



Municipality of
Dutton Dunwich

Miller Road Construction – Frequently Asked Questions

What is this project?

The Project involves:

- Replacing aging watermain infrastructure on a portion of Miller Road, from Pioneer Line to Currie Road (8" cement asbestos waterlines installed ~1960),
- A sanitary sewer which will connect 22 homes is also planned to be installed on the non-serviced portion of the roadway,
- Eliminating a sanitary sewer pumping station,
- Installing new storm sewers for better drainage,
- Lowering the roadway to allow for better drainage,
- Installing new curb, gutter and sidewalk from Pioneer Line to Currie Road,
- Paving entryway down into Sons of Scotland Park.

What will I have to pay to get sanitary sewer servicing?

As part of this project the homeowners will be paying for the ability to hook into the municipal sewer system. The costs include:

- **Sanitary Sewers and Services:** The estimated total cost for sewer servicing is \$2,000 per home. This cost is to be paid by the individual homeowners. The final cost of the sewers will be determined once the construction of the project is complete.
- **Wastewater Treatment** – In accordance with the Municipality's Fees By-Law, a connection fee of \$1,000 must be paid by each homeowner to the Municipality of Dutton Dunwich, when they apply for the connection permit to connect to the municipal system, to cover the costs associated with the Municipality's wastewater treatment plant and trunk sewer system.
- **Private Sewer Connection** - The full cost of the sewer pipe from the property line to the homes internal sewer system must be paid by the homeowner. The homeowner must contact a private contractor to complete this work. The cost varies from house to house and depends on: the location of the septic tank, any trees that may be in the way, the construction method used, and any existing amenities the homeowner may have in their yard (i.e. sheds, patios, decks).

What does the municipality pay as part of this work?

As part of this project the municipality will be paying for lifecycle replacement of the existing municipal infrastructure in the subdivision. The costs include: Storm Sewers and Services and Sidewalks - full costs are covered under the Municipality's infrastructure budget through general tax revenues.

- **Watermains and Services** - full costs are covered under the Municipality's water infrastructure budget through water rates.
- **Road Construction** - The road construction costs will be shared between the Municipality of Dutton Dunwich and the County of Elgin as Miller Road is under the ownership and jurisdiction of the County of Elgin.

Do we have to connect and pay for the sanitary sewer servicing?

Connecting to the sanitary sewer system is mandatory. Invoicing for the installation of the sanitary servicing will be done upon completion of the work. It is anticipated that invoicing will be carried out in spring of 2017.

Why do we have to pay for sanitary sewer servicing?

Homeowners are responsible for paying the initial cost for any municipal services they receive. If you buy a house in a new subdivisions this price has been factored into the cost of the building lot.

Once the services are installed the municipality assumes ownership of the infrastructure and the municipality is responsible for operation, maintenance and life-cycle replacement of the

infrastructure. The municipality pays for operation, maintenance and life-cycle replacement using the money gained from the sewer servicing fees that are included on your water bill.

How can we pay for this work?

The homeowner can either make a one-time payment for the work or they can finance the work at a specified interest rate for annual payments applied to the tax bill over a 10 year period. The residual financed balance can be paid back in full at any time.

When do we have to pay for this work?

The full cost of the work will be known once construction is finished. The expected finish date is December 2016. It is likely that the project will be billed to the homeowners in spring of 2017.

When do I have to connect to the new system?

Once the full costs of the project are known following the completion of construction, the Municipality will notify you in regards to connection timelines. We estimate this final connection date will be early fall 2017.

When will the construction take place?

It is expected that construction will commence in late spring of 2016 and it should be completed in December 2016.

Project Completion

The majority of construction will be completed in 2016 however some restoration and final lift of asphalt will not be completed until 2017.

Process to Decommission an Onsite Septic System

- Directly connect or modify existing sanitary plumbing to the municipal sewer.
- There must be a clean out either just inside or outside the residence as well as at the street property line. (Contact a Qualified Contractor).
- The existing tile bed may remain in the ground.
- The existing septic tank must be pumped clean and at least the top removed (by a Qualified Contractor).
- It is recommended that the entire tank be removed but it is not always possible to do so.
- Backfill with clean native fill.

Who will construct the sewer connection on my property?

- The homeowner must contact a private contractor to complete this work. The Yellowpages lists a number of contractors and plumbers that can complete this work. Several homeowners may decide to come together and attempt to get a group rate from a contractor.

Garbage/Recycling Collection

Progressive Waste will try to accommodate Garbage and Recycling collection by implementing the following:

- If the road is open, pick up will be as usual.
- If only one side of the road is open they will pick up but request that residents put their garbage on one side of the road (the open side).
- If the road is not passable, then garbage and recycling can be piled at an intersection so it can be collected i.e., Pioneer/Miller; Miller/Centre,
- If Progressive Waste can only get as far as Lions Road, garbage and recycling will be picked up to that point and the remainder will be picked up at Pioneer/Miller.

Emergency Services

Since the construction is being planned section by section the road should be open for emergency response during the construction time.

Road Access

The project will be completed in staged areas where deep excavations are required to install the sanitary sewer. Through traffic will be disrupted during most of the project, however, access to properties along Miller Road will be available from either Pioneer Line or Currie Road. During shorter intervals, direct access to a private drives may be unavailable.

School Timing and Access

The Thames Valley District School Board has been notified that another access route will be required to pick up children from the last three weeks in June until the end of November 2016. The School Board will be sending out notices to parents.

Street Lighting

Three-light standard at Currie Road and Miller Street will be removed and replaced with alternative lighting. A photometric assessment will be done to ensure sufficient lighting at this intersection.

Driveways

Driveway materials that are disturbed during construction (ie., bricks, concrete etc.) will be put back to the sidewalk to the best ability of the contractor.

On the “no sidewalk” side there will be a paved apron to a safe distance if there is gravel, to avoid gravel in the drains. Pavement will be from the curb to the property line.

Boulevard Features

If you have a garden, trees, irrigation or garden features etc., on the boulevard they will be removed during construction, unless you wish to salvage these items from the boulevard prior to construction.

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