

Memo

To: Members of Council
From: Transportation & Engineering Department
CC: Senior Leadership Team
Date: June 20, 2023
Subject: Bell Fibre Project 3013A
Wards: Wards 1 & 2

Background

Bell Canada will be starting construction of a new buried fibre project to better serve the residents with higher speed internet. The Bell project area 3013A is shown on the attached map and will extend into the Third Line subdivision area of Ward 1 and Ward 2. The construction work is expected to start in late June to early July 2023 and be active for approximately six months.

Project Information

The Bell contractor, Transpower, will be starting the project work to install new fibre conduit in the coming weeks. The project is adding a new fibre conduit to the subdivision streets on both sides of Third Line, south of Rebecca Street. The permitted work is expected to offer Bell fibre connections to approximately 400 homes on 16 streets in the area. The work will be taking place within the municipal roadway under permit by the town. The work is also expected to extend onto private property to install service lines to each home, where Bell will secure permission from the resident as Transpower moves down each street to install the fibre conduit.

Notice

The contractor for the project will be providing notice to the area in the form of a door hangers and sign boards on Third Line entry to the subdivision area. The first notice will be delivered 2 to 3 weeks prior to work starting in the area and is intended as construction notification, and to capture the interests of the residents to sign up for the new Bell fibre service connection. The second notice will be delivered 48 hours prior to the construction start of the project.

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Hours of Work

The contractor for Bell will be working within the hours of 7am to 7pm from Monday to Saturday, which is the permitted construction time under the Noise By-law 2008-98, as amended. The Bell contractor may be working some Saturdays over the project period.

Project Coordination

The Bell contractor will be working to install new fibre conduit within the project area #3013A. The contractor will have several crews participating in the various stages of fibre installation work. The work includes requesting locates from Ontario One Call, directional drilling and some open pit/ trench excavation to install new fibre conduit. Fibre cables and street furniture installation will follow and this will include connections to residential homes where permission will be secured from the resident prior to installation. The boulevard restoration work will follow as the project completes each street within the project area. The contractor is committed to maintaining a safe work site during all stages of the construction work. Town staff will be monitoring the work in the field, including the potential impacts to street trees.

Public Questions and Concerns

Bell and their contractor, Transpower, are both committed to answer questions and respond to concerns from the residents within the project area. The public notice will provide both contact information for Transpower and Bell Canada. Both Bell and their contractor are committed to secure permission from residents for the home fibre connection work and to mitigate all public concerns with the project construction. This commitment will help reduce the number of calls received by Service Oakville. Any inquiries related to this project received by Service Oakville will be forwarded to Bell and Transpower. Bell and Transpower are committed to track, monitor and bring each inquiry to resolution.

Questions and inquiries from Council Members can be forwarded to Service Oakville, which will be directed to Transportation and Engineering, Road Corridor and Records Team.