

2019 ROAD CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

As part of the 2019 capital works program, the Town is undertaking a major project to replace utilities and enlarge storm sewer capacity from Hampton Road to the river in the vicinity of the Rothesay Common. Infrastructure in this neighbourhood is some of the oldest in the community and in some places extends onto private property.

The project includes obtaining permission for a rail crossing that involved closing of the track for several days and a watercourse alteration permit to allow seasonal work on the edge of the river at Rothesay Park Road.

Most of the underground utilities (water and sewer lines) are being replaced in addition to installing a large (5-foot diameter) storm sewer pipe which is expected to resolve a number of storm drainage issues in the vicinity. Church Avenue is being widened to provide better traffic flow and enhanced safety.

The Provincial Government is also funding resurfacing of Hampton Road from Almon Lane to Rothesay Corner. Before the resurfacing can be done, it is imperative that underground pipework be inspected and replaced where necessary. This project was not originally scheduled for 2019 but was moved up on the work schedule when provincial funds (\$278,000) became available. Sidewalks and curb are also being replaced. A new culvert has been installed across Hampton Road by the Scotiabank and Rothesay Park Road has been raised to improve access during the spring freshet, a project not included in the original work program and done at reduced cost due to materials available from the excavations for the storm sewer project.

Work remaining to be done includes placement of base asphalt on Station Road, Gondola Point Road and Rothesay Park Road beginning next week. Concrete work on Hampton Road will also begin next week. Concrete work on Church Avenue will begin the week of October 28th and final paving is scheduled to take place during the second and third week of November.

The supervising engineers on the job are Crandall and exp and the contractors are Galbraith Construction and Terraex. The contractors have worked with the consulting engineers and the Town to maximize the value for the expenditures and this has at times meant work stopped in one location so it can proceed in another.

This is a major project for the town and we appreciate that it continues to be a strain on the patience of those that use the roads daily. The Town wishes to assure you that all steps are being taken to complete the project on schedule by the end of November and at the least possible cost to Town taxpayers. Thank you for your tolerance.