

# Project Notification



## Albina-Gorge Sinkhole Project—Update#2

Phase 1 Remediation - Albina/Gorge Road West

September 17, 2019

### Project Background

In early 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.

### What is next?

Remediation will be phased beginning with the intersection work at Gorge Road West at Albina Street, from late September until mid-October. Work will include relocation of water utility infrastructure within the construction excavation, and the installation of timber mats below the roadway spanning the width of sub-surface sewer trench. This bridge will allow for the steel plates currently installed in the roadway to be removed once the works are completed and road weight restrictions 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.

A weight restriction exists on Gorge Road West from Tillicum Road to Harriet Road prohibiting any vehicles exceeding 18,000 kilograms. BC Transit shall remain operational throughout this section of road, except for dates as noted. These restrictions will be in place until further notice.

### New Traffic Restrictions

In order to complete the remediation works on Gorge Road West, one way traffic each direction will be in affect from September 23 to October 4, excluding weekends. Subsequently, a full road closure will be in affect on Gorge Road West at Albina Street from October 7 to 11. BC transit routes will be affected for this closure. Appropriate signage and detour routes will be in affect through this area.



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

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