



MEETING INVITE

Date: February 1, 2011
To: Property Owners of the Minnehaha Woods Neighborhood Roadway Improvement Project No. BA 334
From: City of Edina and Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc. (SEH)
Reference: **What:** Private Sanitary Sewer Service Pipe Reconstruction Meeting
When: Thursday, February 10, 2011; 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
Where: **Edina Public Works Facility Multipurpose Room**
7450 Metro Boulevard

Bidding documents are now being prepared for the Minnehaha Woods Neighborhood Roadway Improvement Project. All of the underground utilities such as watermain and sanitary sewer main, including service pipe segments A, E, & C (shown below), are planned to be upgraded with this project. This also includes Centerpoint Energy's gas main and service pipes, which they will be upgrading prior to the City Contractor starting on your street. The reason for such upgrades is the age of the pipes and the expected life of the pipes; the older the pipes are the more maintenance is required for the system.

We invite you to come and learn more about this process and the options that are available. The agenda for the meeting is given below:

- 7:00 pm to 7:20 pm: Informal question and answer period with both City and SEH staff.
- 7:20 pm to 7:35 pm: Formal presentation by City and SEH staff about the impacts private sanitary sewer service pipe reconstruction will have on your property. This presentation will include a discussion of possible opportunities for property owners to organize into groups to obtain possible volume pricing from private plumbing companies.
- 7:35 pm to 7:55 pm: Formal question and answer period with both City and SEH staff.
- 7:55 pm to 8:30 pm: A second informal question and answer period just like the first one.

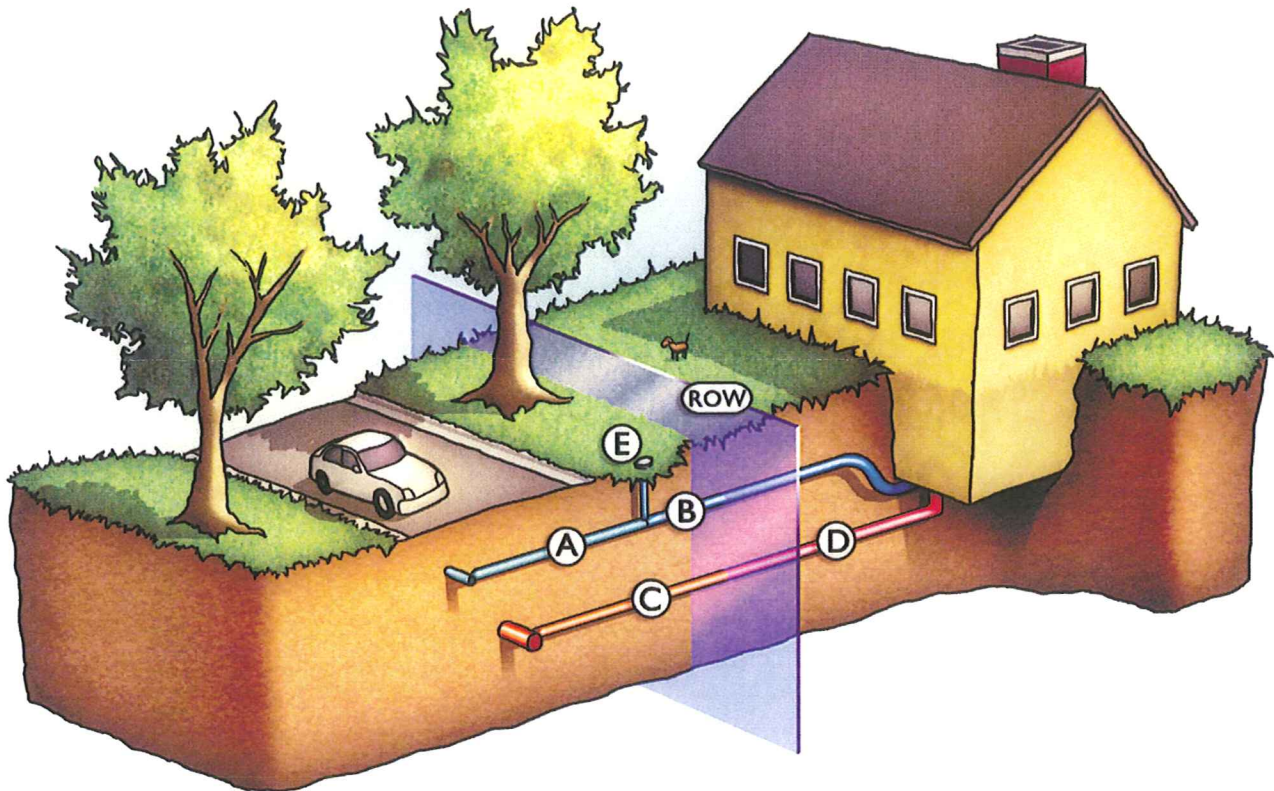
There will also be staff from licensed private plumbing companies that have previously performed work in the City of Edina to help answer questions you might have.

Different options:

The property owner in the City of Edina owns the sanitary sewer service from their home to the sanitary sewer main (pipe segments C & D). The property owner also owns the water service (pipe segment B) from their home to the water curb stop shown as pipe segment E.

The bid documents being prepared include plans for the City to reconstruct segment C of your private sanitary sewer service pipe between the trunk sanitary sewer pipe beneath the street and the right-of-way (ROW) line as shown in the sketch below. The cost to replace or upgrade this pipe segment is currently included in the proposed special assessment for your property. You can avoid being special assessed for this upgrade if you have the upgrade completed prior to the City Contractor starting on your street or if you can prove that this

segment was upgraded within the last 15-years; a list will be available at the meeting of services that we know have been upgraded.



Why upgrade both C & D now?

Upgrading segment D with C now will save you from needing to arrange an emergency repair in the future due to a collapse or blockage in the service line due to the age of the service. From observing residents in the past, staff has seen a reduction in cost to upgrade both segments together rather than have the City only upgrade segment C. Your contractor will only be required to temporarily restore the street and boulevard if you chose to upgrade segment C; the City contractor will complete the restoration when they reconstruct that portion of the roadway.

If your contractor proposes to trench your sanitary sewer service (segment D) you might also see a reduced cost to upgrade your water service at the same time, since both services are typically very close to each other. You should check first to see when the last upgrade was to your water service.

We hope to see you on Thursday, February 10th to talk more about your sanitary sewer service. If you have questions prior to the meeting please contact Jesse Struve at 952-903-5713 or jstruve@ci.edina.mn.us or Toby Muse with SEH Inc. at 952-912-2616 or tmuse@sehinc.com.

Sincerely,

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