

WATERFRONT PROJECT 2018-2020

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PROJECT ACHIEVES KEY MILESTONE, KEEPS MOVING

It was a milestone that went unnoticed for most people in Campbell River – but marked an important step for the project team working on Highway 19A.

In August, crews officially crossed the ‘line’ separating the Highway 19A Upgrades, moving into the Waterfront Sewer section, marking the completion of one part of this year’s work.

Construction on Highway 19A, between Simm’s Creek and 1st Avenue, has been underway since May. The work this summer – although being completed by the same contractor and in one direct stretch – is technically components of two separate projects: the Highway Upgrades project, which will have the aboveground improvements completed in 2020, and the Waterfront Sewer project, which began between the Maritime Heritage Centre and 1st Avenue in 2018.

To date, crews have 1300m of new pipeline in the ground. With about 1900m to go, this means they have over a third of the new sanitary forcemain installed as of Aug.23.

This is no small feat considering challenging underground conditions that have been encountered. In Mid-July, assessment of underground conditions led to some changes to the original pipe route to ensure it is installed in the best material. Because the revised routing in some places moves under the northbound lane, single-lane alternating traffic has been required more than was originally anticipated.

Work has now passed some of the narrowest areas of the stretch and the Big Rock Boat Ramp. The work is tracking on schedule at this time.



Forcemain installation along Hwy 19A is progressing smoothly.

ROUNDBABOUT DESIGN

Discussions are underway about an appropriate feature for the centre of the Rockland Road roundabout. While the roundabout will be constructed as part of the next stage of the Highway 19A Upgrades project in 2020, it’s not confirmed yet what will go in the centre. Input from the community will be key to determining the outcome. Watch for more information in coming news bulletins about next steps in consultation.

SHARED ROAD USE: 5TH-6TH AVE

The repaved section of Highway 19A, between 6th and 1st Avenues has raised discussion about best ways to share use between 6th and 5th Avenue, where there is currently street parking on both sides of the street and a shared travel lane for cyclists and vehicles. An open house was held Aug. 21, and a survey is currently online. Share your thoughts until Sept. 2 – visit www.campbellriver.ca



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PROJECT MAP

Construction has now passed the Big Rock Boat Ramp, with over a third of the new sanitary forcemain installed. See below for the waterfront construction route and current point of work.



UPDATE: SIMMS CREEK SEWER LINE BREAK

On Monday, July 22, there was a break in an aged gravity sewer pipe on Highway 19A, near the bottom of Rockland Road, following construction work in the area. The break resulted in a spill of raw sewage reaching the foreshore/beach at Simms Creek.

After the break, crews followed several important steps:

- The break was responded to immediately and repaired within 2.5 hours. Unfortunately, this resulted in a spill lasting about 30 minutes.
- All appropriate authorities were notified, and environmental professionals assessed the situation.
- Water monitoring commenced immediately and continued afterwards and the site has now been deemed safe for the public.
- The pipe was not struck by equipment but cracked due to its condition. This situation is a very good example of the urgent need to address aging infrastructure throughout the community.



Watch for flaggers and signage indicating road use along Hwy 19A.

NO PARKING IN CONSTRUCTION ZONE

Residents and visitors in the area are reminded to not park in the construction zone. Crews are permitted to work between 7AM and 7PM, and vehicles in the way can be towed if they're disrupting work. This is particularly important around the Big Rock Boat Ramp location

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

The City is committed to updating area residents as the work moves forward. We will contact people or property owners who will be directly affected by construction.

To subscribe to an email list for project updates, send a message to: capitalprojects@campbellriver.ca.

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