

Questions from October 17th CVRD Liquid Waste Management Community Outreach Meeting: Comox Rd Traffic Disruptions

- Started at 6:00
- Chief Rempel Welcome
- Christianne from CVRD introductions

Presenter - Marc Rutton from CVRD

- Question: “When you say it starts here, where is here”
 - Answer – “The small lane on the west side of the reserve. That’s where it will start for the on-reserve portion, but it starts way back in Courtenay for the rest of the sewer pipe.”
- Question: “How long is the project going to take”
 - Answer – “12-18 months”
 - Follow up Question: “So single lane traffic for the whole time?”
 - Answer – “The single lane will be alternating in different sections along the route”
- Question: “will emergency vehicles be impacted?”
 - A- We have met with those stakeholders, and we have continued dialog. We will make sure that emergency vehicles always have access.”
- Richard Hardy: “Is there more consultation CVRD will be doing with the province?”
 - Answer - “Yes, but this specific project has been pulled out of the overall Liquid Waste Management Project (LWMP) as a whole, to get it moved forward faster. Its connected but not fully part of the LWMP.”

Presenter - Jesse Morin K’ómoks Archaeology

- Jenny Millar “Just wanted to let members know that the old force main on Bayside Rd will be removed after this project has been completed.”
- Question: “What happened if you find something significant?”
 - Answer – “The project will have to stop in that area and a full arch investigation will take place.”
 - Follow Up Question: “Does that apply to property off reserve?”
 - Answer - “Yes, anywhere on the project”
- “Can you talk about the test holes again?”

- Answer – “The auger testing is indicated in green on the map. In the places I believe there is high probability that we will find archaeological significance, we will make a small trench along the total length to get the full picture of what is below.”

Presenter – Eric (Engineer)

- Eric - “Total traffic disruptions will not be 18 months. It will be a couple months here and a couple months there.”
- Question: “Will these alternating times be months?”
 - Answer – “Yes it will be for months at a time, but we need to discuss with the contractors for specifics.”
- Eric - “There will be availability for emergency vehicles at all times”
- Question: “If work on Comox hill will be done at night, then what type of noise will be expected”
 - Answer – “There will be noise, there are some things they can do such as fencing but there will always be noise.”
- Richard Hardy “Regarding the hill, if that’s going to be blocked at night then Back Rd will get more traffic. People speed there right now so what is the plan to deal with the increase. We might want to look at adding pavement to the sides of the Rd to increase pedestrian and bike lanes.
 - Answer – “We are looking at using other detours besides Back Rd. and looking at reducing traffic speeds. There are some things we can look at”
- Question: What about speed bumps
 - Answer – “There is not anything off the table, but that would be a community decision.”
- Jenny Millar “What about local traffic only, enforcement of that might be hard but signs might help”
 - Answer – “Yes anything that discourages people from going through there is an option. “
- Charlene Everson “Will noise be throughout the whole night? Or will it be only part of the night?”
 - Answer “We will have to wait to speak with contractors before that is set in stone. But besides the hill, everything else will be normal construction times. Starting 7-8 am and finishing end of day.”

- Charlene Everson “How will people hear about closures. Where can we find the info when they are going to happen?”
 - Answer – “We have a new communications person who will be running that. Radio, mail out, open houses, and the whole works.”

- Question: “Will the project start at one end and work continue to the other, or will the work be spread out over the whole area?”
 - Answer – “We have two separate contracts and once they are filled then we will have a better idea. But yes, there will be work at multiple points at the same time.”

- Jenny “What about the roundabout on the top of Comox hill?”

- Answer – Yes, the Town of Comox is looking at a few road improvements and one is round about for the top of the hill where Glacier View Dr and Comox Rd meet.”