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**MAIN STREET RECONSTRUCTION TEMPORARILY DELAYED
Town Assesses Options to Manage Impacted Soils
Discovered during Soil Sampling**

Whitchurch-Stouffville, ON – Reconstruction along Stouffville’s Main Street, which was scheduled to start in July, has been temporarily delayed.

Soil sampling between Stouffer Street and Tenth Line was completed to assess existing soil conditions and determine the associated requirements for soil management and disposal. Results of the laboratory analysis indicated levels of Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAH’s) that exceeded the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change’s Soil, Ground Water and Sediment Standards. PAH’s are typically related to fuel and incomplete combustion and include such materials as creosote-treated products or spills of petroleum products.

“Our first concern is always for the safety and well-being of our residents and workers,” said Rob Flindall, Director of Public Works. “The Town will ensure that the materials removed from the construction site are properly handled, including keeping dust to a minimum.”

The impacted soils are located below the asphalt road surface and do not pose a threat to public health.

The Town has determined that the best approach to manage the impacted soils is to safely dispose of all excavated material at a properly licensed facility.

The first phase of the Main Street reconstruction project consists of the replacement of the watermain, sanitary sewer, curbs, and road surface between Stouffer Street and the west leg of Tenth Line (a total length of approximately 510 meters). Construction is expected to resume by mid-August.

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