

July 16, 2020

## **NOTICE TO RESIDENTS – GNPCC FRONTAGE TRAIL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

**Re: Greater Nanaimo Pollution Control Centre Secondary Treatment Upgrade Project  
4600 Hammond Bay Road, Nanaimo**

In the July 9, 2020 Notice to Residents, the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) introduced the Frontage Trail along Hammond Bay Road between Shores Drive and McGuffie Road. The Frontage Trail is a required component of the RDN's Development and Building Permits with the City of Nanaimo for the Greater Nanaimo Pollution Control Centre (GNPCC) Secondary Treatment Upgrade Project. This update outlines the construction schedule and expectations for the Frontage Trail.

### **Schedule**

- Frontage Trail construction is expected to start the week of July 20, 2020.
- The Frontage Trail is expected to be complete in Fall 2020.

### **Access**

- Expect periodic single lane traffic along Hammond Bay Road between Shores Drive and McGuffie Road. Signage will be posted in advance and flaggers will direct traffic.
- Pedestrian access will be maintained along Hammond Bay Road throughout construction.
- Parking will be unavailable along the west side of Shores Drive during the construction. To minimize the impact on pick up and drop off traffic at Hammond Bay Elementary School, the RDN intends to complete the portion of the work on Shores Drive, and reopen it to parking, by September 1, 2020. The RDN will notify Hammond Bay Elementary School if this is not possible.

### **Working Hours**

- The work is expected to take place Monday to Friday during normal business hours. Evening and weekend work may take place as deemed necessary by the Contractor. All work will be performed in compliance with the City of Nanaimo Noise Bylaw.

### **Scope of Construction Work**

To align with the City of Nanaimo's neighbourhood plan, the existing sidewalk on Hammond Bay Road between McGuffie Road and Shores Drive will be replaced with 3 m-wide asphalt pedestrian and biking trail and a treed boulevard. Some features of the Frontage Trail are:

- The existing chain-link fence will be replaced with a wooden wildlife fence.
- A new bus pullout will be added to reduce traffic congestion on Hammond Bay Road.
- A relatively small number of trees near Hammond Bay will be removed to accommodate the trail and the new bus pullout. The RDN's environmental consultants have designed the trail to minimize tree removal.
- The project will also remove several invasive species and plant new native trees and shrubs.

### **What to Expect**

**Noise** – The trail construction will produce significant construction noise. Tree removal, excavation, curb and sidewalk removal, grubbing, fill placement and compaction, and installation of the new asphalt trail are all noise generating activities and require the use of heavy equipment. This work must be done in the dry summer months to protect the riparian area of Walley Creek.

**Hammond Bay Road traffic** – Construction of the Frontage Trail will periodically affect the flow of traffic. Signage will be posted in advance and flaggers will direct traffic.

**Parking along McGuffie Road and Hammond Bay Road** – Construction crews will continue to park along McGuffie Road and Hammond Bay Road for the duration of the project.

**Plant visibility** – The trail construction is not expected to significantly increase the visibility of the GNPCC.

The RDN GNPCC Secondary Treatment Upgrade Project will provide a substantially higher quality treatment that will reduce our impact on the environment. The increased capacity will also accommodate further population growth in the region.

Thank you for your continued patience while we complete this project. We will continue to post project information and a live stream feed of the secondary construction area on our website at [www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/gnpcc-upgrade](http://www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/gnpcc-upgrade). You can also register on this page to receive project updates directly via email.

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