

# WATERFRONT PROJECT 2018-2020

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## IT'S ALL IN THE DETAILS AS FINAL MONTHS BEGIN ON HIGHWAY 19A UPGRADES

### PROJECT TEAM FOCUSED ON FINISHING WORK THIS SUMMER

As finishing details begin to be checked off the list, residents and the project team are seeing the light at the end of the tunnel on the three-year Highway 19A Upgrades project, between Rockland Road and Big Rock Boat Ramp.

This month has seen progress in areas that make an exciting difference visually for anyone in the area, including:

- **Topsoil and Planting:** After irrigation systems were completed, topsoil has been added to the tiered Ellis Park area, and planting has started, particularly around the elevated walkway south of the roundabout.
- **Property Restorations:** Homeowners who saw driveways cut, or trenches dug, are seeing the areas either prepared for replanting, or the start of re-paving where needed.
- **Fencing:** Installation of new fencing is underway, in particular, to define the new beach access parklet, that will be constructed north of Ellis Park.

While those highlights stand out for people moving through the area, some of the most significant work has been happening underground. Nearly all of the electrical connections are now complete, meaning homes in the area are now drawing from underground power supplies. Other telecommunications services are also working to move underground – a precursor to the removal of the poles and lines aboveground.

Traffic has been fairly open, with two-lane traffic largely maintained. Rockland Road remains closed, and will stay closed until work is expected to be complete in August.

Watch the City's website, social media accounts, and these newsletters for continued updates in the coming months.



### FIRING UP NEW LIFT STATIONS

Work continues on the final wiring and commissioning of the three new pump stations for sewer upgrades largely completed last year. Two of the new pump stations can be seen along Highway 19A, while the third is at the Anchor Inn. Some COVID-related shipping delays for key materials postponed final commissioning work, and the project team is expecting to have these up-and-running in June.



Plants delivered and ready to go in the ground.



Planting along the elevated walkway has started focusing on plants native to the local area.



A blank canvas is all set for a new parklet that will provide access to the beach for the public.

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## COMING UP NEXT

A lot of progress has been made recently, but there are still a number of pieces set to come together in the next few months to ensure that a clean, complete site is ready to be opened up:



Park Planting



Install of park furniture: benches and picnic tables



Completed property restorations



Completed underground servicing



Removal of overhead lines



Removal of power poles



Complete concrete work: sidewalks, seawalk, curbs, driveways



Paving of new parking lot (corner of Rockland Road)



Final paving of roadway



Road lines and street signage installation



## SUMMER TRAFFIC DISRUPTIONS

While traffic has had minimal disruptions through the Highway 19A Upgrades area so far this year, we do expect there to be larger interruptions in the coming months, particularly as crews prepare for paving this summer.

As with most summers, this won't be the only area impacted by construction. Residents are advised that traffic disruptions are also expected along Hilchey Road as part of a water upgrade project, and at the south end of town as part of sewer upgrades there.

Watching the City's social media posts is a great way to get the latest updates – and notices are also posted to the project's webpages at [www.campbellriver.ca/construction](http://www.campbellriver.ca/construction)



## QUICK QUESTION

### Answering frequently-asked questions about the project

**Q:** Will the remainder of the seawalk (around the roundabout and south to Simms Creek) be paved?

**A:** Yes – the full length of the seawalk will be paved by the end of the project. It was left temporarily as gravel over the winter and will be completed as the landscaping work around it is finished. We know there are many people eager to see this portion completed, and look forward to having it finished, clean and ready!

**Q:** Will memorial benches and tables be returned to their previous locations?

**A:** Yes – all of the memorial benches affected by the project will be replaced – although their locations may shift slightly due to new works and layout of the area. These will be new benches and tables that meet current standards, but memorial plaques will be re-attached where applicable. The City of Campbell River has been in touch with families on record for memorial benches and tables in the area to update them on the plans ahead. For more information about the City's park furniture donation program, visit

[www.campbellriver.ca](http://www.campbellriver.ca)

## 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)

For more information, please visit: [campbellriver.ca/construction](http://campbellriver.ca/construction)



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