

# Town Of Souris Main Street Upgrades

Weekly Update: February 26, 2008

## Summary of meeting with Business Owners February 23, 2008

- It was acknowledged that there has been a lack of communication to date regarding the project. From now on, a weekly information sheet will be provided by ADI to the Town of Souris for distribution to the business owners and the public. The Town is to decide if posting to their web site is the most appropriate method.
- ADI has been hired by the Town to manage the project. All questions should be directed to the Town through the mayor or Thelma MacDonald. The question will be forwarded to ADI with a response provided in a timely fashion.
- A revised schedule was provided, which allowed for Main Street to be open as much as possible during July and August. It was presented that Sections 1 and 2 (from Beach to Sterns) be completed as early as possible, with a predicted date of mid July. Work would then be completed on Parkside and side streets during the remainder of July/August, then back to Main Street in September.
- It was indicated that for the above schedule to work, each section will have to be closed for the duration of the time that the work is being completed on that section. The contractor will be limited to working within one section at a time when on Main Street.
- The business owners asked if Section 2 could be split into 2 smaller sections, so that work could be completed off Main Street for all 8 weeks. Another suggestion was to allow work on Main Street next year on Sections 8 and 9 during the summer months, as this would not harm the core of Main Street.
- It was promised that the above suggestions would be investigated, and a second revision to the schedule would be provided by February 29<sup>th</sup>.

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- Regarding the alternate routes, PEI DOT&PW recognize that some roads will experience deterioration due to increased traffic loads. Repairs will be made to the areas as necessary.
- It was recommended that the business owners get together to come up with common parking areas for customers so that parking will be available adjacent to each section that is closed. The business owners and the Town should work together to come up with signage along the alternate routes, advertising the parking areas. ADI will provide large scale plans of each phase for the business owners to work with.
- It was recommended that the Town work with Tourism PEI to make certain that tourists are not discouraged from traveling to Souris by 'off the cuff' remarks from summer staff hired by Tourism.
- A summary of the tender award process was provided; ADI reviews the bids submitted for accuracy, completeness, and conformance to schedule requirements and budget. A letter of recommendation of award is sent to the Town of Souris and PEI DOT&PW. The Town of Souris will require a council vote to award the project.
- Representatives of CTMA expressed concern with the trucking route. The representatives were assured that the trucking route will be well marked, and communicated to them in time to notify the truckers. PEI DOT&PW will determine the actual route to be used. A local alternate route will also be determined for car traffic, and electronic signs will be posted at each end of the project indicating which portion of Main Street is accessible.
- ADI will be working closely with the utilities over the next few weeks to make sure that they keep ahead of construction with the pole relocations.

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**Schedule**

Tender date: April, 2008  
Phase I Start Date: late May, 2008  
Phase I Completion date: end of October, 2008

Revised phasing scheme to be provided as soon as possible.