

NEWS RELEASE

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Paving project completed on Parkway Trail

Newly paved section of the trail smoother and safer

Summary

Paving crews recently completed work on a section of the Parkway Trail between East Wellington and Northfield. This 1.4 kilometre section of the trail was widened and repaved to provide a smoother, more accessible and safer surface. In this particular case, the trail had tree roots pushing up sections of the asphalt. These were removed during this project.

In the City's efforts to be more environmentally responsible, the old asphalt was removed and then reused. This recycled material was then mixed with the mulched roots that were removed to create a new surface base for the trail. New asphalt was added on top. Users will also notice that this section of the trail is approximately two inches wider and now has a half metre shoulder on both sides of the trail providing more stability.

Sections of the this 22 kilometre recreational corridor do show their age with wear and tear, and the City works to repair sections of the trail on a regular basis. Residents are encouraged to report any trail issues to Parks, Recreation and Environment at 250-756-5200.

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Key Points

- Paving crews recently completed repaving and widening work on the Parkway Trail between East Wellington and Northfield. This section is part of the most widely used section of the trail.
- The 22 kilometre Parkway trail is a popular paved, multi-use trail that runs along the Parkway Highway in Nanaimo and was built by the City of Nanaimo with participation from the Ministry of Transportation and financial support from the Nanaimo Rotary Daybreak and Nanaimo Rotary Club.
- The 1.4 kilometre project used the old asphalt and mulched roots for the trail's new surface that lies underneath the new asphalt.

Quotes

"The Parkway Trail is an essential artery for alternative transportation and a connection to many recreation opportunities in Nanaimo."

Al Britton
Manager, Parks Operations
City of Nanaimo

Quick Facts

- The Parkway Trail was built in 1997 prior to the E & N trail. It is a recreational corridor that links into other park amenities and trail loops such as Colliery Dam, Morrell Sanctuary, Westwood Lake, Vancouver Island University, Buttertubs Marsh and Bowen Park.

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