



# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

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## Murphy Street Improvements Update

*Construction of sidewalks, retaining walls currently underway*

Even with large capital projects like the Highway 19A upgrade and the airport runway extension in the works, the City of Campbell River continues to take on smaller neighbourhood projects.

The City's traffic calming policy provides a framework for Council to ensure a consistent approach when setting priorities for dealing with neighbourhood requests. Council has recently supported improvements for pedestrian safety in a number of neighbourhoods, including stretches along Alder, Petersen, Hilchey and Highway 19A.

Council supported action to calm traffic along Murphy Street after neighbourhood residents presented a petition that showed nearly half the households considered speed along the street a safety concern. Preparation for the traffic calming work included public meetings with area residents to discuss concerns and potential solutions.

The City's decision to re-align the intersection at Murphy and Alder streets and to install curb bulges was based on technical standards for roadways and best practices established by the BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and the Transportation Association of Canada.

Work on traffic calming measures and pedestrian routes along Murphy Street is in the final phase this month, and construction costs are below initial estimates.



**Murphy and Alder:**  
*a re-aligned narrower intersection slows traffic turning onto Murphy Street.*



**Murphy Street curb bulges**  
*enhance driver attention at intersections.*

Both City employees and local contractors had a hand in making the improvements to slow traffic and enhance pedestrian access. The City appreciates the support and patience of Murphy Street residents during the transformation of this route.

Preliminary monitoring indicates an overall reduction in speed along Murphy Street since traffic calming improvements have been installed. The City will continue to monitor traffic in this neighbourhood and will consider options to further enhance safety.

**Drivers are reminded to proceed with caution along all roadways, especially in congested conditions. Please drive respectfully, especially when traffic is re-routed through neighbourhood streets.**



**Sidewalk installation along the west side of Murphy Street**  
*to provide pedestrian access between Pinecrest and Ponderosa.*

**Feedback on Council Highlights?** Contact us.

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