



**Cedar Street Stormwater Class Environmental Assessment
Virtual Public Meeting
November 25, 2020
Questions & Answers from the Live Discussion**

Q: Will the dry pond be the one at 23 Cedar that is already existing? Can it maintain a large degree of water if so?

A: No, the proposed ponds are on the church property.

Q: Are the hydro lines staying above ground?

A: Yes

Q: Will there be street lighting added?

A: Yes, street lighting is included in the proposals.

Q: The plan to increase the road width to 7m - what is the current width?

A: The current width varies, but some areas are as narrow as 5.5m to 6m

Q: Currently there will be times that people park their vehicles on the side of the street - how will this be considered?

A: Mountable curbs are proposed, which can be driven over by cars. Sidewalks cannot be blocked by parked cars. Residents are encouraged to submit input about parking on the road.

Q: Will the reconstruction include street parking?

A: No on street parking is currently proposed.

Q: Will this be done prior to or after the Pinevest new development?

A: The work on Cedar Street could precede Pinevest's site works or it could possibly occur at the same time. It will be coordinated with the County of Brant and the developer to avoid negative impacts on the new works on Cedar Street.

Q: Is the drainage on the church property going to be resolved? It floods every storm.

A: The drainage on the church property will be addressed by the new storm sewers.

Q: What happens to the street after Laurie Ann Lane. The closed section? Is a Sidewalk going there? If there is a sidewalk there, who shovels that?

A: A sidewalk connecting to the trail on Rest Acres will be constructed. The County will maintain and clear the sidewalk.

Q: Will this project take place in 2021 or 2022?

A: Construction is planned for 2021.

Q: "Mark - can you meet me to discuss tree removing, etc."

A: Yes, I would be happy to meet any residents on site to discuss the details of their property.

Q: Will the permanent closure of Cedar Street at Rest Acres Rd which has already occurred, have a negative impact on construction traffic?

A: We do not foresee any issues as there will still be two accesses to Cedar Street.

Q: Are we making use of the natural contours of the north end of the street or will we change elevations?

A: We are proposing to raise the road at the low area near the church property. This will push the runoff stormwater to the east side of the road, into Pond 1 on the church property.

Q: How will the new Pinevest development be engineered into this plan?

A: We have been sharing AutoCAD drawings to date to ensure that the proposed entrances and servicing aligns.

Q: How will Laurie Ann Lane traffic be impacted during and after the construction?

A: Traffic during construction may increase slightly. Following construction, traffic volumes should be like today, except for a slight increase due to the new development.

Q: What potential personal costs do some residents need to be aware of?

A: Most of the work will be funded by taxation. The property owners who receive a new water or sanitary service to their property will be responsible for connection fees, but the County will discuss these directly with those owners.

Q: Has any consideration be given to closing the East-west section of Cedar street from Laurie Ann lane? i.e. making 2 no through roads and thereby reducing through traffic

A: No, this was not really considered since a thru-street is preferred for several reasons such as garbage collection, snow removal and emergency response.

Q: The County mentioned spring-summer development. How could this happen when a residential development will also start then?

A: Our target for construction is summer 2021, but depending on several factors, including permits and the archaeological investigation, it might be pushed back.

Q: Have all of the mapping software companies (Garmin, Google Maps, MapQuest etc.) been advised of the permanent closure of Cedar Street at Rest Acres Road?

A: We will have to check into this with our GIS group

Q: The corner on the east side of Laurie Ann and Cedar is not large enough for the two turning traffic flows. The sign already took a beating. Is this being addressed?

A: Yes, the sign should be replaced soon. The proposed work will modify the curbing, as shown on the drawings, to better accommodate traffic turning.

Q: Will there be a road closed sign put a Laurie Ann Lane going toward rest acres?

A: The proposed curbing should make it evident to drivers that this section is road is closed – it should look like a laneway entrance. If necessary, signage can be installed.

Q: Will there be a curb on the outside of the lane at the corner?

A: Yes, there will be a curb there.

Q: Will this presentation be accessible after the presentation is completed?

A: Yes, on the website at <https://brant.ca/CedarStreetEA/>

Q: How would the garbage truck get through there then?

A: Your garbage will have to be set out at the curve at Cedar/Laurie Ann Lane

Q: We have already had people come to our house using their GPS Units which have gotten lost or confused since the permanent closure does not yet show on their GPS units!

A: We will check whether the updated mapping has been sent for use by GPS units.

Q: Will a sidewalk connect from Cedar St. up to Rest Acres Road?

A: Yes, a sidewalk will connect to Rest Acres Road through the closed section of Cedar Street.

Q: Will the closed part of Cedar Street be repaved?

A: Yes

Q: Will the sanitary/water reconstruction affect The Cedars condo complex?

A: There will be a short shutdown to make the connection. This will be coordinated with the condo.

Q: Will affected lawn areas be seeded or sod?

A: Disturbed lawns will be restored with sod.

Q: Are any speed bumps a consideration to go on Cedar Street?

A: No speed bumps are proposed. The proposed 3-way stop should help to slow traffic.

Q: When will we have confirmation on start-time for the work?

A: The County will circulate a Notice of Construction before any work begins.

Q: Is the plan for sidewalks on both sides of Cedar for the South Road Plan?

A: Sidewalks are only proposed for one side due to the narrow road corridor. The sidewalks are proposed for the south side and west side.

Q: Will this effect the sewer pumps at all?

A: They will require a short shutdown to make the connection to the new force main. This will be coordinated with owners.

Q: Who will be responsible for clearing snow from the sidewalk in the winter?

A: Property owners will be responsible for this, except the section from Laurie Ann to Rest Acres where we are closing the road

Q: Will the large tree at the bend on cedar be taken down?

A: Yes, unfortunately, this tree must be removed for the road improvements.

Q: Will there be changes to on street parking on Cedar Street?

A: No on street parking is proposed. Please provide input about on street parking preferences.

Q: Will the new construction of sanitary/water system be independent of The Cedars condo current sanitary system?

A: Yes, it is independent, except for the proposed common force main in the Cedar Street road allowance.

Q: Is there a plan to replace trees, etc. that are being removed?

A: We are not proposing any replacement trees for the road corridor as it is very narrow and trees would likely conflict with the sidewalk or other buried utilities.

Q: What is the normal width of a street in Paris?

A: Street widths vary depending on the road type, traffic volumes, neighborhood, parking requirements and the standards that were in place when the street was constructed. A typical street like Cedar Street may have a paved width ranging from 8.0m – 9.5m in a standard road corridor.

Q: Any chance of a few trees being planted in the water pond area behind The Cedars where trees have died? The pond area behind The Cedars is maintained by Brant County.

A: We will investigate this with our Stormwater Management maintenance staff.

Q: Will it be a cement sidewalk or asphalt?

A: It will be a concrete sidewalk.

Q: Does having a 3 way stop mean the addition of a cross walk?

A: A cross walk should not be required since the sidewalk follows the outside of the bend. Pedestrians will also have the right-of-way at stop signs.

Q: Could I please have David Bailey's email address?

A: david.bailey@brant.ca