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**Re: 2010 King Street construction project update**

Dear business owner/resident,

The City of Kitchener is excited by the progress that has been made on Phase 2 of the King Street reconstruction project. Construction began on April 5, 2010 and is progressing well.

We remain committed to keeping you informed and would like to take this opportunity to provide an update on construction. Based on questions we've received from stakeholders, we have developed some frequently asked questions, which relate to the results of last year's construction.

As of today:

- Young Street reopened to two-way traffic on Friday, June 04, 2010
- Gaukel Street will reopen to two-way traffic on Monday, June 14, 2010.

Next steps:

- The intersection at Water and King streets will close on Monday, June 14 for approximately two weeks. (weather permitting)
- Construction will begin on stage 5 (Water to Francis streets) will begin Monday, June 14, in advance of completing stage 4b (Young to College streets). Gaukel Street to College Street will open upon the completion of stage 4b (College to Water streets)
- Final road resurfacing in Phase I (from Young to Frederick streets) is scheduled to begin Monday, June 21, 2010. Before the paving begins, crews will work at night to adjust the maintenance holes on King Street.

Please find attached a list of common questions regarding the first phase of the project, as well as our corresponding responses.

We would like to thank you very much for your ongoing co-operation and patience throughout this complex construction project. If you any have further questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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## **Reconstructing King Street FAQ's**

As a business owner or resident in downtown Kitchener, you may have questions regarding the outcome of Phase 1 of the King Street reconstruction.

Knowing this, the City of Kitchener has compiled a list of frequently asked questions regarding this project, as well as detailed responses.

### **1. Why is there a two-inch height difference between the curb and the road surface on King Street?**

The final surface coat of asphalt has not yet been applied. This is scheduled to take place the week of June 21 and will take approximately two days to complete. During this time, the road will need to be closed. Once this work is complete, there will no longer be a difference in height between the curb and road surface.

### **2. Some of the newly planted trees appear to be wilting; and some have been damaged. Will these trees be replaced?**

Yes. The damaged trees along King Street will be replaced in the next two weeks. This work will be done at night, to lessen the impact on businesses.

### **3. What is the city doing to improve the appearance of the new planters along the street?**

The planters installed along King Street last summer are not yet complete. The final pieces of granite cladding for the planters are scheduled to arrive the week of June 14<sup>th</sup>, once the granite arrives the pieces will be installed, new plants will be added along with mulch. This entire process will take approximately two weeks to complete.

### **4. Why are there pipes and hoses in the planters?**

These pipes are part of the irrigation system that was installed in all the new planters along King Street. These pipes are attached to the watermain and will provide water for the planters. Once all the work on the planters is complete, the irrigation system will be hooked up and the pipes will be buried below the soil and mulch.

### **5. When will the t-intersection at Gaukel Street and King Street reopen?**

The t-intersection at Gaukel Street and King Street is scheduled to reopen Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. However, Gaukel Street to College Street will open upon the completion of stage 4b (College to Water streets) in early July.

### **6. Is the roadway in front of city hall being reduced to one-way traffic?**

No. The new style of curb of curb we've installed may make the roadway appear to be reduced; but the roadway will in fact be accessible to two-way traffic once construction is complete.

The roadway in front of city hall has been elevated slightly and concrete has been used in the roadway so that civic square appears to be extended right across the road. Civic Square is utilized all year round for various special events, this new improved space will provide larger areas for these annual events.

### **7. When will all of the work on King Street be completed?**

The construction along King Street is scheduled to be completed by the end of September 2010. There will be additional work taking place after Oktoberfest (crosswalk work etc.)

### **8. Who can I contact is I have any questions regarding the construction?**

If you have questions regarding Reconstructing King Street, please contact:

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