



Information Sheet

Chemainus Road Corridor Upgrade between Victoria Street and Henry Road August 2019

What exactly is proposed?

North Cowichan is upgrading a portion of Chemainus Road between Henry Road and Victoria Street in order to improve the accessibility and safety of this arterial road. The road upgrade will include: a roundabout at River Road and Chemainus Road, stormwater, sewer and water utilities upgrade, road widening, cycling lanes, and streetscape improvements. This project is part of the ongoing downtown revitalization work occurring under the Chemainus Town Centre Revitalization Plan (2011, hereafter 'Revitalization Plan').

Has there been community input?

Yes. The Chemainus Road upgrade project was first proposed and envisioned by the community through development of the 2011 Revitalization Plan. One of the key pieces of feedback received from the public during this process was that our road system along Chemainus Road required maintenance. The Chemainus Road Corridor upgrade was specifically requested through this 2011 consultation. The Revitalization Plan is available here:

<https://www.northcowichan.ca/EN/main/departments/planning-development/community-planning/chemainus-revitalization-plan.html>

Is this project confirmed to move forward?

The road upgrade is approved through Council's endorsement of both the Revitalization Plan and the Active Transportation Strategy (2009), and Council approved funding for the project in the 2019-2023 Financial Plan. A Chemainus Road Design Study from Henry Road to Victoria Street was completed in 2012. At this time, North Cowichan is finalizing the project design and construction plans to 2019 standards.

What benefits will this project provide?

The Revitalization Plan calls for improved road and pedestrian connections between Henry Road and Victoria Street to create safe and convenient options for active transportation. Research demonstrates that there are significant health benefits to walkable, connected communities. For

example, we know that people living in walkable neighbourhoods are 2.5 times more likely to get the recommended minimum daily physical activity from walking or biking than those who do not.

The project will include replacement of existing water, sewer and stormwater infrastructure in order to improve the quality and lifespan of the service connections. Parking will also be upgraded and more formal parking stalls will be created on both sides of Chemainus Road, in order to better organize and support street parking for businesses and tourists.

New landscaping within sections of the boulevards and roundabout will increase the visual appeal of the community and enhance the neighbourhood image.

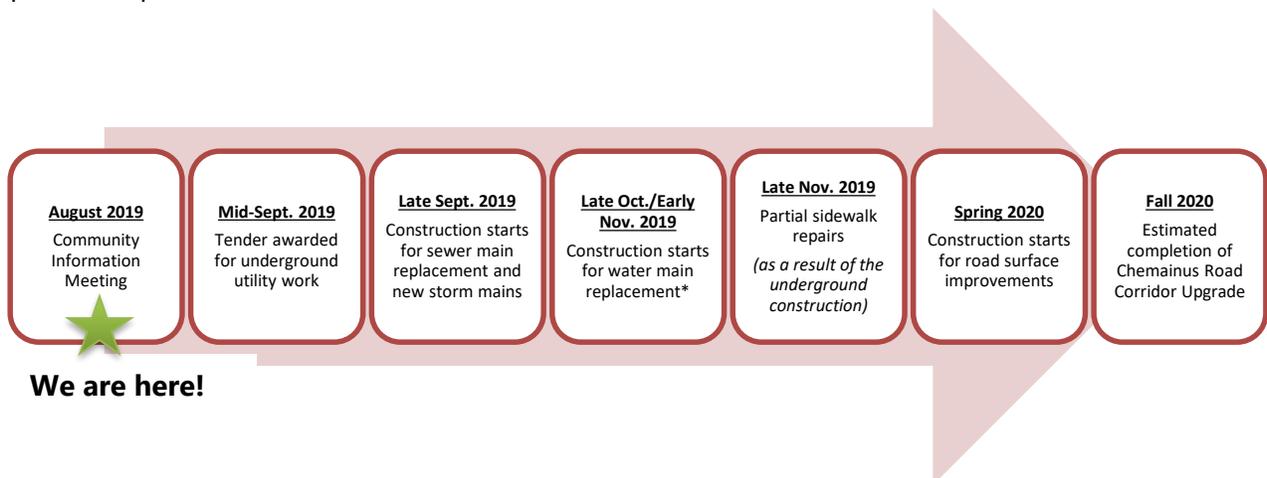
The Chemainus Road Corridor Upgrade will create a much needed pedestrian and cyclist connection, servicing upgrades, beautification and safer streets on Chemainus Road.

Will this project create a temporary reduction in parking along Chemainus Road?

Yes. This project will occur in phases that will temporarily reduce the parking along Chemainus Road. Upon completion, the project will have at least the same number of parking stalls as available now, and potentially more.

What updates can we expect going forward?

As this project moves forward, North Cowichan will provide residents along Chemainus Road between Henry Road and Victoria Street with details about project design and construction scheduling. Updates will also be posted at www.northcowichan.ca/ChemainusRoad, and community members can contact North Cowichan at any time to request information or to provide input.



We are here!

Who can I contact for more information?

For inquiries about road and servicing upgrade and design, please contact Morgan McLeod, Development Planner, 250.746.3190 or morgan.mcleod@northcowichan.ca.