

MARCH 3, 2022**TEMPORARY WILLOW CREEK CONNECTOR ROAD—OPENING SOON****The temporary connector road will ease traffic congestion related to the South Island Highway Sewer Project.**

City Council has approved the construction of a temporary roadway that will open up the undeveloped road allowance between Twillingate Road and Nebraska Drive and connect Highway 19A with Willow Creek Road. This road is being constructed to provide temporary access for residents impacted by the South Island Highway Sewer Project, currently underway between Barlow Road and Twillingate Road.

The South Island Highway Sewer Project is currently in its second phase. The first phase was completed in 2021, between Maryland Road and Twillingate Road.

The Willow Creek connector road will provide a second connection point and alleviate traffic congestion in the area. Construction on the connector segment of this roadway will start the first week of March, and it is anticipated that the connector segment will be opened the following week. Reserve funding of up to \$130,000 will be accessed to construct the temporary road.

The road will be gravel and wide enough to accommodate two-way traffic. The existing gravel path will be retained to the west side of the roadway for pedestrian use. Nearby residents will likely experience additional noise and traffic in the area over the next few months.

The City will maintain the temporary roadway to a drivable standard, with a reduced speed limit. Once the South Highway Sewer Project is completed, this temporary connector will be closed to vehicular traffic.

Council has requested that the possibility of turning this section of road into a permanent roadway, be brought forward for consideration as a project in the development of the ten-year capital plan for the City's 2023 Financial Plan deliberations. This undeveloped segment of road was identified in the 2012 Master Transportation Plan as a future residential collector roadway to connect the area to the north of Twillingate Road to Jubilee Parkway.

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