

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Nanaimo Parkway/Highway 19 to close March 26 to 30**

*Traffic must detour nightly from 7 pm to 7 am*

#### **Summary**

The City of Nanaimo's Midtown Water Supply Project is well underway. From March 26 to March 30, the Nanaimo Parkway (Hwy 19) will be closed between the Jingle Pot/Third Street intersection and the College Drive/Fifth Street intersection to install a water pipeline crossing. Over the four-day period, the closures will be in effect from 7 pm to 7 am.

Northbound traffic will be detoured via the truck route down Fifth Street to Wakesiah Avenue and up Third Street/Jingle Pot Road. Southbound traffic will be diverted down Jingle Pot Road/Third Street to Wakesiah Avenue and back up Fifth Street. Drivers are reminded to drive carefully and pay close attention to signage.

Commuters and commercial traffic are encouraged use the Old Island Highway (Hwy 19A) as an alternate route.

In addition, Nanaimo residents who have registered for alerts through the City's Voyent Alert! system, will receive an informational alert as a reminder of the overnight closure. To receive alerts, please visit [www.nanaimo.ca/goto/alerts](http://www.nanaimo.ca/goto/alerts) for instructions on how to sign up.

For more information, visit the Midtown Water Supply Project page at [www.nanaimo.ca/goto/MidtownWater](http://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 Parkway closure will be in effect overnight from 7 pm to 7 am from March 26 to March 30. Commuters are encouraged to use the Old Island Highway or detour routes.
- The Midtown Water Supply project is a multi-year upgrade to Nanaimo's water supply backbone, supporting resilience and avoiding risk of water supply disruption to the northern two-thirds of the City.
- The Nanaimo Parkway crossing is part of the Midtown Water Supply Project. The water supply pipeline crossing is occurring in advance of a Parkway paving project scheduled later this year.
- Construction of the Midtown Water Supply Project 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**

"Thank you to all drivers for their understanding and cooperation during this detour. It will enable an important highway crossing to be installed quickly and safely. This water supply backbone is one of the City's most significant infrastructure projects to date, improving resilience, reliable access to safe clean potable water and fire protection in our community."

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