

WATER STREET

The Water Street underground infrastructure is 100+ years old and has been identified for replacement/rehabilitation and sewer separation.

PROJECT PLAN

Phase 1 (2018) – Queen Street to Bishop's Cove—COMPLETE

Phase 2 (2019) – Bishop's Cove to Ayre's Cove—COMPLETE

Phase 3 (2020) – Ayre's Cove to Clift's-Baird's Cove—SPRING 2020

Phase 4 (2021) – Clift's-Baird's Cove to Job's Cove

Phase 5 (2022) – Install liner in brick sewer & Waldegrave/Water Street intersection



SCOPE OF WORK: 2020

Phase III work includes installation of new manholes, catch basins, storm and sanitary sewer and CIPP (cured-in-place pipe) lining of the watermain. Most underground work will be at or near the intersection of Water Street and Ayre's Cove.

There is a significant amount of underground utility (power and communications) infrastructure at the intersections. Traditional excavation is not permitted near this infrastructure for safety reasons and hydro excavation is required.

Hydro excavation is loud while work is being completed. The City apologizes for this inconvenience.

Temporary water above ground will be required to facilitate the watermain lining.



The intersection will be upgraded to include Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS) and bump outs similar to the intersections completed in 2018 and 2019 (see photo at top of page).

SERVICE DISRUPTION

The City will maintain a **Business Liaison** on the ground for this project. The City will make every effort to maintain access to all businesses and properties in the work zone for the duration of the project.

Temporary water connection will require the contractor to coordinate with each property owner to determine the best time to connect and remove the property from the temporary system.

Parking will be impacted throughout the work zone. Meters will be bagged as required to facilitate the work. One-way traffic and temporary detours will be in place for pedestrians and motorists as needed.

Deliveries/garbage collection will be maintained, and the Water Street Business Liaison will work with property managers and business owners to mitigate delays as much as possible.



KEEP INFORMED AND SUPPORT DOWNTOWN

There are many ways to be involved and to keep informed:

- Sign up to follow the project at engagestjohns.ca.
- Attend the startup information session in March 2020 (exact date to be announced).
- Attend the debrief session in July 2020 (exact date to be announced) or provide feedback to the business liaison.
- Participate in the #lovedowntown campaign to promote your business.
- If you have ideas on how to improve signage during the next phase of construction, please contact engage@stjohns.ca.
- If you want to get involved with the Downtown St. John's Business Commission to promote the downtown, please contact Gaylynne or Scott at Downtown St. John's at **709-576-4139** or visit downtownstjohns.com.

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BACKGROUND AND IMPROVEMENTS

PHASE I 2018

The first phase of work, between Queen Street and Bishop's Cove, started in early April 2018 and was completed by the first week of July. Two-way traffic was maintained for the majority of the work. Some detours were required. Following the first phase the City consulted with the business community and the public during a debrief session in July to seek feedback on how we could improve for Phase II.

PHASE II 2019

Phase II started April 1, 2019 and was completed by June 30. The following steps were taken during Phase II as a result of the 2018 debrief and public feedback:

- A signage committee comprised of City staff, businesses, Downtown St. John's and Destination St. John's was created in January 2019. The committee provided direction on a number of signage initiatives.
 - o Large pole wrap signs were installed at both ends of the construction zone stating "Water Street is Open for Business"
 - o Business listing signs were located at each corner of the work zone on Water Street
 - o Business name signs were used to help direct pedestrian traffic throughout the construction
- The #lovedowntown campaign was promoted by the City and Downtown St. John's, weekly prizes were awarded.
- The dedicated business liaison position was maintained.
- Traffic was reduced to one-way only in the work zone in an effort to cut down on traffic congestion.
- Additional flag persons were assigned to help pedestrians and motorists safely navigate the work area.

A debrief meeting took place in July 2019 to determine improvements for 2020. Feedback from the business community has been considered and incorporated into the plan for 2020 where possible.

PHASE III 2020

If you are a business owner located between Ayre's Cove and Clift's Baird's Cove you are encouraged to reach out to Downtown St. John's and learn more about the #lovedowntown campaign and share your ideas for promoting downtown business during the next phase. Contact Downtown St. John's at 709-576-4139 or visit downtownstjohns.com.

