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### **Second Phase of Highway 19A Construction Takes Shape as Phase One Nears Completion**

The City of Campbell River recently awarded the contracts for the remaining two phases of the South Island Highway 19A Upgrade Project.

The road reconstruction work will be delivered by Upland Excavating, and the pump station work will be delivered by Ketza Pacific Construction, both of Campbell River. Work on both contracts starts in early June and is expected to be completed by the end of March 2011.

*"We have structured this phase of the work so that, by November, we plan on being able to open the roadway, even though construction will still be happening on site,"* said Ron Neufeld, general manager of operations at the City of Campbell River. *"Starting approximately in November, we will be able to route traffic around the work area while crews are still on site."*

*"I am glad to see the project is progressing as planned, with a major milestone—phase one—already achieved,"* said Mayor Charlie Cornfield. *"We thank the residents who live in the area and along the traffic detour routes for their patience and cooperation. It's a tight timeline, and we appreciate everyone making way for this project to get finished on time and on budget."*

The road reconstruction work includes the construction of a new storm water system and underground installation of all overhead electrical utilities. The second phase also involves adding new sidewalks, reconstructing the Seawalk, adding new curb and gutters and installing bus stops and decorative street lighting. New roadway lanes will be established and landscaped medians and boulevards added.

The lift station work includes the replacement of the sanitary lift station located near Simms Creek. This work will see the construction of the new Simms Creek Pumping Station, which will be built with the capacity to handle sewage flow for the growing population in the south end of the City. In addition to pumping equipment, the building will contain public washrooms. There will be outdoor space allocated to create a number of public parking spots. The remainder of the site will be landscaped and completed as park space with beach access and a newly aligned Seawalk.

It is estimated that with the award of the roadway construction work to Upland Excavating there will be minimal set up time on site before the second phase of work begins. This is in part due to the fact that Upland is already present on site, working on phase one of the project—the sewer and water main reconstruction. This phase of the project has proceeded on schedule and is expected to be substantially complete by the end of May.

For more information visit the Highway 19A Upgrade pages on the City of Campbell River website: [www.campbellriver.ca](http://www.campbellriver.ca)

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