

# WATERFRONT PROJECT 2018–2020

FEBRUARY 2020 UPDATE – NEWS BULLETIN 13

## CONSTRUCTION KICK OFF – PLANS FOR 2020

Construction will begin February, 2020, marking the final phase of the three-year Waterfront Project – a multi-stage update to critical infrastructure in the community.

Roughly two kilometres of new sewer and water pipes have been installed along Highway 19A north from Rockland Road as of 2019. The project team will now begin the final stretch to 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, alongside aboveground work from Big Rock Boat Ramp to Rockland Road including the installation of the Rockland Road roundabout. This third phase is expected to continue through October and November.

While the City had set the target of reaching 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue by the end of 2019's summer construction period, work along part of the route was postponed due to the discovery of a midden near Rotary Beach Park. (See Midden update on page 2 for more about the outcome.)

## TIDAL POOL CONCEPT SELECTED FOR ROUNABOUT CENTRE DESIGN

Based on input from more than 1,300 Campbell River residents, a tidal pool design will be featured in the centre of the Rockland Road roundabout. The tidal pool concept was the first-choice of four options and final design of the feature will now begin.

The four design options were developed by McElhanney Consulting's landscape architects and presented during public consultation through an open house and online survey last November. The tidal pool option was selected by the majority of respondents, followed by the salmon design as second choice. The City of Campbell River thanks everyone who participated in this collaborative community effort.

## YOU'RE INVITED

Attend a drop-in open house to find out what's in store for the final road construction phase of the Waterfront Project in 2020.

The project team will provide details on results of the midden found in fall 2019, the Rockland Road roundabout and plans for traffic movement this summer.



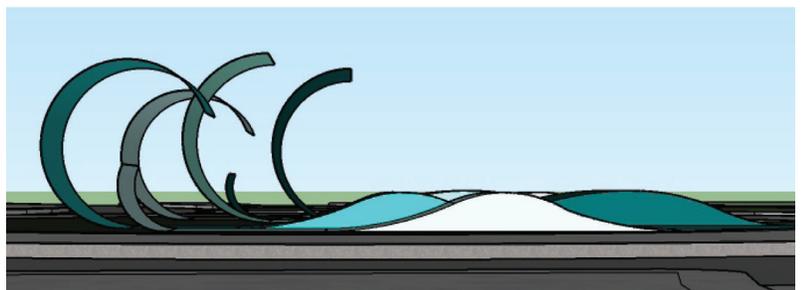
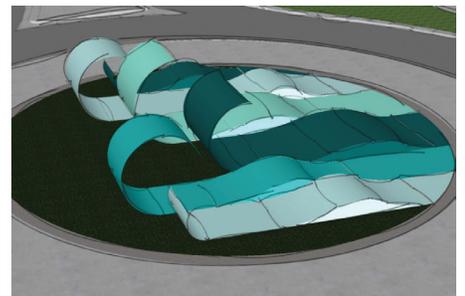
**WHEN:** Monday, March 16, 2020

Drop-in between 5–7 PM

**WHERE:** Maritime Heritage Centre  
621 Island Highway, Campbell River

The final work will be completed as scheduled during the 2020 construction period, with landscaping completed in 2021.

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## HIGHWAY 19A OPEN FOR TRAFFIC THIS SUMMER

The traffic plan for Highway 19A construction in 2020 will not require a road closure, as was previously anticipated. Two lanes of traffic will be largely maintained during the summer's work, with single lane alternating or short-period closures required intermittently. Whenever possible, the City will minimize disruption to people living and commuting in the work zone.

The 2020 traffic plan reduces impact on:

- The business community in Campbell River, which indicated that the closure of the highway was a significant concern to their continued success
- Drivers and commuters, as traffic in Campbell River continues to increase. To ensure there is enough capacity on the other north-south routes in the community, it's a priority to keep some traffic moving through the Highway 19A corridor

Details about pedestrian access – in particular the seawalk – are still being developed and will be updated in weeks to come. Expect some periods of closure on the seawalk.



## CONSTRUCTION 2020: WHAT'S INCLUDED?

Wondering what the result of all this work will be?

There's a lot planned ahead, including:

- **Underground Services:** sewer collection system and lift station construction, watermain replacements and new storm water collection system.
- **Vehicle and Pedestrian Traffic Improvements:** parking area, roundabout and developments from Big Rock Boat Ramp to Rockland Road. Improvements to seawalk, additional crosswalks and centre turning lane on Highway 19A.
- **Surface Improvements:** overhead wires will go underground, new lighting, improved Ellis Park and two new parklets.

## MIDDEN UPDATE

The completion of water and sewer lines was postponed last fall after the discovery of a midden near Rotary Beach Park. A midden is archeological evidence of past First Nations occupation. Middens can include items such as shells, bone, botanical material and artifacts. Construction work sometimes encounter these as part of ground excavations in this region, and there are policies and permits required to ensure proper assessment and management once found.



Assessment of the midden, made up largely of shells, was completed through the fall of 2019. The Province has now approved the City's upgrade project to continue, with careful monitoring in this area during the final stages. This ensures that anything of significance is properly cared for and provided to the Campbell River Museum.

## PROJECT MAP

Work is set to resume along Highway 19A, on key infrastructure upgrades through the corridor. See right for the waterfront construction route. Work to start at the orange point in February.



## 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](mailto:capitalprojects@campbellriver.ca).

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