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September 18, 2017

To: Homeowner and/or Tenant

**Re: BLACKFRIARS BRIDGE REHABILITATION
Tender No.: T17-72**

Dear Resident/Owner:

The City of London has awarded the Blackfriars Bridge Rehabilitation project to McLean Taylor Construction Limited (the Contractor), with Dillon Consulting Limited (the consultant) being retained as the City's Contract Administrator for this project.

The work will include the removal of the bridge this fall for over-winter repairs in a shop environment, and in 2018 abutment repairs, reinstallation of the repaired bridge, approach works on the east and west side, improved lighting, and pathway connections. Work is anticipated to be completed no later than November 2018.

The contractor is planning to begin moving equipment on site and set up his work zone on September 25, 2017.

Blackfriars Bridge will be closed to ALL traffic starting Monday October 2, 2017

McLean Taylor Construction Limited has advised that their working hours this fall will be from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday. They may also be working some Saturdays as well. Work will continue through the fall (September to mid-December, 2017). Once the bridge is removed, dismantled and transported off site, the area will be 'made safe' and vacated for the winter months. In 2018, McLean Taylor (M-T) will return to the site in late spring, begin reassembling the bridge, and re-installing it, along with the associated approach works.

Once construction begins, every effort will be made to minimize inconveniences, but please note the following:

Pedestrian/Cyclist Access:

Crossing the River:

Blackfriars Bridge will be closed to ALL traffic on Monday October 2, 2017. There will be no pedestrian/cyclist access across the river at this location until the fall of 2018. Detour signage will be posted directing users to cross the river at Queens Ave or Oxford Street.

Thames Valley Parkway (TVP)

On the east side of the river the TVP will remain open during the majority of the work. There will be short term closures scheduled in 2017 and 2018 in order to complete the necessary removal works and approach works on the east side of the river.

On the west side of the river, for safety reasons, traffic on the pathway will be detoured away from the river's edge along Napier Street between Empress Ave and Cummings Street. Detour signage will be placed.

Constructor Lay Down Area:

M-T has been given permission to use the open space area on the north-west corner of the bridge and Blackfriars Street with access off of Empress Ave/Napier Street as a "lay down area". They will be moving equipment and trailers into this space to support the work program. Fencing will be placed to delineate the area.

into this space to support the work program. Fencing will be placed to delineate the area, which will be off-limits for the public.

Tree Clearing & Tree Trimming

There will be tree clearing and trimming on the west side of the river completed this fall to accommodate the works. Removal/trimming of these trees has been reviewed and cleared with the City's Urban Forestry Division. A separate project is planned for the area following the bridge rehabilitation, to replace the West London Dyke. Trees removed for the bridge project on the west side of the river will be replaced during the West London Dykes project.

Garbage and Recycling Collection: The City and the Contractor will make every effort to maintain the garbage and Blue Box collection operations during the construction. The Contractor will assist in the collection and transporting of garbage and recycling if your pick-up point is blocked by construction. We recommend that you clearly label your containers with your name and address. For further information on your garbage and Blue Box service, please call the City of London at 661-CITY (2489) ext. 4585.

Vibration – protect valuables: While not expected to be an issue because of the nature of the work, the use of heavy equipment during construction can cause vibration. Please ensure that you have protected valuables that might be susceptible to damage.

People and Contacts: If you have any questions, concerns, or want clarification about this information, the following people are assigned to this specific project. As a reminder, Dillon Consulting will be acting as the Construction Administration for this project. Your primary contacts are:

City's Project Manager
Jane Fullick, C.E.T.
Transportation Planning and Design
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or
Dillon's Project Engineer
Chris Haines, P. Eng.
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Every effort will be made to minimize the inconvenience to you, your neighbours and the general public. Please contact the undersigned, the consultant's Project Engineer, the consultant's part-time on-site Construction Inspector (Curtis Watson 519-438-1288 Ext. 1280), or the Contractor's Site Superintendent (Clyde Cleveland 519-280-7316) immediately if you experience construction related problems, and thank you in advance for your patience.

Sincerely,



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- c: Councilor Tanya Park
K. Grabowski, Transportation Planning & Design
C. Haines, Dillon Consulting Limited
S. Schiedel, MacLean-Taylor Construction