

WATERFRONT PROJECT 2018-2020

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PARK SPACES COMING ALIVE ON HIGHWAY 19A UPGRADES LANDSCAPING SHOWS FRAMEWORK OF THE EXCITING NEW PARK SPACES

Residents in Campbell River are getting a glimpse of the aesthetic improvements on the way for the portion of Highway 19A under construction now.

The work – between Simms Creek and the Big Rock Boat Ramp – has already included the completion of the significant ‘hard’ infrastructure: new sewer and water lines, storm service, road widening, curbs and a new roundabout. Now, crews are focusing on the upgrades that people will see and enjoy every day.

New park spaces are being installed at Ellis Park, near the roundabout on the oceanside, which will include walkways, tiered grassy spaces and seating to allow a place to stop and enjoy the view. The park space just to the north – referred to by many as the ‘doggy park’ is also getting a refresh, with new tables and plantings, and a new dog fountain of course.

A new beach access is also being installed on a right of way a few properties north, with a walkway that will guide people onto the beach.

All of the work focuses on local species of plants that thrive in the area’s climate without significant maintenance.

Of course, there’s more underway too – with BC Hydro, Telus and Shaw crews all on site to move wires underground so that the overhead wires can be removed. Paving is being finished on sidewalks, crosswalks and bike accesses.

Work is expected to be complete in August.

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



Crews work to prepare the new Ellis Park for planting and walkway paving



A new parklet/beach access is being installed on an unused road right of way



NEW PUMP STATION BOXES INSTALLED

Drivers may have noticed two of these new green kiosks along Highway 19A, north of the Big Rock Boat Ramp. These, with the concrete enclosures beside them, house the generators and electrical equipment for two key lift (pump) stations for the upgraded sewer system. Crews have been working to complete this lift station installation and are getting close. There have been some postponements due to COVID-19 related shipping delays on pieces of equipment, but the stations are expected to be operational this spring.



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Crews are working to move the overhead services underground

ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS MOVING UNDERGROUND

Crews are well on their way to removing the overhead powerlines – a significant piece of the Highway 19A Upgrades work that will have a big impact on how the area looks.

BC Hydro, Telus and Shaw are moving the services into infrastructure that was installed underground last year – so no road excavation is required to complete this step. In the coming month, the homes in the area will be formally switched over to the underground service – no small feat as this requires new services for a number of the homes. The project team has been in contact with all homes that required additional coordination.

Once the service is moved to the underground lines, the overhead wires will begin to be removed. When wires are gone, poles will go next. Then, the contractor can finish up paving, filling in gaps left by removed poles and complete the finishing work on the boulevards throughout the corridor.



THANK YOU TO OUR CREWS

One year ago, crews were getting ‘back to work’ after a three-week pause implemented to reduce the spread of COVID-19. The contractor and their crews adapted in many ways, adding masks, sanitization stations, protocols for equipment use and more. With those plans in place, they got back to work and have continued to work hard to deliver this critical infrastructure project to the community on time. Thank you to everyone for their hard work!



QUICK QUESTION

Answering frequently-asked questions about the project



Q: Do I still need to go 30 km/hr in the construction zone if there are no workers present?

A: Yes – you do. The reduced speed limit is in place at all times within the construction zone – regardless of whether there is a person you can see or not. Often, this is so that drivers are able to respond quickly to changes (ie: a worker appearing or equipment entering the roadway). It’s also important to stay safe when the roadway is in a temporary condition – driving over 30km/hr over ruts or cuts in the road can damage your vehicle.

Campbell River RCMP have been monitoring the area for speeders. Please slow down to keep our crews and you safe this construction season.

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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