

NEWS RELEASE

Tuesday, 20 July 2010

South Nanaimo Water Supply Main Through Colliery Dam Park

The City of Nanaimo Engineering Department is commencing construction of the South Nanaimo Water Transmission Main, Phase II, through Colliery Dam Park this summer. This project will support future development, enhance water supply and strengthen fire protection in south Nanaimo.

Preparatory work will begin in late July, 2010, with construction beginning approximately two weeks later, in early August. Timing of Construction has been determined to achieve least impact to flora and fauna, based on consultations with arborists, environmental consultants, Parks Staff and approving government agencies.

Construction is expected to take approximately eleven weeks. Restoration will follow as closely behind construction as possible and includes planting of trees.

The decision by Council to proceed with this project was made in consideration of comments from a Public Open House that took place June 6th, 2009, and from other public input. A qualified arborist will work with construction crews to limit the area and the extent of impact to flora and fauna. Plantings and forest renewal is included in the project scope and will commence as soon as possible to restore the woods as quickly as possible.

Sections of trail and portions of the park will be closed during construction hours (8:00 am to 5:00 pm weekdays). Signs and flag-persons will be available to direct Park users during construction. Every effort will be made to have the Park and trails open evenings and weekends. It is anticipated public use of the lakes will not be affected.

The City of Nanaimo wishes to thank Park users for their patience during construction.

-30-

Contact Information:

For further information regarding this press release please contact Tom Kraft, Manager Engineering Projects, City of Nanaimo Engineering Department at 250-755-4409.