

## Traffic Pilot Project – Duckworth-Plymouth Loop

Dear Resident:

Please be advised that Duckworth Street, Plymouth Road, and Quidi Vidi Road will be reconfigured in two weeks time as part of a traffic pilot project. Construction is expected to take place on September 5 to 6.

The intersections of Quidi Vidi Road with Duckworth Street and Plymouth Road have been raised by the public many times as confusing and hazardous locations.

The changes will create a new loop traffic pattern and include:

- Changing Duckworth Street to one-way only between Cavendish Square and Quidi Vidi Road, travel will only be permitted eastbound (toward Signal Hill)
- Changing Plymouth Road to one-way only between Quidi Vidi Road and Cavendish Square, travel will only be permitted westbound (toward downtown)
- Changing Quidi Vidi Road to one-way only between Duckworth Street and Plymouth Road, travel will only be permitted northbound (toward Quidi Vidi)
- Introducing a few traffic islands to help guide motorists through the new configuration
- Addition of a variety of signs to help inform people about the new traffic pattern
- Highlighting Cook's Hill as a turnaround location and adding a new turnaround location at the junction of Duckworth Street and Plymouth Road

We hope that by making the changes we will realize several benefits:

- The area will be less confusing and safer to drive through
- Traffic will flow more smoothly
- Pedestrian safety will improve as vehicles travel along more clearer, predictable, paths

There will be some inconvenience to local residents and visitors as some travel routes will become a bit less direct. This will be a temporary measure to remain in place until mid-autumn. It will be removed before snow clearing operations begin for the winter season. At that time the existing conditions will be reinstated.

During this trial period the City's Transportation Engineering group will monitor the area. Near the end of the pilot project a public survey will be circulated to gather direct feedback from those affected. The observations and public feedback will be combined in an evaluation of the pilot project and presented to City Council to determine if the changes will become a permanent feature of the area.

You can learn more about this and other pilot projects online here:  
<http://www.engagestjohns.ca/traffic-pilot-projects>

Thank you for your cooperation and participation in this traffic pilot project.

Sincerely,

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