

# WATERFRONT PROJECT 2018-2020

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## WRAPPING UP WORK IN TIME FOR HOLIDAYS CREWS BUTTONING UP WORK FOR THE YEAR, EXPECT RETURN IN SPRING

After 10 months of nearly non-stop work that has provided critical upgrades to out-of-date and undersized infrastructure, the Highway 19A Upgrades project team is ready to hang up the shovels on 2020.

With the full roadway now paved and sidewalks and curbs poured, crews are working to wrap up the site with final checklist items for the year such as completion of retaining walls, levelling of park areas and installation of electrical connection infrastructure for homes in the area.

Construction on site will be wrapped – and Rockland Road reopened – before Christmas.

“This team has overcome significant hurdles to get all this work accomplished,” said Mayor Andy Adams. “The project was already a big task – and then a global pandemic threw another layer of challenge on it. Everyone involved, contractors and City staff, did an amazing job and demonstrated great adaptability to get so much completed.”

Campbell River residents can now use the new roadway and roundabout, sidewalks, seawalk and more. Final landscaping will be completed in the spring, along with another layer of paving throughout the roadway. BC Hydro expects to complete the undergrounding of powerlines in the spring of 2021.

While short term single-lane alternating traffic may be required intermittently in 2021, traffic disruptions will be largely reduced.

“We’re thankful for the patience and understanding shown by residents and business owners in the area, and the people driving, cycling, walking through the construction zone since February,” said Ron Neufeld, Deputy City Manager. “It took everyone’s commitment to allow this project to be delivered in the time that it was.”

This will be the final newsletter of 2020 – we will restart our regular updates in early 2021 when there’s more information about the start of final landscaping work.



After many months of gravel, there are now paved surfaces for drivers, pedestrians, cyclists and more!



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## COMING UP NEXT

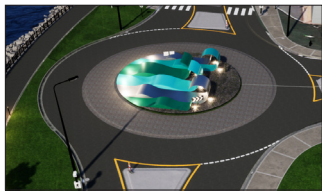
It has been a big year for the project team on the Highway 19A Upgrades – and a lot has been accomplished. While Campbell Riverites can see the surface improvements such as new sidewalks, lighting, roundabout, seawalk, centre turn lane and more – some of the most critical updates are underground. New water, sewer and storm services have been installed, along with the underground infrastructure to allow for the removal of overhead power lines in 2021.

### Here's what there is to look forward to in 2021:



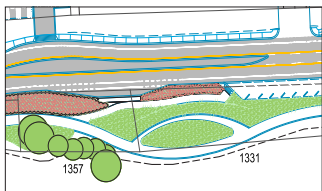
#### Removal of Overhead Powerlines:

BC Hydro expects to complete this in spring 2021. The road will not need to be dug up for this.



#### Centre Feature on Roundabout:

A tidal pool-theme was selected for the centre feature – the creation and installation of which will go out for tender in early 2021.



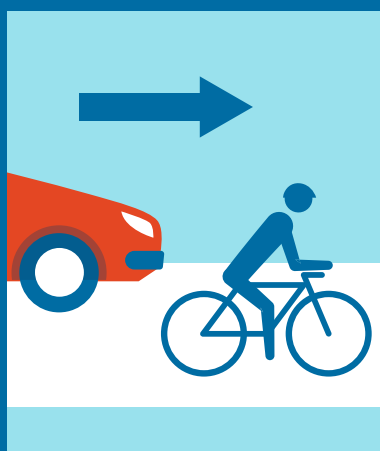
#### New, Finished Park Spaces:

While the outline can now be seen, the finished plantings and paving that will mark this area as complete will be completed in spring 2021.



#### Water Diversion

Crews from Knappett Industries are working to complete connections for the three new pump stations to the Water Sewer forcemain. These have been delayed by high levels of groundwater at the Lift Station 5 (across from the old Travelodge). Paving on the roadway is now complete and crews will move off of roadway to complete the remaining items.



## QUICK QUESTION

### Answering frequently-asked questions about the project:

**Q:** How should cyclists navigate the roundabout?

**A:** While the Highway 19A Upgrades project is seeing the extension of cycling lanes along the route, there is no cycling lane through the roundabout. This is an engineering design standard and is intentional to protect the safety of cyclists in roundabouts. When approaching the roundabout, cyclists have two options – they can either merge into the traffic lane and proceed in line with vehicles, or they can exit at the offramp where the cycling lane closes, dismount, and proceed via sidewalk and crosswalks to reconnect on the other side. There will be signage directing cyclists to the off-roadway route as well.

## 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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