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Dear Property Owner, Tenant or Occupant.

Re: Regional Road No. 4 (Ottawa Street) Reconstruction Imperial Drive to Alpine Road, City of Kitchener

The Region of Waterloo is preparing to commence construction of the Ottawa Street Improvements from Imperial Drive to Alpine Road, Kitchener. The anticipated start date of construction is Monday, April 10, 2017.

The work of this contract includes the complete reconstruction of Ottawa Street, between Imperial Drive and Alpine Road including replacement of the storm sewer system, concrete curbs and street-lighting, removal of the existing sidewalk, construction of asphalt paved multi-use trails on both sides of Ottawa Street, and construction of two three-lane roundabouts and additional multi-use trails on the south side of Ottawa Street between Alpine Road and the entrance of McLennan Park and on the east side of Homer Watson Boulevard between Ottawa Street and Hanson Avenue. The reconstruction and widening of Ottawa Street from Imperial Drive to Alpine Road, includes relocating the exit to the existing Highway 7/8 on-ramp from Homer Watson Boulevard to the roundabout at Alpine Road.

Contract Schedule

Subject to Council approval, construction is scheduled to commence on April 10, 2017 with completion expected in October, 2017.

Traffic Restrictions

Although the details may be subject to change by the selected Contractor, The Region's Contract requirements for staging stipulate that through traffic in both directions and full access to all properties be maintained on Ottawa Street including the following:

- Stage 1: For approximately the first 5 weeks the Contractor will work off the roads with no impact to traffic except that the Hwy 7/8 on-ramp from Homer Watson Parkway

southbound will be closed and the eastbound Hwy 7/8 off-ramp to Ottawa Street at Alpine Road will be closed briefly at the end of stage 1. Both of those ramp closures are required for relocating the exit to the existing Highway 7/8 on-ramp from Homer Watson Boulevard to the roundabout at Alpine Road. The Contractor will build a temporary four-lane, paved road for Ottawa Street from east of Homer Watson to west to Alpine Road and relocate the on-ramp ramp to eastbound Hwy 7/8.

- Stage 2: From mid-May – end of August, approximately 14 weeks, Homer Watson will be closed south of Ottawa Street and Alpine Road will be closed south of Ottawa Street; the exception to this will be a right turn off Ottawa Street southward onto Alpine Road to maintain access into the businesses on Alpine Road.
 - Temporary Signals will be maintained at the Ottawa Street and H-W intersections and a protected pedestrian route will be maintained.
 - Locations South of Ottawa Street will be accessed via a detour route using Strasburg Road, Block Line Road and Courtland Avenue.
- Remaining Stages in September and October will complete sufficient work to open both roundabouts with reduced lanes and reopen the connections to Alpine Road south and Homer Watson Boulevard south. It is expected that brief closures of Ottawa Street will be required to complete the paving of the final layer of asphalt pavement in October 2017.

Grand River Transit

Grand River Transit buses will continue to operate in both directions on Ottawa Street for the duration of these works. Temporary bus stops will be provided as required during construction. Temporary pedestrian sidewalks will be provided during construction.

Driveways and Restoration

The contractor may need to encroach onto private property at times during construction in order to restore or tie-in private driveways or boulevards. Driveways and boulevard areas disturbed by the construction will be fully restored to pre-construction conditions or better by the contractor. In order to ensure that access to all local properties is maintained during construction, driveways will be constructed half at a time if sufficient width is available. If a property has two accesses, work will be limited to one driveway at a time. In locations with only one narrow driveway to the property, it will be necessary to close the driveway for short durations during certain construction activities. In these instances, property owners will be contacted well in advance of any planned driveway closure by the Contractor.

Additional Project Information

A presentation describing the construction plans in more detail has been presented to local neighbourhood associations and this presentation will be provided on our website together with other project information. Once you click the link below, please choose “current construction projects”, followed by “Kitchener”, and finally “Ottawa Street, Elmsdale Drive to Imperial Drive” in order to access the project related information.

<http://www.regionofwaterloo.ca/en/gettingaround/construction.asp>

Construction Contact Information

Please contact the following personnel should you have any questions or concerns during construction:

Type of Enquiry	Contact Name	Firm/Position	Contact Phone	Contact E-Mail
Construction Inquiries/Concerns (Working Hours)	Adam Brown	MTE Consultants – On-Site Inspector	519-222-4961 (cell)	abrown@mte85.com
Construction Inquiries/Concerns (Working Hours)	Rob Smoke	Capital Paving	519-220-8278	
Construction Inquiries/Concerns/ (<u>Outside of Working Hours</u>)	Region of Waterloo Service First Call Centre	Regional Service First Call Centre	519-575-4400	
General Inquiries/Information about the Project	Wayne Cheater	Region of Waterloo - Project Manager	519-575-4757 Ext. 3183	wcheater@regionofwaterloo.ca

Thank you for your co-operation and patience while these improvements are being undertaken. Please feel free to contact the undersigned with any concerns that you have regarding the proposed work on Ottawa Street.

Yours truly,



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cc: Mayor Berry Vrbanovic, City of Kitchener
Councillor Tom Galloway, Region of Waterloo
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Stephanie Brasseur, City of Kitchener

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