

November 9, 2016

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

**Reconstruction of Regional Road 1 (Dominion Road)
From Burleigh Road to Buffalo Road
In the Town of Fort Erie
Our File: O.01.01 77 001 1508**

Project Description

Niagara Region is undertaking upgrades to Regional Road 1 (Dominion Road) from Burleigh Road to Buffalo Road. See Key Plan on back. The project includes the reconstruction of the road within the existing roadway right-of-way between the Burleigh Road and Buffalo Road intersections and the replacement of the Regional transmission watermain between Bernard Avenue and Rose Hill Road.

Project Schedule

The project is in the Request for Proposal stage. Proposal submissions are due to Niagara Region by the end of 2016. The project team will review technical and financial proposals with a recommendation for award in early 2017. Construction is anticipated to commence in the spring/summer 2017 with completion anticipated in the fall 2018. Following the award of the contract, residents will be invited to attend a Public Information Centre to review construction staging and timing. Residents will be informed throughout construction of any lane restrictions, lane closures or road closures.

Private Water Service Connections

Regional staff is working with the Town of Fort Erie to address removing private service connections from the Regional watermain. It is the best practice of the Region, as well as several other municipalities in Ontario, to remove any existing private service connections from transmission watermains at the time that road and/or watermain is reconstructed, at which time, the connection will be removed and suitably connected to another water source, in this case, the new local watermain. Such practice will better protect the water supply from potential risk of contamination from external sources.

Regional staff has determined that a separate local distribution watermain along Regional Road 1 (Dominion Road) to supply the residents who are currently serviced with water would provide the best risk reduction to the Regional watermain.

Some important information for homeowners regarding private water service connections:

- **Homeowners with an existing water service connection on record with the Town of Fort Erie:**

Service connection will be replaced to meet current standards (if required) and reconnected to the new local watermain. No cost or permit will be required.

- Homeowners with an existing water service connection not on record with the Town of Fort Erie:

Homeowners will need to notify the Town to ensure reconnection of the service to the new local watermain. Homeowners will be required to pay for the new water service from the new watermain to the property line, will be required to apply for a Town plumbing permit and a water service connection permit. Please contact the Town of Fort Erie to confirm these fees. Private side water service from the property line to the home are to be completed by the homeowner's contractor and at the homeowner's expense. If the homeowner chooses not to install the water service during construction, they will not be authorized to install a water service at a later date.

- Homeowners that do not have an existing water service connection but are interested in connecting to the new local watermain:

Contact the Town of Fort Erie. Homeowners will be required to pay for the new water service from the new watermain to the property line, will be required to apply for a Town plumbing permit and a water service connection permit. Private side water service from the property line to the home are to be completed by the homeowner's contractor and at the homeowner's expense. If the homeowner chooses not to install the water service during construction they will not be authorized to install a water service at a later date.

RESIDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONTACT THE TOWN OF FORT ERIE IN MID-FEBRUARY 2017 TO DISCUSS ANY OF THE ABOVE SCENARIOS.

Project Contact Information

For additional project information related to the road reconstruction or water servicing, residents are encouraged to contact the following project team members:

- Road Reconstruction: Michael Wilson, A.Sc.T., Project Manager, Niagara Region, 905-980-6000 ext. 3183, michael.wilson@niagararegion.ca
- Water Service Connections: Robert Judd, P.Eng., Engineering Division, Town of Fort Erie, 905-871-1600 ext. 2412, rjudd@town.forterie.on.ca

