining to traffic management during construction.
 - Provide "Road Closed – Do Not Enter" (TC-7 urban + TC-7tA + Rb-92) signs on all sides of the work zone when it is impossible to pass. Provide any additional signs, barricades, barrels or other traffic control devices as required to completely close the roadway at these locations.
Note: If the closure point is at any of the intersections, replace the Local Traffic Only – No Exit signs with the Do Not Enter.
- Provide "Road Closed – Local Traffic Only – No Exit" (TC-7 urban + TC-7tA + TC-7tB + TC-39) signs at adjacent intersections on both sides of the closure.
- Maintain access to adjacent dwellings at all times. This includes emergency vehicle access.
- Maintain pedestrian access and provide pedestrian detour routes if necessary.

Other:

- Contact Heather Bond, Work Activity Coordinator (613-580-2424 x 16051) if dates of closure change from those stated on the application.
- Provide all other temporary condition signs as may be required by the OTM Book 7 or by Jeff LaRocque, Traffic Management Inspector (613-327-5095).
- At any time during the work, the City Traffic Management Inspector, at his/her discretion, may require the contractor to supply and install additional traffic control devices (signs, barrels etc). The contractor is responsible for all costs.

Update:

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In accordance with The Road Activity By-law 2003-445, permission is hereby granted for you to close the following roadway:

On: Surrey Lane West	From: Country Lane To: Abbeyhill Drive
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Under the following conditions:

Duration:

- **EXTENSION:** Monday, 16 July 2012 to Friday, 20 July 2012.

Public Notification:

- Notify affected residents/businesses, in writing, a minimum of 72 hours prior to the closure. The notification must include a description of any temporary changes to local access and/or parking.

Signage/Conditions:

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