



August 20, 2020

4th Avenue Utility, Sidewalk and Asphalt Replacement

To address aging infrastructure, accommodate future growth and improve water quality, sanitary sewer and stormwater collection services in your neighbourhood, the City of Port Alberni is upgrading its underground infrastructure in your area.



LEGEND ● Properties Involved — Watermain

Upcoming Construction

Starting the week of August 24, 2020, City crews will mobilize at Bruce Street and 4th Avenue to begin construction of a new water main and individual services, followed by sewer works.

As part of this project, the City will replace the existing combined sanitary/storm sewer main with a designated sanitary sewer main and transition the existing combined sewer to a dedicated storm sewer, helping to protect the environment and our waterways from unnecessary sewage overflows during heavy rain events. Residents will be receiving a new sanitary sewer service connected to their existing private sanitary service along with an inspection chamber at the property line. A new storm sewer service and inspection chamber will be provided at the property line that will enable those residents wishing to separate their roof and perimeter drain catchment away from their sanitary service to do so, further helping to improve the City's environmental impact.

In addition to sewer improvements, crews will be replacing the existing water main that is at the end of its operational life span. By installing a new watermain we are pro-actively preventing water main and water service failures due to degradation. Each resident along 4th Avenue between Melrose and Bruce Street will be connected to a new 25mm (1") water service, replacing the existing 19mm (3/4") and 1/2 inch services. A new water meter pit will be placed at the property line. The City of Port Alberni's water operations crew will contact each resident and schedule a time to remove the water meter from their homes and place them at the property line. This mutually beneficial decision allows water operations to access and read meters without the need to enter private property.

Activities associated with this project will include trench excavation, pipe removal and installation, manhole construction, system tie-ins, backfilling and ground compaction, testing, commissioning and restoration of affected areas. This project is expected to take approximately two months to complete.

Work Hours

Work hours will generally be Monday to Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Noise and Odour

There may be loud noise associated with this project due to heavy equipment and powered tools. Crews will attempt, wherever practical, to reduce these impacts on area residents.

Traffic and Safety

As a result of this work, there will be traffic impacts in the neighbourhood. Lane and road closures will come into effect as construction progresses. Traffic control personnel will be on site to direct vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists through affected areas safely. Signage will also be posted advising drivers to use caution. Please be sure to follow all posted signs and directions from traffic control personnel.

Utility Interruptions

There may be times when your water service is temporarily impacted as a result of this work. For planned interruptions, advance notice will be provided.

Your garbage and recycling services will not be impacted as a result of this project.

Parking and Access

Driveway access to certain homes may be temporarily blocked as work progresses. Advance notice will be provided to those affected so alternate parking arrangements can be made. Street parking in certain areas will also be impacted. Please be sure to adhere to posted parking signs to avoid inconvenience. Access to homes will be maintained at all times.

Restoration

When utility construction is complete, crews will shift their focus to road and sidewalk restoration. This will include a small grass boulevard on the east side of 4th Avenue for utility clean outs and meter boxes between the property line and the inside edge of the new sidewalks. Once established this small area of grass will be the responsibility of the property owner to maintain and keep in good order. The east side of 4th Avenue will see the existing sidewalks removed and replaced. New pavement will replace the gravel shoulder and existing road. A mountable asphalt curb will define the west edge of the road and a gravel shoulder will remain between the roadway and property line for homes located on that side, allowing the current parking shoulder to remain useful to those who utilize it.

Questions?

If you have questions about this project or have special access requirements, please contact the Public Works Yard at 250-720-2840.

We thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.



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