

# WATERFRONT PROJECT 2018-2020

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## HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION WRAPS FOR 2019 SEASON

With almost two kilometres of water and sewer pipe installed between Rockland Road and Rotary Beach Park, the project team is ready for 2020.

Crews are now working to wrap up the construction work along the highway, removing equipment and repairing the roadway for use through the fall and winter. This marks the completion of the second year of the three-year Waterfront Project 2018-2020.

The work began in May this year, with significant work undertaken around Rockland Road, and then heading northward. While the project team had set the target of reaching First Avenue by the end of this summer's construction period, work along part of the route will be postponed until 2020 due to the discovery of a midden near Rotary Beach Park. (See story on page two for more about middens).

While the project didn't reach as far as originally targeted, the team is still pleased with the progress, planning that the rest can be tackled next spring/summer, during the construction period that was already scheduled.

### HERE ARE SOME UPDATES FOR THE WEEKS TO COME:

- **Speed limit will return to 50 km/h:** The area is still a construction zone until crews have completely demobilized.



The pipe has now been removed from the roadway

Material and equipment will be removed and the road cleaned up. Once all that is complete, the speed limit will be returned to the 50 km/h that was set by council in the spring. Please respect the 30 km/h speed limit while in place as it protects workers and considers changing road conditions.

- **Preparation for 2020 Work:** Construction in 2020 will be a significant undertaking and has always been forecast to require a highway closure near Rockland Road. The project team will be in touch with individual property owners if any specific impacts are anticipated.

This will be the final monthly update until the spring – though additional notices may be sent out if needed. Follow the project website for more information or contact us with any questions you have.

## PROJECT MAP

With roughly two kilometres of water and sewer pipe installed along Highway 19A, work is now wrapping up for the winter. See right for the waterfront construction route, with the end point marked with orange.



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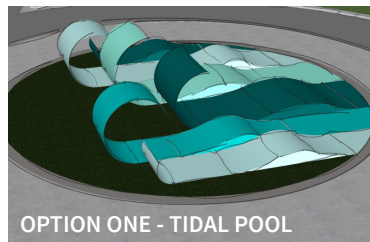
## YOU'RE INVITED: SHARE YOUR INPUT ON ROUNDABOUT CENTRE DESIGN

One of the biggest changes to come in 2020 will be the installation of a roundabout at Highway 19A and Rockland Road. The roundabout will make the intersection safer for drivers and calm traffic through the scenic corridor. Final design is now underway, and we're inviting the community's feedback on four design options for the centre landscape feature (see right).

### You can provide input two ways:

**OPEN HOUSE:** Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2019 from 5–7pm at the Maritime Heritage Centre – Come by and talk to the project team about the highway project and roundabout, and tell us which of the shortlisted options is your favourite for the landscape design of the roundabout centre.

**ONLINE SURVEY:** Visit [www.campbellriver.ca](http://www.campbellriver.ca) to share your input via an online survey to launch Wednesday, Nov. 6 and run until Nov. 17.



## MORE ABOUT MIDDENS

In September, project crews came across a midden as part of the excavation for the Waterfront Sewer Project, near Rotary Beach Park. Below are answers to a few common questions about this:

### What is a midden?

A midden is the archaeological evidence of past First Nations occupation in the area. Middens can include items such as shells, bone, botanical material and artifacts. Construction work sometimes encounters middens as part of ground excavations in this region, and there are policies and permits required to ensure they are properly assessed and managed once found, especially to ensure that any items of special interest are cared for.

### How was it found?

Before work started, the project team undertook an Archaeological Impact Assessment which found no known midden sites for the area listed in a provincial registry. Since the work was in a previously disturbed corridor, no additional permitting



was required. However, site inspectors are trained to identify possible middens as they monitor work – and an area was flagged during excavation in mid-September and reported. Archaeologists dispatched to the site confirmed the site as a midden.

### What happens now?

The site was backfilled for protection and work suspended in the area as the project team undertakes the assessment and permitting process. These provincial permits include referrals to local First Nations and can take a few months to complete. Only once all the proper plans are in place can construction resume. For the Waterfront Sewer Project, the decision was made to wrap up for 2019 while the process completes its course.



## SHARED ROAD USE: 5TH-6TH AVE

Thanks to all of those who attended our open house on Aug. 21 to talk about shared road use on the highway between 5th and 6th avenues. We received good feedback about some of the different ways all the current users can share the roadway. A summary report is being collated and will be brought to council for their review/consideration. The input will help to inform next steps for the City as they make future decisions for the area.

## 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.

To subscribe to an email list for project updates, send a message to: [capitalprojects@campbellriver.ca](mailto:capitalprojects@campbellriver.ca).

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