

Project Notification



Albina-Gorge Sinkhole Project—Update#5

Phase 2 Remediation Albina Street

January 31, 2020

Project Background and Previous Works

In February 2019, a sinkhole was discovered below the asphalt of the road on Albina Street north of Gorge Road West. Further investigations indicated some additional areas of potential instability of the soil existing along the route of the sanitary sewer pipe that was installed in the early 1950's by tunneling with timber supports. It is speculated that the supports are degrading causing the potential settlement of soil over time. The sanitary sewer remains intact and fully functional. Remediation was completed on Gorge Road West at Albina Street in October 2019.

What is next?

More remediation work is planned on Albina Street from Gorge Road West to Obed Avenue. This work will involve the relocation of a section of sewer main, installation of timber mats bridges underneath sections of the roadway, and excavation/soil replacement in targeted areas. This work is anticipated to occur from early-March 2020 until mid-April 2020. Once this is complete, all traffic restrictions on Albina Street will be lifted.

Ongoing Traffic Restrictions

Access to Albina Street from Gorge Road West remains closed. The southbound lane of Albina Street from the Gorge Shopping Centre to Obed Avenue is closed with access permitted for residential traffic only. The northbound lane remains active for both directions of traffic, vehicles are to yield as appropriate using the gravel shoulder as required.

Construction Impacts

During the construction, minor traffic delays are expected throughout the northbound lane of Albina Street from Gorge Road West until Obed Avenue. Appropriate signage and traffic control will be in place throughout the affected area. We appreciate your cooperation.

Project Location



If you have any questions or concerns please, contact Joel Upsdell at

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Thank you for your patience as we continue to work on this project.

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