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Extension of Highway 19A Upgrade Area and Replacement of Sewer and Water Mains to Rockland Road

The City of Campbell River will be extending the water and sewer main upgrades for the Highway 19A upgrade project by approximately 265 metres.

This option was made possible due to the project costs coming in below the original estimated amount by approximately \$780,000. Council voted on July 20 to use these funds to replace the sewer and water mains from the end of the current upgrade project to Rockland Road. This option was chosen over others such as adding a new park and parking area to the north end of the project.

"We have an opportunity to use federal and provincial funds to go even farther with this project towards improving our infrastructure," said Acting Mayor Roy Grant. "It makes good financial sense and means more of our core infrastructure is being improved."

These extra funds were largely as a result of BC Hydro's portion of the project coming in well below original estimates.

The first phase of the Highway 19A project has been completed on time and on budget with the successful replacement of the sanitary sewermain and watermain, and all service connections. The second and third phases are now underway, which involve the reconstruction of the lift station and roadworks such as repaving and adding sidewalks, lights, and undergrounding all utility wires.

The additional water and sewer work that has been approved by Council will include installing new gravity sanitary sewermain and watermain from the northern limits of the project to Rockland Road— a distance of approximately 265 metres. The road will be repaved to match the existing roadway. Curb, gutter, sidewalk, seawalk, and streetlights will not be added as the current funding amount limits this option. These finishes and undergrounding utilities will happen in a later phase.

"There are logistical challenges associated with taking on this extra work, however, from an operational point of view, replacing this section of sewer and water now makes sense," said Ron Neufeld, general manager of operations for the City of Campbell River. "One of the advantages of doing this work now is that the contractor is already fully mobilized on site. They are able to do the work so there are significant cost savings to this option."

Extending the current upgrade area will challenge but does not alter certain project goals, such as re-opening the highway to thru traffic by November 1, 2010 and completing all works by the mandatory March 31, 2011 date.

For more information please visit the Highway 19A upgrade pages at www.campbellriver.ca.

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