



## **Highway 19A Upgrade: Rockland Road to McCallum Park – QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

***In 2019, construction will begin on the Highway 19A Phase 3 Upgrade from south of Rockland Road to the southern limit of McCallum Park.***

### **What is the project?**

The project continues the upgrades both below and above ground that have taken place from Ken Forde boat launch to Forberg Road. The work includes significant improvements with the reconstruction of sewers and watermains, installation of storm drains, widened roadway, curb and gutter, sidewalk, seawalk, streetlights, enhanced park spaces, and installing underground electrical utilities along Highway 19A. This work will also improve the function of the highway, which includes the installation of a roundabout at Rockland Road.

### **Where is the project?**

The project is located along Highway 19A approximately 300 metres south of Rockland Road to the southern limit of McCallum Park – see attached location map.

### **When is the construction work going to take place?**

Design and approvals will commence in 2018, with construction scheduled to start in 2020 and completion in 2021.

### **What is the cost of the project?**

The City is finalizing the overall budget for consideration during the 2018 Financial Plan deliberations.

### **How is the project being funded?**

The project is a partnership between the City of Campbell River and the Provincial and Federal governments, funded significantly with senior government support of \$6,434,550 through the recently announced New Build Canada Fund – Small Communities Fund. With significant funding from other levels of government, constructing costs are reduced for local taxpayers.

### **How was the highway design developed?**

This project connects to two earlier upgrades farther south along the route. Through an extensive public consultative process, conceptual plans for the highway upgrade from Jubilee to 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue were developed by Lanarc Consulting Ltd. in 2005.

### **Who has been involved in developing the plans?**

The conceptual plans were developed by Lanarc Consultants Ltd. and the preliminary design completed by R.F. Binnie & Associates Ltd. The detailed design of the current phase is going out for RFP in November 2017.

**Who will be constructing the work?**

The construction works will be publically tendered in packages in 2019.

**How will traffic be managed during construction?**

Construction activities will result in significant impacts to the corridor, which will require a comprehensive Traffic Management Plan. This will require closing the highway to through traffic. The road will only be open to local traffic and emergency vehicles during construction. Detours will be well marked and advertised to direct through traffic to alternative routes.

**Will I still be able to use the seawalk during construction?**

Construction of a project of this nature requires a lot of space for installation of works and temporary storage of materials. To protect public safety, we anticipate that the portion of the seawalk through the site will be closed during much of the construction period. Seawalk users will still be able to enjoy the seawalk north of Big Rock Boat Ramp and south of Rockland Road. Pedestrian, cyclist and other seawalk users will be provided access around the construction site.

**What can property owners along this stretch expect during construction?**

Residents should be aware there will be an active construction site adjacent to your property, for which we will provide you with appropriate safety information and contact numbers. It's our aim to minimize disruption while this work takes place. We will be in touch with property owners directly if we require right-of-way access to your property.

**How will the City help minimize the impact of the road closure on my business?**

Road closures and traffic impacts have yet to be determined and the City expects to work with all affected properties as per previous phases on Highway 19A upgrades.

**Will the current parking along the highway for seawalk and beach users be incorporated into the upgraded road?**

Due to the proximity of the beach, there is limited opportunity to incorporate parking areas into this phase of the highway upgrade. Where available land and space permit, small pockets of parking will be incorporated into the area, consistent with the conceptual design for the highway corridor. The proposed design contemplates a parking lot at the bottom of Rockland Road.

**How will the construction affect environmentally sensitive areas such as the foreshore?**

This phase of the highway upgrades follows closely along the foreshore. The design team will carefully assess the potential impacts of the work on the natural environment. Local environmental groups and stakeholders will be consulted throughout the design process to ensure that the design minimizes the impacts on the natural environment and all necessary regulatory approvals will be acquired to ensure no negative impacts to the environment result from this project.

**Why is the project only one kilometre long?**

The current scope of work is consistent with the various phases presented and adopted though the public consultation process in 2005, as described in the [South Island Highway \(19A\) Conceptual Design – Phase 2](#) report available on the City's website. The project limits have been established so as to coincide with available funding limits.

**When is the next phase going to be built?**

The timing of future phases is currently unknown and will depend on factors including available funding and infrastructure upgrade priorities.

### **How is this related to other projects?**

This upgrade project is part of a series of complex, inter-connected, multi-year improvement projects along the highway, including replacing and relocating sewer lines from Simms Creek pump station to the Maritime Heritage Centre and Big Rock boat ramp upgrades.

The sanitary forcemain system will also be upgraded during this timeline, which will see construction work along Highway 19A extending beyond this project northward to the Maritime Heritage Centre. This work is scheduled to start construction in 2018 and be complete by the end of 2020. This work is required to address both existing condition and future growth requirements as well as to relocate existing infrastructure away from the marine environment.

In addition, these two (2) projects, the first of the Big Rock boat ramp upgrades are also scheduled to begin in 2018. This work will include an improved ramp with floating docks and expanded breakwaters. Construction of this work will take place in 2018. The balance of improvements to the Big Rock boat ramp site such as the potential for expanded parking and other amenities will be designed as an integral part of the Highway 19A project, with further construction decisions to be made once the design work is complete in 2019.



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