

WATERFRONT PROJECT 2018-2020

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ROCKLAND-AREA WORK KICKS INTO HIGH GEAR

SEWER PROJECT COMPLETE, HIGHWAY UPGRADES UNDERWAY

Crews working on Phase 3 of the Highway 19A Upgrades project have a lot of work to do – and not a lot of room to do it. The project now in full swing between Rockland Road and the Big Rock Boat Ramp will require detailed coordination to complete the large task list within the small footprint of space available.

On June 15, Wacor began to mobilize to the area, getting construction started immediately on Rockland Road and Highway 19A. The work will continue through to the end of the year.

Two crews are currently working within the construction zone, with three main tasks to be accomplished in the first 4-6 weeks:

ROCKLAND ROAD WATERMAIN: The watermain is now installed along Rockland Road and clean-up is underway. Rockland Road will remain closed to vehicle traffic for the remainder of 2020, though pedestrian access will be maintained.

FORESHORE RETAINING WALL: Rip Rap will be installed along the shoreline for roughly 80 metres on either side of the Big Rock (160m total). This will protect the shore and infrastructure from sea level rise (SEE MORE IN THE SIDEBAR ON PAGE 2).

STORM SEWER INSTALLATION: There is roughly another month of work on the installation of storm sewer pipe that is currently underway on the west side of the highway.

Two lanes of traffic will be maintained throughout the construction period – though Rockland Road is now closed till the end of 2020.

Follow along with these newsletter updates, and online (Facebook/Twitter or www.campbellriver.ca/construction) for more information over the summer – and please contact us if you have any questions.



Crews work at the top of Rockland Road hill to install a new water forcemain – a key first piece of the project work.

STOPPING BY TO SAY HI



It was great to talk with the roughly 60 people who stopped by the project's outdoor information booth at Rotary Daybreak Park June 17 and 23. This booth allowed us to share updates that are normally presented in our annual open house – using a new format that meets current public health guidelines. Thanks to all of you who stopped to ask questions and learn more about what's to come through this corridor. We hope to do this again in late summer/early fall to provide more info on next steps.



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TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

The active construction zone on Highway 19A, between Simms Creek and Big Rock Boat Ramp is a cramped and busy space – and it will continue to be for the coming five-six months. If you're moving through this space in the coming months, please keep this in mind:



Vehicles: Two lanes of traffic will largely be maintained, but drivers should be moving slow, following direction from traffic control people and preparing to stop or adapt at any time.



Pedestrians: Access for pedestrians will be maintained at all times (including along Rockland Road) but road crossings may be required. Follow signage and direction of traffic control people.



Cyclists: During construction, cyclists will need to merge with vehicle traffic or reroute to the multi-use seawalk trail and follow pedestrian signage. Expect gravel on all surfaces.

Follow the City of Campbell River's Cone Zone campaign on [Facebook](#) for more reminders about safe driving in construction zones. To keep workers safe, please slow down.



PLANNING FOR SEA LEVEL RISE

The City of Campbell River is proactively preparing for sea level rise in all infrastructure upgrades by assessing options for adapting to rising water levels to ensure community investments are made that will last a long time. In the case of the Highway 19A Upgrades, limited space led the project team to the adaptation methods of “resist” and “accommodate” – which means that instead of moving infrastructure out of the sea level rise area, barriers are put in place, or modifications are made to adapt to the expected rising levels by holding back the rising seas.

What does that look like in terms of design? The roadway will be higher around Rockland Road, and shoreline erosion control will be installed near the Big Rock with the placement of large rip-rap or armouring. Also, special waterproof enclosures are being used for lift stations to protect the equipment when water reaches it under severe storm conditions in years to come.

Planning today can help avoid and minimize damage in the future and help improve resiliency to winter storms and coastal flooding.



QUICK QUESTION

Answering frequently-asked questions about the project:

Q: When will the Highway 19A Upgrades continue north of the Big Rock Boat Ramp?

A: The long-term goal for the City of Campbell River is to continue these upgrades north, eventually into the downtown core. This year's work is the third phase of these upgrades, which have already been constructed through Willow Point. The timing for next phases though, is not yet clear. They are dependent on funding – both opportunities from grant applications and council budget decisions. There is no funding at this date for the next phase of these upgrades, but the City is always looking for grant funding opportunities that will ultimately enable the completion of the next three phases, extending the upgrades to Hidden Harbour.

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.

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