

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Main Vehicle Entrance Into Neck Point Park Closed for the Month of August**

*Park will remain open for public enjoyment*

#### **Summary**

From August 5th to September 1st the main vehicle entrance into Neck Point Park, Morningside Drive, will be closed for a joint project between the City of Nanaimo and Regional District of Nanaimo. During this temporary road closure, there will be no vehicle access to the parking lot at Neck Point Park and the weekend overflow parking lot at Hammond Bay Elementary School.

During construction, Neck Point Park will remain open. However, the public is encouraged to use other parks in the area or to access Neck Point Park from the trails at the end of Shores Drive. While parking is very limited on Shores Drive, more parking is available on Gulfview Drive (off Tiki Way) which is a short walk via a public walkway to Shores Drive.

Having this construction project in the summer complies with environmental best management practices and coincides with summer break for the safety of Hammond Bay Elementary School students, parents and staff.

*Strategic Link:* Upgrading the Walley Creek culvert to allow fish passage supports environmental enhancement and replacing the City owned water main supports asset management as indicated in the 2012-2015 Corporate Strategic Plan.

#### **Key Points**

- The Regional District of Nanaimo will be replacing the Greater Nanaimo Pollution Control Centre sanitary sewer outfall pipe from 4600 Hammond Bay Road to Morningside Park east of Morningside Drive.
- The City of Nanaimo owned water main and Walley Creek storm culvert will be replaced by the Regional District of Nanaimo's contractor.
- Neck Point Park will remain open during construction.

#### **Quotes**

"This joint project with the Regional District of Nanaimo will replace and upgrade ageing water, sanitary and storm infrastructure. During construction, Neck Point Park will remain open for pedestrian access and the City encourages residents to use Nanaimo's other amazing parks nearby. The City thanks residents in advance for their patience during construction."

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