

Heard talk of roundabouts in Campbell River? Learn more about how and why they work, and potential proposed sites in the city, with these frequently-asked questions.

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1. What is a roundabout?

A roundabout is an intersection where traffic flows in a counter-clockwise direction around a centre island. In a roundabout, traffic flows slowly and continuously, in the same direction, and all exits are right turns. Roundabouts offer increased safety and efficiency for vehicle and pedestrian traffic at busy intersections.

2. Why build roundabouts instead of traditional signalized intersections?

Roundabouts have been selected for these locations as they are expected to have the least impact on traffic flow, while still improving traffic management and safety.

Roundabouts can offer many benefits, including:

- Improving safety for all road users
- Reducing speed, which results in reduced number and severity of crashes
- Reducing traffic noise and vehicle emissions – compared to traditional signalized intersections, vehicles at roundabouts do not stop and accelerate, or idle
- Enhancing appearance of intersection

3. Can roundabouts accommodate oversized and emergency vehicles?

Yes. Roundabouts are often installed along main traffic corridors, requiring planning for use by vehicles such as semi-trucks or large recreational vehicles. It is in the City's plan to design the proposed roundabouts to accommodate any vehicles that need to use them.

4. How do I drive/signal in a roundabout?

When approaching a roundabout, slow down and yield to any pedestrians. Wait for a safe gap in traffic before entering the circle (yield on entry) and as you drive, remember that traffic inside the roundabout always has the right-of-way – this means that you do not stop to let other vehicles enter. As you near your exit point, use your right-turn signal to let others know you plan to exit.

5. What if an emergency vehicle enters the roundabout?

In a roundabout, emergency vehicles always have the right-of-way. This means that if you see an emergency vehicle before you enter the roundabout, pull to the right and stop to let the emergency vehicle use the roundabout. If you are in the roundabout, take the nearest exit, then pull to the right and let the emergency vehicle pass you.



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6. Where are roundabouts being considered in Campbell River?

The City of Campbell River is considering the installation of single-lane roundabouts at two selected intersections:

- Hwy 19A and Rockland Road
- Pier Street at the entrance to the Maritime Heritage Centre

7. Why do these intersections require roundabouts?

Campbell River is experiencing continued growth, resulting in increased traffic flow along major corridors. At the proposed intersections, improved safety and traffic calming are needed, and roundabouts will offer these improvements for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists.

8. When will the proposed roundabouts be installed?

Both of the roundabouts being discussed are at different stages of planning:

- The roundabout at the entrance to the Maritime Heritage Centre has received approval from council and is in the first stages of detailed design.
- The roundabout at the bottom of Rockland Road is in the design stage now, and the project team will be presenting more detailed information in fall 2018.

9. What will the proposed roundabouts look like?

They will be single-lane with three entrances. Details about the visual design are still being developed. For more information about how roundabouts function, visit www.campbellriver.ca/roundabouts.

10. How can I have my say?

Planning for roundabouts in the City of Campbell River is still in the early stages. As plans progress, the City will seek input and feedback from the community.

