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City invites residents, businesses to open house on capital works program

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PENTICTON — The City of Penticton is inviting residents and businesses to attend an open house scheduled for Wednesday, May 23 that will explain the capital works projects to be undertaken this year.

“We have done things a little differently this year to make sure the community is aware of the work scheduled. We have sent out letters directly to residents and businesses, so they know ahead of time that construction could impact them,” said Tyler Figgitt, the City’s Design Supervisor. “We want everyone to know they are welcome to come to the meeting next week and ask questions about the projects. Our doors are open now and as the projects get underway.”

Council awarded the capital works contract to Cantex Okanagan Construction Ltd., who will install water mains, sanitary sewer mains, storm sewer improvements and repave roads. Roads slated for some or extensive improvements include: Alberta Avenue, Alexander Avenue, Ellis Street, Nanaimo Avenue, Naramata Road, Maple Street, Robinson Street, SOEC parking lot, Waterloo Avenue. Potential projects that depend on timing include Main Street between Industrial and Warren Avenues, and Perkins Crescent.

Some projects will entail significant amount of works along selected streets and could include road, curb, gutter and sidewalk works, and underground utility upgrades. The contractor will meet weekly with City staff to review progress made and adjust construction schedules accordingly.

During construction, there will be traffic, access and utility disruptions. Residents and businesses will be notified in writing 48 hours in advance of planned interruptions of utility service or access. The City will work hard to avoid unplanned emergency disruptions of utility services or property accesses. If these occur, City staff and contractors will take all steps necessary to provide prompt information to affected parties and restore service and access as quickly as possible.

“We ask the public to be patient with us as this work progresses. These annual maintenance projects are important to keeping our City functioning,” Figgitt said.

The public open house will be held Wednesday May 23, 2012, at 5 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. The contractor and City staff will be present to review the proposed schedule and answer any questions or concerns residents or businesses might with respect to the project.

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Capital works projects for 2012

The City of Penticton's contract with Cantex Okanagan Construction Ltd. specifies that any water service disruption requires hand delivered notifications, by the contractor, to any affected dwellings 48 hours prior to any planned disruptions. The contract also restricts such disruptions to between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Underground work of this nature, however, can cause unplanned emergency disruptions to service. In such cases, the contractor will provide prompt information on the anticipated length of disruption and will work diligently to restore service as quickly as possible. Homeowners may wish to maintain a standby store of water for either a planned or emergency interruption to water supply.

Street	Works
Alexander Avenue – Lakeview Street to Power Street	Water main replacement, hydrant installation, asphalt repaving, sidewalk and curb and gutter repairs
Ellis Street – Nanaimo Avenue to Eckhardt Avenue	Water main replacement, hydrant installation, asphalt patching, minor sidewalk, and curb and gutter repairs
Nanaimo Avenue – Main Street to Ellis Street	Water main replacement, hydrant installation, asphalt patching, minor sidewalk, and curb and gutter repairs
Robinson Street – Nanaimo Avenue to Westminster Avenue	Water main replacement, hydrant installation, asphalt repaving, minor sidewalk, and curb and gutter repairs
Naramata Road – Upper Bench Road to Randolph Road	Repaving full width
Maple Street – Rene Avenue to Birch Avenue	Sanitary sewer replacement, asphalt patching
Alberta Avenue	Sanitary sewer replacement, asphalt patching
SOEC parking lot	Paving gravel area on west side of property
Waterloo Avenue to Duncan Avenue (Easement Through Private Lands)	Water main installation, hydrant installation, asphalt repaving, minor sidewalk, and curb and gutter repairs
Perkins Crescent (optional)	Water main replacement, hydrant installation, asphalt repaving, minor sidewalk, and curb and gutter repairs
Main Street – Industrial Avenue to Warren Avenue (optional)	Repaving south-bound lanes, hydrant installation, minor storm sewer work, and curb and gutter repairs

The contractor's construction schedule for each street may be revised due to delays from weather, unforeseen underground conditions and material deliveries.

Those with questions are welcome to call 250-490-2522.