

NEWS RELEASE

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Site preparations begin for next phase of Midtown Water Supply Project

Summary

The City of Nanaimo's Midtown Water Supply Project is set to move into Phase 2 with site preparations beginning next week. On Monday, Jan. 9 crews will conduct site preparations, which will involve equipment entering and exiting Highway 19 (Nanaimo Parkway). Drivers are reminded to slow down in work zones and pay close attention to signage.

The first section of prep work will occur along the parkway, south of East Wellington to Jingle Pot Road. Following completion of that section, the final stage of preparations for this phase of the project will take place along the parkway between Crow's Nest Place and College Drive.

As part of this work, trees will be removed along the project alignment with crews preserving as many as possible. Trees will be replanted when the project is completed. Work is starting now to avoid disturbing birds during the spring nesting season.

For more information, visit the Midtown Water Supply Project page at www.nanaimo.ca/goto/MidtownWater.

Strategic Link: The Midtown Water Supply Project supports a resilient community by ensuring a safe water supply to a growing Nanaimo.

Key Points

- The Midtown Water Supply project is a multi-year upgrade to Nanaimo's water supply infrastructure, supporting resilience and avoiding risk of water supply disruption to the northern two-thirds of the City.
- Trees will be cleared along the route, beginning Jan. 9, 2023, to be completed prior to the spring bird-nesting season.
- Construction of the Midtown Water Supply Project Phase 2 will begin in summer 2023 and consists of major pipeline trenching along the Parkway between East Wellington and Jingle Pot Road, as well as between Crow's Nest Place and College Drive, and along Black Diamond Drive.

Quotes

"As one of the City's most significant infrastructure projects to date draws closer to Phase 2, we are reminded of the importance of reliable access to safe and clean potable water in our community. We thank the public for their understanding and cooperation as we prepare for the work ahead."

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