



Construction Newsletter #11 – November 5, 2020

Berford Street Reconstruction and Streetscaping Improvement Project George Street to Division Street

What's happened since the last newsletter?

The Contractor, Bridge Excavating Ltd., has completed the majority of the road construction in preparation for the travelled lanes to be paved in asphalt.

The hydroelectric vaults have been installed and the shallow utility ducts nearing completion.

Installation of the rest of the slide-rail pit shoring system was completed.

The large oil-grit separator (OGS) was delivered on four flatbed tractor-trailers. Dewatering began on the pit where the OGS will be installed – installation of this structure has to be meticulous, because any error in the base will result in the pipe connections or surface being off!

What's coming up next?

Installation of mountable curb for barrier between travelled portion of roadway and parking areas

Installation of the OGS.

Paving of the travelled lanes of Berford Street so that these lanes can be reopened soon!

Removal of the last few portions of sidewalk to allow the completion of the duct banks and lines for the shallow utilities (hydro, telecom, gas).

Check out Sandra's interview with Laura Lisk on Page 3!

Laura and Bob
(missing Zac Goodacre,
owner of Lamblicious)



Did you know?

The Oil-Grit Separator (OGS) used for this project is one of the largest in Ontario, servicing 52 hectares (over 128 acres)!



Delivery Day!
October 30, 2020



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Getting to know you: out and about with your Project Ambassador

In each issue, I'll be chatting with a local business owner, resident or visitor. Today's natter is with Laura from Lamblicious and Century 21 Real Estate.

Sandra: How long have you been in Wiarton?

Laura: My son, Zachary Goodacre, farms sheep locally so we opened Lamblicious in May 2019. At the same time, we joined forces with Mike, our broker, and opened the Century 21 office.

Sandra: So you weren't here very long when you learned about the Big Dig and also faced COVID restrictions. How did you react?

Laura: Exposure, exposure, exposure would be key to success so we created signs directing people to the business. We had to educate our clients on how to find us, so we sent out a newsletter to them as well as being active on social media and using radio advertising. We were also able to get a grant through RTO7.

Sandra: RTO7? What's that?

Laura: It stands for Regional Tourism Organization 7. They offer grants to local businesses to help them deal with COVID. (Check out RTO7.ca. At time of writing, there were still grants available for PPE.)

Sandra: Was your business affected by this summer's double whammy?

Laura: Yes, we took a big hit. One challenge was getting people to the business. Normally, through-traffic could easily pull into our front parking area, but now they have to break the flow of traffic on Gould to get down William Street to the back entrance. We reduced our hours—we're no longer open on Sunday—and we opened a second location in Sauble in June.

Sandra: When the underground work is completed, the road is paved and the streetscaping is in place, I can see many residents and visitors alike wanting to shop downtown Wiarton. It's such a great location, I can see it becoming a real destination.

Join me next issue for a chat with Bonnie from Huron Bay Co-op and some area residents!

Sandra

Ever wonder what internet cables look like in the ground? Here's your answer! These are the ducts that the cables are pulled through afterwards.



Road Closures:

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- **Berford Street** is closed to vehicle traffic between the parkette (south of William Street) and north of Division Street.
- **Berford Street from the parkette (south of William) to George is open to local traffic only** as it is now “no exit”.
- **Division Street from Berford Street to Bayview Drive** is closed.
- The **Beer Store** is accessible from the north end of Warton only. Please use the detours provided and access Berford Street from Jenny Street/County Road 13.

Customer access to the businesses is provided via side streets, rear parking lots and pedestrian access. If you require special accommodation, please contact the business owner or the Project Ambassador for current accessibility conditions.

Business owners needing accommodation for deliveries should contact the Project Ambassador.

Access for emergency vehicles will always be maintained.

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Who do I call If I have a question?

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Please call **Sandra LeFaucheur, your Project Ambassador**, with any questions or concerns related to the construction or for personal or business-related accommodation needs.

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Sandra LeFaucheur, your Project Ambassador

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R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited is administering the project on behalf of the Town. If you have any questions regarding the construction, you may also call a Burnside representative between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday to Friday, and your call will be responded to as soon as possible.

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