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**Re: Downtown utility replacement project**

Dear Resident/Business Owner:

Council approved a budget amendment to accelerate the replacement of aging downtown deep utilities and roads on North Railway Street from McRae Street to Poplar Avenue (see image on reverse). Infrastructure in this area was installed in the 1950s and replacement is required. The budget amendment will allow construction to start this year, rather than in 2022 as was originally planned in the Town's 10-year Capital Plan.

Accelerating the timeline means work can be started while many businesses are closed and residents are staying home during the COVID-19 crisis, limiting disruption to neighbouring businesses, residents and downtown activities.

This work is part of the Town's regular capital infrastructure program; construction is expected to start in June and take approximately 6 weeks. These necessary upgrades, which will be completed in phases, are part of the Town's ongoing efforts to help improve the downtown, support economic recovery and growth, and ensure that infrastructure is reliable. The Town will work closely with area businesses, residents and other stakeholders to minimize impacts and address their concerns about the project.

Continuing to invest in infrastructure improvements downtown is especially important as the community works towards economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. Construction is considered an essential service, and following Provincial direction, going forward with projects like this is a priority for the Town.

Funding for the deep utility replacement comes from utility reserves, which are earmarked specifically for projects of this nature. Recent tendered construction costs have been considerably lower than previous years, so completing the work this summer could result in cost savings for the Town and help mitigate future impact.

Deep utility replacement construction details and updates will be available once plans are finalized at [www.okotoks.ca/construction](http://www.okotoks.ca/construction).

For more project information, please feel free to contact me. If you require specific business operations information, please contact Economic Development Monday - Friday, 12-4pm, at 403-938-8052, or you can email [ecdevokotoks@okotoks.ca](mailto:ecdevokotoks@okotoks.ca).

Sincerely,



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