



Public Information Centre – Main Street Reconstruction Chippawa
July 8 to July 15, 2022

Thank you to everyone who participated in the recent virtual Public Information Centre for Main Street Chippawa Road Reconstruction ending July 15, 2022.

We had 112 visitors and 37 contributors!

Active Transportation

Bicycle lanes were given a positive response by many including the on-road bike lane option. One contributor was in favour of off-road bicycle lanes and another of protected bike lanes. The main concern by most was that the addition of bicycle lanes could impact the existing trees. By keeping the bicycle lanes within the roadway and eliminating the existing on-street parking, the existing trees can be preserved to the greatest extent.

Parking

Existing parking along Main Street is not used to capacity. There is a tradeoff to removing parking to allow for the infill cycling facility. There is available off-street parking in many places including metered parking at Cummington Square, private parking lots, nearby streets like Dock Street, and at the boat launch area near the Sodom Road intersection. There are opportunities to potentially retain some on-street parking in locations that will be evaluated as part of the detailed design.

Some Sacred Heart Church parishioners currently utilize parking in front of the church. We will evaluate the option of having an accessible drop off location in front of the church. Church parking is available in the rear parking lot with accessible access as well.

Tree Preservation

This is a key issue to many people. One of the advantages of keeping the cycling lanes within the roadway is to reduce the paved area and preserve as many trees as possible. Detailed design will look closely at working around existing trees. Any trees that need to be removed will be replaced at a ratio of 2:1.

Traffic Management

Speed control on Main Street will be explored using a “road diet” by keeping narrow travel lanes. The proposed reconstruction of Main Street will not widen the travel lanes to dissuade vehicles from speeding.

Construction

An early estimation is that construction will begin early in 2023 and continue through to the fall in one phase subject to budget approvals. Transit routes may be rerouted, but an emphasis will

be made to maintain access to Main Street and access to driveways will be provided. Construction staging and detouring will be evaluated more closely during the detailed design.

This project is driven by the need to replace aging infrastructure and reconstruct the roadway.

Restoration will be done back to existing conditions and existing pavers can be salvaged and re-instated. Sanitary services are to be replaced from the mainline to the property line.

Concerns with Other Areas

Many respondents noted areas outside of the project area that they thought required repairs. The City prepares forecasts to address aging infrastructure throughout the City based on a variety of factors. The following streets have been scheduled for improvements based on this forecast:

Main Street between Willoughby Drive and the Niagara Parkway – This area is also identified on the Region's Transportation Master Plan update as an infill link for bikeways and active transportation will be considered as part of a future capital project. Construction will likely be scheduled in the next 5-10 years.

Willoughby Drive – Between Main Street and Weinbrenner Road, Willoughby Drive is likely scheduled for full road reconstruction in 2024 and 2025, including the intersection at Main Street and Willoughby Drive. Any deficiencies in the road surface will be evaluated as part of our standard maintenance and operations.

Sodom Road – The Region will be reconstructing Sodom Road within the next five years and will include the intersection of Sodom Road and Main Street.

Utilities

Hydro will not be buried as part of the capital project. We will maintain the existing hydro poles as much as possible.

Next Steps

The purpose of this virtual PIC was to receive feedback from nearby businesses and residents during our conceptual design stage. As the detailed design progresses, we will prepare an in-person presentation at a future date.

Any specific questions that were not covered in the summary above are being answered individually. If you have further questions or feel that you require more clarification, please do not hesitate to reach out to myself.

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