

NEWS RELEASE

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City infrastructure upgrades on Bowen Road to result in delays and rerouting

Two major projects work in sync to minimize disruption to Bowen Road commutes

Summary

The City of Nanaimo's Midtown Gateway Project and the Midtown Water Supply Project will be teaming up to install critical underground infrastructure across Bowen Road and into Beban Park in March. This approach is efficient but will restrict access and delay traffic.

From March 1 to 31, the southern Bowen Road access to Beban Park will be closed all day and night to all vehicle traffic, cyclists and pedestrians. All other park access points are open and accessible.

Pedestrians using the Bowen Road sidewalk along Beban Park must follow sidewalk detour signage and use the sidewalk on the opposite side of Bowen Road. All main parking lots, facilities and park amenities within Beban Park are open during construction. For the public's safety, some areas of the park are fenced-off and restricted for all non-construction personnel. Please exercise caution, obey all signage and follow the directions of any flag persons on duty.

From March 11 to 26, there will be alternating lane closures on Bowen Road 24 hours per day. One vehicle lane per direction will be available, however, drivers are encouraged to use an alternate route if possible to avoid delays. Rosstown Road at the intersection of Bowen Road will be closed to vehicle access 24 hours per day.

Drivers are asked to detour around using Pheasant Terrace and Labieux Road. There will also be no transit service along Rosstown Road or Pheasant Terrace during this time. Transit users are asked to use existing bus stops on Labieux Road and to check out the latest information at www.bctransit.com/nanaimo/schedules-and-maps/alerts.

Construction work will typically take place Mondays through Fridays, from 7 am to 7 pm; however, it will expand to 24 hours per day from March 11 to March 26 in order to complete the works across Bowen Road as quickly as possible and to minimize disruption.

All businesses will remain open and accessible during construction.

Please note there will be other significant traffic disruptions required for these projects in the coming months. More details will be provided soon.

The City thanks residents for their on-going patience during these important construction projects. Please follow the City's Facebook or Twitter accounts (@cityofnanaimo) and visit the project webpage at www.nanaimo.ca/goto/MidtownGateway for the most current information.

Strategic Link: These projects support a livable Nanaimo.

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Key Points

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Quotes

"It is incredibly important for our infrastructure to keep up with our growth, and the coordination of these two major midtown projects to bring as little disruption on Bowen Rd as possible is more than just good timing, it's great planning."

Leonard Krog
Mayor
City of Nanaimo

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