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## Highway sewer work nearing completion: 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue work coming up soon

The five-month, 1.5km first phase of the Waterfront Sewer Upgrade is six weeks from completion – and from Oct. 26 to Nov. 2, the City advises drivers to anticipate delays or try to use alternative routes around the 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue intersection.

Drivers using the waterfront highway to access downtown should plan alternative routes well ahead of the construction area since detour routes aren't immediately available around the intersection at 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. Single lane alternating traffic will be in place.

*"Wrapping up this stretch of the project includes work that requires more space on the roadway, and continued single lane alternating traffic at the 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue intersection,"* said Dave Morris, the City's general manager of assets and operations. *"We're giving people advance warning so they can anticipate more notable disruptions to traffic flow during this final push to the finish."*

The Highway 19A construction started at the Maritime Heritage Centre in July, has moved southward to this year's finishing point at 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and will be largely complete at the end of October.

*"This project is an important one for the future of Campbell River, giving us the opportunity to provide increased capacity and reliable service for our growing community,"* said Mayor Andy Adams. *"Council appreciates the patience of all the residents, businesses, commuters and visitors while this project has been underway."*

Overall, the project has been progressing smoothly and is on track to be completed on time and on budget. While major work will be largely off roadways at the end of the month, all construction is expected to be finished at the end of November.

The 2018 construction marks the first phase in a larger sewer replacement project. In 2019, new pump stations are scheduled to be constructed along the route, and in 2020, the larger pipe will be extended from 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue southward to Rockland Road. The sewer upgrade is part of the wider Waterfront Project 2018-2020, which includes upgrades to the Big Rock Boat Ramp (completed this month) and highway improvements from south of Rockland Road to the boat ramp.

For more information on the projects and what's to come, visit <http://campbellriver.ca/waterfrontsewer>

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