



CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS 2026

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About this guide

This annual guide outlines capital projects scheduled throughout the year. It is intended as a reference for the public, staff and Council to help illustrate Saanich needs and priorities in the areas of parks, transportation, water, sewer, drainage and facilities planning.

It's important to note that timelines and budgets are set at the beginning of the year and may be adjusted if conditions change.

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Transportation Integrated Projects

Wilkinson Road (Greenlea Drive to Quicks Bottom Park)

Project Description

Wilkinson Road is a major road connecting the urban and rural areas of Saanich, completing connections to destinations such as Camosun College and Royal Oak Shopping Centre, as well as part of the network connecting the Saanich Peninsula to the West Shore. This project will see pedestrian and cycling improvements along Wilkinson Road between Greenlea Drive and Quicks Bottom Park. This project is identified as a short-term priority in the Active Transportation Plan.

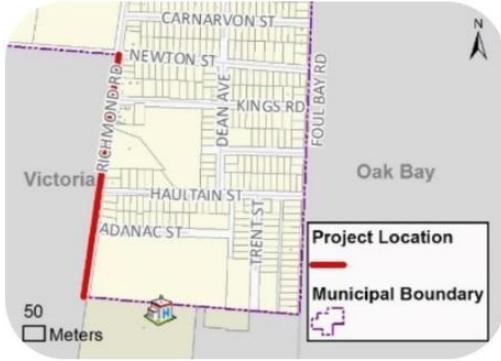
Construction Details

- Approx. 230m of concrete sidewalk on the east side of the road
- Painted bike lanes on both sides of the road
- Non mountable curb on the west side of the road with road widening
- Retaining wall on east side of the road
- Installation of catch basins

How will this improve Saanich?

- Upgraded sidewalks
- A defined road edge (curb) for safer speeds and drainage collection
- Extension of cycling infrastructure
- Full pavement overlay

Start date: Early 2026
Project duration: 9 Months
Project budget: \$1,060,000 Transportation Capital Funding



Transportation Integrated Projects

Richmond Road (Newton Street to Municipal Border)

Project Description

Richmond Road is a major road connection between the District and the City of Victoria and nearby destinations such as Royal Jubilee Hospital, Lansdowne Middle School, and Hillside Mall. This project will see pedestrian and cycling improvements along Richmond Road between Newton Street and the City of Victoria Border. In addition, existing crosswalks will be improved to provide further priority and protection to pedestrians and cyclists, while transit stops will be upgraded to current standards. This project is identified as a short-term priority in the Active Transportation Plan.

Construction Details

- Approx. 430m of concrete sidewalks, separated where possible
- 65m of bike lane
- 2 transit stop upgrades
- Installation of catch basins

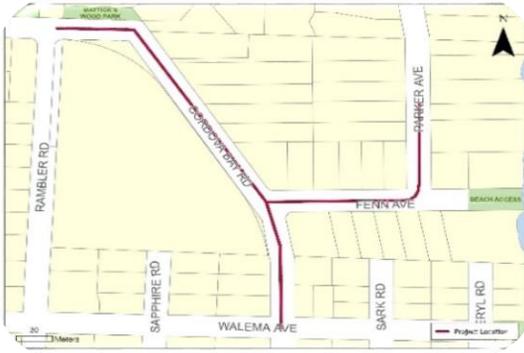
How will this improve Saanich?

- Upgraded sidewalks and transit infrastructure
- Extension of cycling infrastructure
- Improved pedestrian and cyclist activated crossings
- Full pavement overlay

Start date: Early 2026

Project duration: 9 Months

Project budget: \$1,780,000 Transportation Capital Funding and Cost-Shared with Victoria



Transportation

Cordova Bay Road (Walema Avenue to Rambler Road), Fenn Avenue (Cordova Bay Road to Parker Avenue)

Project Description

Cordova Bay Road and Fenn Ave are identified as best walking routes in the Safe Routes to School consultation, and Cordova Bay Road is identified for short-term cycling infrastructure upgrades in the Active Transportation Plan. This project will see pedestrian and cycling improvements along Cordova Bay Road between Walema Avenue and Rambler Road and pedestrian improvements on Fenn Road between Cordova Bay Road and Parker Avenue.

Goals include creating a village feel by installing sidewalks with boulevards to separate pedestrians from traffic, boulevard trees to frame views and narrow perceived road widths for traffic calming, on-street bike lanes that are separated from traffic where possible, improved pedestrian crosswalk locations, and pedestrian plaza spaces.

Construction Details

- Approx. 450m of concrete sidewalk separated where possible with non-mountable curb
- Approx. 300m of non-mountable curb
- Full pavement overlay on Cordova Bay Road between Walema Avenue and Rambler Road
- Two raised crosswalks equipped with rapid flashing beacons
- 340 square meters of road widening on Fenn Avenue
- 1,060 square meters of road widening on Cordova Bay Road
- Installation of catch basins

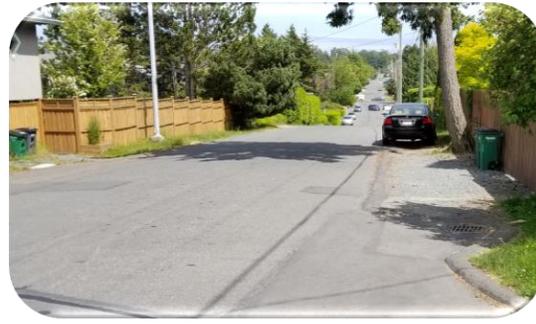
How will this improve Saanich?

- Safer and more accessible sidewalks for residents, students, and school staff.
- Improved pedestrian activated crossings
- Cycling infrastructure in an underserved area
- Full pavement overlay

Start date: Summer 2026
Project duration: 7 Months
Project budget: \$4,300,000 Transportation Capital Funding



Transportation	
Gorge – Tillicum Active Transportation Upgrades	
Project Description	
<p>Tillicum Road and Gorge Roads are major roads, with 2023 daily volumes of about 20,000 and 12,000 vehicles per day, respectively. They provide vital connections for all modes between Highway 1 and neighboring municipalities, as well as to major destinations including Tillicum Centre, Cuthbert Holmes Parks, and Gorge Waterway Park. This project will see pedestrian and cycling improvements along Gorge Road between Tillicum Road and Harriet Road and Tillicum Road between Gorge Road and Arena Way. It will be coordinated with the City of Victoria to include installation of a new protected intersection at Gorge Road and Harriet Road. As well, there will also be a fully protected intersections at Gorge Road and Tillicum Road and Tillicum Road and Arena Way.</p>	
Construction Details	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation of protected intersections at Gorge Road and Harriet Road, Gorge Road and Tillicum Road, Tillicum Road and Arena Way • Continuous intersections where possible, updated curb ramps elsewhere along Gorge Road and Tillicum Road • Protected cycling facilities on Gorge Road between Tillicum Road and Harriet Road • Upgraded bus stops • New full traffic signal at Tillicum Road and Obed Avenue • New asphalt throughout and updated road markings 	
How will this improve Saanich?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved safety for pedestrians and cyclist • Closed gaps in the cycling network within Saanich and connecting neighboring municipalities • Upgrade aging infrastructure including traffic signals, asphalt and, road markings 	
Start date:	Late 2026/Early 2027
Project duration:	18 months
Project budget:	\$15,000,000 Transportation Capital Funding



Transportation

Mortimer Street Sidewalk Upgrade

Project Description

Mortimer Street is a local road and is defined by the Safe Routes to School program as a best route to Cedar Hill Middle School. The Mortimer Street Sidewalk Upgrade Project will deliver new pedestrian infrastructure along the north side of Mortimer Street, connecting the existing sidewalk from Shelbourne Street to Cedar Hill Road.

The street will be upgraded to a Neighborhood Bike Way, which is defined as All Ages and Abilities infrastructure by the Saanich Active Transportation Plan. As part of the project, the sidewalk and asphalt bike lane constructed as part of the development at 3907 Cedar Hill Road will be extended from the crosswalk to Mortimer Street, providing students, parents, and school staff safe active connections to the school.

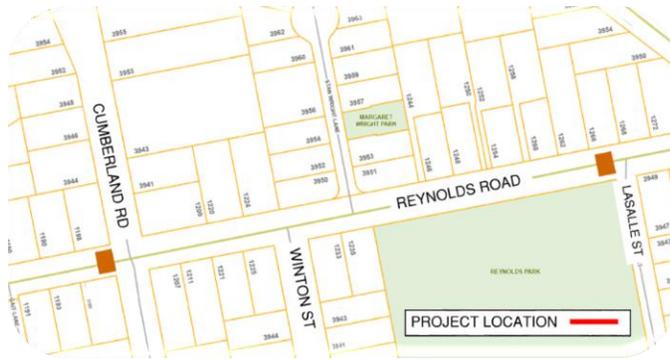
Construction Details

- New sidewalk on the north side of Mortimer Street.
- Asphalt road widening on the south side of Mortimer Street.
- Asphalt rehabilitation on Mortimer Street.
- New pedestrian crossing at Stockton Crescent and Mortimer Street.
- New pedestrian crossing at Mortimer Street and Cedar Hill Road.
- New sidewalk from 3907 Cedar Hill Road to Mortimer Street.
- New asphalt bike lane from 3907 Cedar Hill Road to Mortimer Street.
- New concrete pad and shelter for bus stop ID 100922

How will this improve Saanich?

- Safer and more connected routes for students, residents, and school staff.
- Improved access to Cedar Hill Middle School
- Enhanced walkability and accessibility along a key neighborhood corridor

Start date: Spring 2026
Project duration: 4 months
Project budget: \$900,000 Transportation Capital Funding



Transportation

Reynolds Road Raised Crosswalks

Project Description

Reynolds Road is a collector road that contains a playground zone and a high school frontage. New raised crosswalks with rapid rectangular flashing beacons at Lasalle Street and Cumberland Road will facilitate safer pedestrian movements for local residents, students, and school staff. The speed limit on Reynolds Road will be reduced to 40km/hr to further improve safety for all road users.

Construction Details

- New raised crosswalks at Lasalle Street and Cumberland Road, including rapid flashing beacons.
- New 40km/h speed limit signs.

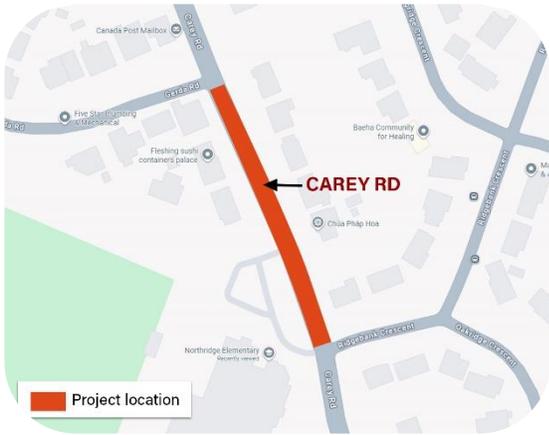
How will this improve Saanich?

- Safer pedestrian crossings for residents, playground users, and school attendees.
- Lower vehicle speeds along Reynolds Road due to raised crosswalks and a reduced posted speed limit will improve safety for all road users.

Start date: Spring 2026
Project duration: 1 month
Project budget: \$175,000 Transportation Capital Funding



Transportation	
Iona, Broadmead and Kremlin Sidewalk Upgrade	
Project Description	
<p>The Iona Broadmead Kremlin Sidewalk Upgrades Project will deliver new pedestrian infrastructure along key routes connecting the University of Victoria, Campus View Elementary School, Horner Park, Mt. Tolmie, and the surrounding neighbourhood.</p> <p>The project area includes Iona Drive north of Cedar Hill Cross Road, Broadmead Avenue between Horner Park and Kremlin Street, and all of Kremlin Street.</p>	
Construction Details	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New separated sidewalk on the west side of Iona Drive. • New separated sidewalk on the north side of Broadmead Avenue. • New separated sidewalk on the west side of Kremlin Street. • New pedestrian crossings at Kisber Avenue and Christmas Avenue. • Parking improvements on Iona Drive adjacent to Horner Park. 	
How will this improve Saanich?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safer and more connected pedestrian routes for students, residents, and park users. • Improved access to the University of Victoria, Campus View Elementary School and Horner Park. • Enhanced walkability and accessibility along a key neighbourhood corridor. 	
Start date:	Fall 2026
Project duration:	5 Months
Project budget:	\$1,100,000 Transportation Capital Funding



Transportation

Carey Road Sidewalk Upgrade

Project Description

Carey Road is identified as a best walking route while Ridgebank Crescent is identified as a best walking and cycling route in the Safe Routes to School program. The Carey Road Sidewalk Upgrade Project will deliver new and improved pedestrian infrastructure along Carey Road to support safe, accessible travel for residents of all ages and abilities.

Construction will be delivered in phases, beginning with improvements on Carey Road between Gerda Road and Ridgebank Crescent.

Construction Details

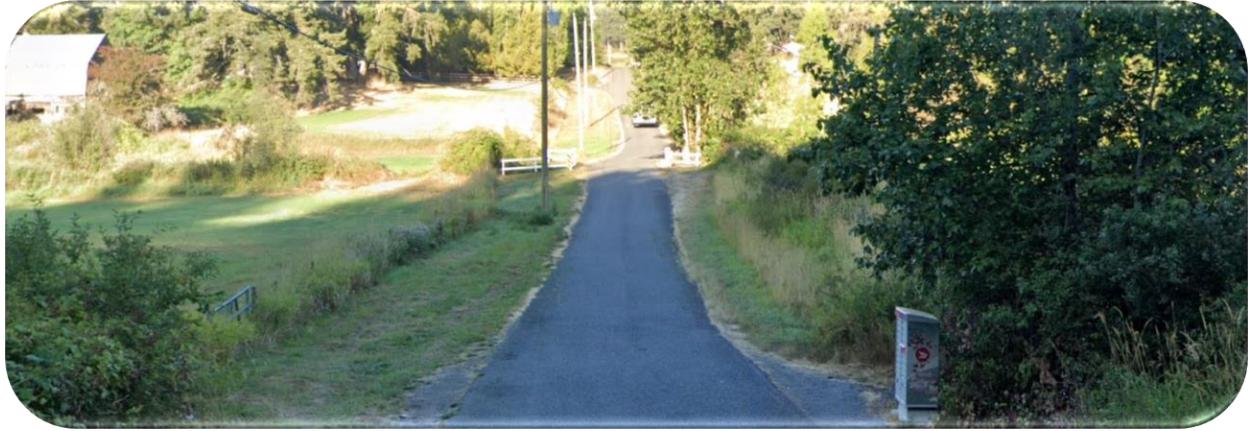
Phase 1: Gerda Road to Ridgebank Crescent

- New raised crosswalks across Carey Road at Gerda Road and Ridgebank Crescent.
- New sidewalk on the east side of Carey Road.
- New asphalt resurfacing of the roadway.
- Landscaping where a separated sidewalk is installed between the road edge and sidewalk.

How will this improve Saanich?

- Safer and more accessible sidewalks for residents, students, and school staff.
- Improved pedestrian crossings and routes to Northridge Elementary and Glanford Middle School.
- Reduced vehicle speeds along a school frontage.
- Better connections to transit, parks, and the surrounding neighbourhood.

Start date: Late 2026
Project duration: 3 months
Project budget: \$730,000 Transportation Capital Funding



Transportation

Chip Seal Paving

Project Description

The District of Saanich will be carrying out chip seal paving at locations in Rural Saanich as well as locations in the northwest Carey area. Chip sealing is a road surface treatment that involves applying a thin layer of asphalt, followed by a layer of gravel chips. These chips are then rolled into the asphalt to create a durable, textured surface.

Chip Sealing Locations

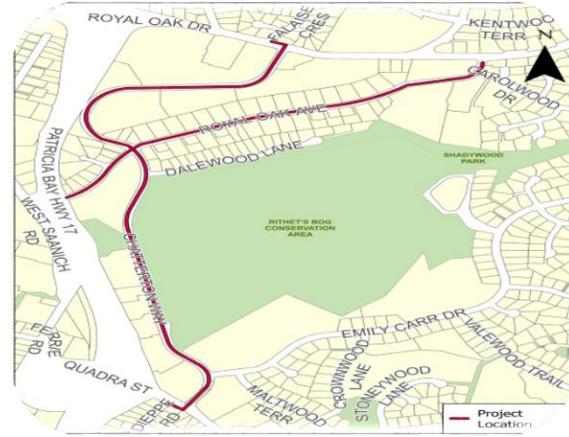
- North Road from Roy Road to Interurban Road
- Roy Road from North Road to Kensington Place
- Prospect Lake Road from Meadowbrook Road to Goward Road
- Kiowa Road from Hartland Ave to Kiowa Place
- Farmington Road from Wallace Drive to the West End

How will this improve Saanich?

Chip seal helps protect pavement from oxidation and weathering by sealing small cracks and preventing water and air intrusion. It also enhances surface texture, improves skid resistance, and extends the life of the pavement.

The District of Saanich performs street repairs on an ongoing basis, prioritizing projects through the Pavement Renewal Program while considering budgetary constraints. Chip seal paving costs approximately one-sixth of traditional asphalt resurfacing methods, allowing the District to pave more kilometers of roadway while achieving cost savings.

Start date: Summer 2026
Project duration: One week
Project budget: TBD



Transportation

Chatterton Way Cycling Improvements Project

Project Description

The District of Saanich plans to re-lane Chatterton Way to create bike lanes with cycling connections to Dieppe Road at Quadra Street, and to Falaise Drive at Royal Oak Drive. A neighbourhood bikeway is planned for Royal Oak Avenue with pavement markings, signage, and traffic calming measures. This project aligns with the short-term cycling network priorities outlined in the Active Transportation Plan and helps close a gap in the cycling infrastructure network as the District continues building its long-term bicycle network.

Construction Details

- Pedestrian activated signal at Royal Oak Avenue and Chatterton Way.
- Pedestrian crossing improvements at Quadra Street and Chatterton Way and Emily Carr Way, includes one signal pole replacement
- New cycling facilities on Chatterton Way from Quadra Street to Royal Oak Drive including new road markings and a neighborhood bikeway on Royal Oak Avenue.
- New asphalt between Quadra Street and Emily Carr Way

How will this improve Saanich?

- Protected bike lanes provide physical separation from motor vehicle traffic and act as an additional buffer for pedestrians.
- Cycling facilities designate space for cyclists, increasing safety and comfort that encourages new and less confident cyclists to use the facilities.
- The new cycling facilities provide connectivity between existing cycling facilities, improving convenience.
- Traffic calming measures reduce motor vehicle speeds.
- Improving the connectivity, safety, accessibility and convenience of Saanich's active transportation network will help the District reach its Climate Plan goals.

Start date: Fall/Winter 2026
Project duration: Four months with phased schedule
Project budget: \$1,000,000 Transportation Capital Funding



Transportation

Boleskine Road Cycling Improvements Project

Project Description

The District of Saanich is planning to install protected bike lanes on Harriet Road between Irma Street and Boleskine Road, and on Boleskine Road between Harriet Road and Tennyson Avenue. The project also includes pavement resurfacing and improvements to the pedestrian crosswalk at the intersection of Boleskine Road and Harriet Road. These upgrades align with the short-term cycling network priorities identified in the Active Transportation Plan as well as recommendations in the Road Safety Action Plan, and will provide safer, more comfortable travel for all users, while coordinating with the CRD's planned bicycle crossing at Whittier Avenue to strengthen connections to the Galloping Goose Regional Trail.

Construction Details

- Pedestrian activated signal at Boleskine Road and Whittier Ave.
- Protected bike lanes on Harriet/Boleskine Road from Irma Street to Tennyson Avenue.
- Corner ramp and crosswalk improvements at Harriet Road and Boleskine Road.

How will this improve Saanich?

- Cycling and pedestrian improvements will create a safer, more comfortable roadway for everyone, including people walking, biking, and driving.
- Protected bike lanes provide a physical buffer from motor vehicle traffic, making cycling safer and giving pedestrians extra space.
- Protected bike lanes make cycling more comfortable and inviting, encouraging people of all ages and abilities to choose biking.
- The project strengthens active transportation connections across Saanich, making it easier to get around safely and comfortably by walking or biking.

Start date: Summer 2026
Project duration: Two months
Project budget: \$650,000 Transportation Capital Funding



Transportation

Cloverdale Avenue Cycling Improvements Project

Project Description

The District of Saanich is planning to install safety improvements at the Cloverdale-Cook-Quadra intersection and extend the protected bike lanes on Cloverdale Avenue from Quadra Street to Alder Street. The intersection is identified as a best route for school attendees who live north and west of the school, while the protected bike lanes align with the short-term cycling network priorities identified in the Active Transportation Plan and will provide safer, more comfortable travel for all users.

Improvements at Quadra Street and Cook Street will give more priority to vulnerable road users, enhancing accessibility and protection for people walking and biking, while improving efficiency for other modes. A signalized pedestrian and bicycle crossing will be added at Savannah Avenue.

Construction Details

- Replacement of traffic signal poles at Cook Street and Quadra Street, including phasing improvements for all modes.
- Accessibility improvements at Cook Street and Quadra Street.
- Protected bike lanes installed on Cloverdale Avenue
- New pedestrian activated signal at Cloverdale Avenue and Savannah Ave.

How will this improve Saanich?

- Improved intersections: Upgrades at Cloverdale-Cook-Quadra reduce conflicts between people walking, biking, and driving.
- Better cycling connections: Protected bike lanes and new cyclist crossings make biking safer and more comfortable.
- Safer walking routes: Signalized crosswalks improve accessibility for pedestrians of all ages.
- Healthier, more sustainable community: Encouraging walking and cycling helps reduce traffic, lower emissions, and support active lifestyles.

Start date: Winter 2026
Project duration: Three months
Project budget: \$1,100,000 Transportation Capital Funding



Transportation

Wallace Drive

Project Description

The District of Saanich is reviewing Wallace Drive to address aging road conditions and improve safety for all road users. As a regional connection that serves residents, visitors, and local businesses, the corridor experiences a wide range of traffic and travel needs. The project will explore pavement renewal and potential safety improvements, including measures to better manage traffic speeds and volumes. A formal public engagement process will be included to gather community feedback and help shape next steps.

How will this improve Saanich?

- Responds to community concerns and incorporates public input into traffic changes.
- Improves safety and comfort for people walking, cycling, and driving along Wallace Drive.
- Extends the life of the roadway and helps reduce long-term maintenance costs.
- Aligns with the District's long-term plans and policies for paving, safety, and active transportation.

Start date: Summer 2026
Project duration: 3 months
Project budget: TBD



Water Resources - Sanitary Sewer Utility

Albina-Gorge Upgrades Sewer Main Replacement & Rehabilitation

Project Description

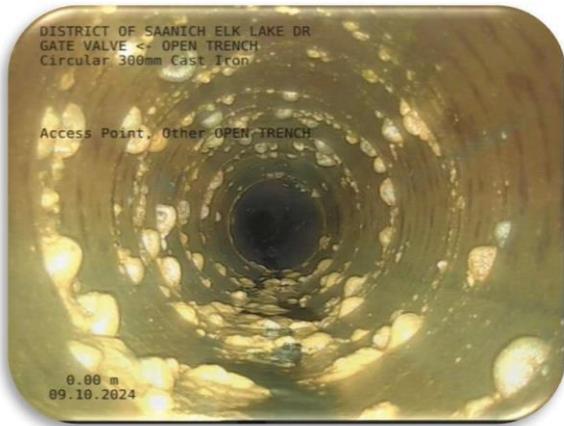
This project has been in development over several years and is planned to start construction in 2026. It involves a combination of underground utility replacements along with geotechnical soil reinforcement, and transportation improvements culminating with intersection upgrades at the intersection of Tillicum Road and Gorge Road West.

How will this improve Saanich?

This project is needed to replace aging infrastructure and increase the sanitary system capacity to support growth of the neighbourhood as well as advance Active Transportation goals. The project will replace temporary soils stabilization facilities with permanent remedies on Albina St, replace the Albina sewer lift station, install a new sewer forcemain and other piping.

These upgrades will improve the overall sanitary system capacity, reduce maintenance, and advance the District's commitment to asset management.

Start date: Early 2026
Project duration: 12 months
Project budget: Phase 1: \$3.2M



Water Resources - Water Utility

Highway 17 (Pat Bay Hwy) and Elk Lake Drive Water Main Replacement & Rehabilitation

Project Description

The project involves the replacement the water main along Elk Lake Drive and cured in place pipe “CIPP” rehabilitation of a water main crossing underneath Highway 17 (Pat Bay Hwy). This project is driven by the replacement of assets at the end of their useful life and repair the water main that was taken out of service under the highway due to structural integrity concerns. The project will reinstate a water supply link between the east and west sides of the highway and improve the water main capacity along Elk Lake Drive.

How will this improve Saanich?

This project will reinstate and reinforce the water pressure in the service area and provide resilience to the network supporting the reliability of the water service.

Start date: Summer 2026
Project duration: 9 months
Project budget: \$1,500,000



Water Resources - Water Utility

Douglas Street (Saanich Road to Audley Street)

Water Main Replacement & Rehabilitation

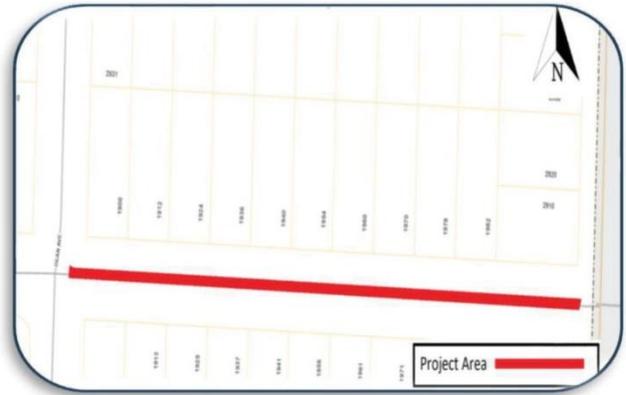
Project Description

This project involves the replacement of existing watermains on Douglas St from Saanich Road to 3329 Douglas St, and along with Audley St.

How will this improve Saanich?

Replacement of the water main on Douglas St is a priority given a recent series of failures of this watermain which provides critical service to many commercial businesses. The replacement main will increase capacity and flow in the system and achieve service levels as recommended by the District's Water Supply Master Plan.

Start date: Summer 2026
Project duration: 9 months
Project budget: \$600,000



Water Resources - Sanitary Sewer Utility and Drainage

Neil Street from Dean Avenue to Foul Bay Road Sanitary and Drain Replacement & Rehabilitation

Project Description

This is a coordinated replacement project; the sanitary sewer and storm drain mains are both on operations checklists for frequent inspection and maintenance due to persistent issues. During the review of these mains there were multiple pipe issues noted in both systems, like minor breaks, offset pipe joints, roots, sags, and damage from infestation of vermin. The project will replace 180 metres of non-reinforced concrete pipe with PVC pipe.

How will this improve Saanich?

This project will enhance the pipe functionality and remove the costly ongoing maintenance in the area. The new infrastructure will restore reliability and increase flow capacity of the pipes, and the new material will be more resistant to damage from animals.

Start date: Summer 2026
Project duration: 7 weeks
Project budget: \$823,000



Water Resources - Sanitary Sewer Utility and Drainage

Wordsworth Street from McRae Avenue to Knight Avenue Sanitary and Drain Replacement & Rehabilitation

Project Description

The project involves the replacement of existing storm mains on Wordsworth St from 3336 Wordsworth St to McRae Ave and along McRae Ave from Wordsworth to Keats St. The sanitary main will also be replaced within a right of way from Wordsworth St to 3311 Fircrest Pl using a cured in place pipe “CIPP” technology.

How will this improve Saanich?

Replacing and/or upgrading both sewer mains will improve service levels, system functionality and alleviate localized drainage issues. It will address infiltration of ground water into the sewer system and eliminate ongoing maintenance issues.

Start date: July 2026
Project duration: 6 months
Project budget: \$953,000

Water Resources – Storm Drain Capital Works

Project	Description	Estimate
Substandard Main Replacement & Rehabilitation		
In Progress Project (10 projects)	Main replacements and rehabilitation.	\$1,714,000
Homer Road SRW, 270 Homer Road to 3745 Tillicum Rd	Replace 146m of 200/375 mm dia. Clay pipe	\$405,000
Vincent Ave, Heath Drive to Tillicum Road	Replace 600m of 200/250 mm dia. pipe	\$1,618,000
Creek Culvert Repairs & Replacements		
Cumberland Brook, Blenkinsop Road at Mt Douglas Cross Road	Wood Stave Main Replacement	\$583,000
Doumac Park - Revans Creek Headwall/Erosion Control	Replace three (3) headwall structures within Doumac Park Ravine	\$397,000
Asset Management Programs and Initiatives		
CCTV Inspection, Waterways Restoration, Planning, Modeling, Design, Emerging Priorities	System condition assessments, large maintenance activities, replacement project engineering designs, etc.	\$1,330,000

Water Resources – Sanitary Sewer Utility Capital Works		
Project	Description	Estimate
Main Replacement & Rehabilitation		
In Progress Project (10 projects)	Main replacements and rehabilitation.	\$1,060,000
Vincent Avenue, Heath Drive to Tillicum Road	Main Repairs	\$10,000
Lift Station Replacement & Rehabilitation		
Brett Lift Station	Station and forcemain replacement (grant application submitted)	\$1,761,000
Asset Management Programs and Initiatives		
CCTV Inspection, Planning, Modeling, Design, Emerging Priorities	System condition assessments, large maintenance activities, replacement project engineering designs, etc.	\$1,387,400

Water Resources – Water Utility Capital Works		
Project	Description	Estimate
Main Replacement & Rehabilitation		
In Progress Project (12 projects)	Main replacements and rehabilitation.	\$2,924,000
Water System Facilities Replacement & Rehabilitation		
Seamist Pump Station	Design for backup generator and new control system	\$385,000
Meter Replacement and Communication System	Multi-year program to replace aging meter infrastructure and add remote sensing capabilities	\$2,200,000
Asset Management Programs and Initiatives		
Inspections, Planning, Modeling, Design, Emerging Priorities	System condition assessments, large maintenance activities, replacement project engineering designs, etc.	\$1,660,000



Municipal Facilities

Fire Station #2 Redevelopment

Project Description

The redeveloped Fire Station #2 located at 4595 Elk Lake Dr. will see the replacement of the existing 1978, 3,800 ft² facility with a two-story, mass timber structure of 22,000 ft². In addition to accommodating added crews in future years, this post-disaster facility will be built to LEED Gold Standards, Energy Step Code level 2 and the CaGBC's Zero Carbon Building Standard. Residents will see the project being largely constructed and realized through 2025 with 2026 seeing commissioning, staff moves and landscaping. A public art component will be installed after landscaping is completed.

How will this improve Saanich?

- Increase Fire Suppression equipment storage capacity.
- Improve services delivery and operational efficiencies.
- Significantly contribute to the District's GHG reduction targets.

Start date: Q1 2024

Project completion: Q3 2026

Project budget: \$44,628,854



Municipal Facilities

Municipal Hall – Window & Door Replacement

Project Description

This multi-year project will include replacement of the windows and doors at the Municipal Hall. Planning and design will occur in 2026, with construction anticipated in 2027 and 2028.

How will this improve Saanich?

- Renew aging infrastructure.
- Reduce facility energy usage and greenhouse gas emissions.
- Improve building occupant comfort by improving thermal performance and reducing drafts.
- Improve climate resilience by reducing overheating.

Start date: Q1 2026

Project duration: Two to three years

Project budget: \$4,000,000



Municipal Facilities	
Cedar Hill Recreation Centre Green & Inclusive	
Project Description	
<p>This project began in 2024 and includes replacement of gas-powered heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems with electrical systems, replacement of fluorescent lighting with LED, replacement of original lobby glazing with high efficiency glazing, construction of a new airlock vestibule at main entrance, renovating the reception counter, and more!</p> <p>The project is estimated to reduce the building’s greenhouse gas emissions by 72% and building energy usage by 17.5%.</p> <p>This project is funded in part by the Government of Canada through a Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program grant.</p> <p>2026:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vestibule construction, HVAC commissioning. 	
How will this improve Saanich?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renew aging infrastructure. • Improve accessibility for both staff and patrons. 	
Start date:	Ongoing since Spring 2024
Project completion:	Q2 2026
Project budget:	\$5,000,000

Municipal Facilities

Pearkes Recreation Centre – HVAC Upgrades

Project Description

This project will increase the energy efficiency of the building by upgrading major HVAC components and reduce GHG emissions by electrifying the heating and dehumidification for the majority of the facility. Key upgrades include:

- Replacing eight rooftop gas-fired air conditioning units with high-efficiency electric heat pumps.
- Upgrading the Library’s cooling system with an electric air-source heat pump.
- Installing a new electric heating and cooling system to support an existing fresh air ventilation unit.
- Adding electric dehumidifiers inside both ice rinks to improve air quality and moisture control.
- Installing a new air handling system with an electric heat pump and heat recovery system to efficiently heat and ventilate the Fieldhouse.

Overall, the project will reduce the facility greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by approximately 85% or 296 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent annually, making a significant contribution to our corporate and community GHG emissions reduction targets and commitment to 100% renewable energy, showcasing sustainable building design to our region and beyond.

This project is funded in part by the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – CleanBC Communities Fund Program grant (\$2,885,717).

How will this improve Saanich?

- Renew aging infrastructure.
- Reduce GHG Emissions.

Start date: Ongoing since Spring 2024

Project completion: Q3 2026

Project budget: \$4,200,000

Municipal Facilities	
Saanich Commonwealth Place – Roof Renewals	
Project Description	
This project includes replacement of various sections of flat roof at Commonwealth Place.	
How will this improve Saanich?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renew aging infrastructure. • Improve safety for maintenance personnel. 	
Start date:	Ongoing since Fall 2025
Project completion:	Q1 2026
Project budget:	\$1,000,000

Municipal Facilities

Cedar Hill Recreation Center – Fitness Center Ventilation System

Project Description

This project includes replacement of various components of the ventilation, heating and cooling system servicing the Cedar Hill Fitness space.

How will this improve Saanich?

- Renew aging infrastructure.

Start date: Summer of 2026

Project completion: Q4 2026

Project budget: \$400,000



Parks

Urban Forestry and Tree Planting

Project Description:

The Urban Forest Strategy establishes a long-term vision and a target of 44% canopy cover for the District by 2064 – a one per cent increase over today’s urban forest canopy.

Initiatives to support this vision:

- Planting and establishing trees in parks, boulevards, Cedar Hill Golf Course and replacing bylaw-protected trees along right of ways removed due to land and street development.
- Organizing community events such as Tree Appreciation Day, Earth Day, and National Tree Day.
- Increasing annual tree planting to support climate change mitigation, through various public land programs.
- Updating and expanding the Partnership Tree Planting program.

How will this improve Saanich?

- Work towards the Urban Forest Strategy target of 44% canopy cover for the District by 2064
- Make significant improvements to Saanich’s urban forest.
- Foster community engagement and increase awareness of the importance of Saanich’s urban forest.
- Enhance the aesthetics and diversity of boulevards and medians to boost public enjoyment.
- Contribute to climate change mitigation by reducing the urban heat island effect through evaporative cooling and shading of parking lots and buildings.
- Support wildlife by providing habitat, food, and shelter for various bird and mammal species.

Start date: Winter 2026
Project duration: 6 months (Jan-March and Sept-Dec)
Project budget: \$240,000



Parks - Sports Field Program

Sport Field Maintenance and Renovations (turf soccer and baseball)

Project Description

Work will be ongoing to upgrade and maintain safe and playable sports fields throughout the year. This is a multi-year program and includes major repairs or renovations periodically required.

How will this improve Saanich?

Sports fields are a popular park amenity and serve a broad demographic of the community with recreation opportunities for health and wellness.

- Increased field playability and safety for sports users
- Reduced maintenance costs

Start date: May 2026
Project duration: 5 months
Project budget: \$120,000



Parks - Courts Program

Sport Court Renovations (Tennis, Pickleball, Multi-Use Courts etc.)

Project Description

Regular work is required to support optimal playing conditions which could include:

- Restoration of base material
- New paving
- Painting and resurfacing
- Line painting
- Drainage upgrades
- Upgrades to the courts at Beckwith and Reynolds Parks

How will this improve Saanich?

Sport courts are a valued recreational feature for all age groups in our community. To enhance their playability and encourage active recreation in our parks, we must:

- Keep courts well-maintained to ensure they remain safe and functional
- Ensure these important recreational facilities continue to serve their intended purpose
- Address maintenance needs promptly to avoid costly future repairs or upgrades

Start date: May 2026
Project duration: 5 months
Project budget: \$220,000



Parks - Playground Program

Renovations and upgrades which include accessibility and safety enhancements

Project Description

Playgrounds with outdated equipment or materials are redesigned and upgraded. This work includes:

- Allocating funds to renovate the splash pad at Beckwith Park, renewing and enhancing Blair Park
- Upgrading playgrounds surfaces by replacing sand with engineered wood chips
- Replacing worn play equipment components as needed
- Installing accessibility improvements where possible
- Redevelopment of Lochside Park Playground

How will this improve Saanich?

This program supports active children by:

- Ensuring playgrounds are safe and well-maintained
- Replacing playground equipment as it reaches the end of its useful life
- Improving accessibility for people of all ages and abilities
- Lowering maintenance costs

Start date: April 2026
Project duration: 8 months
Project budget: \$782,000
Secondary budget: Additional \$101,000 DCC Funding



Parks - PKOLS (Mount Douglas) Park	
PKOLS (Mount Douglas) Park Transmitter Fund work	
Project Description	
Trail Program	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to make priority trail renovations • Ongoing repairs to erosion and drainage concerns 	
How will this improve Saanich?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase visitor experiences by providing better access • Enhance trails for improved visitor safety • Protect the natural environment of PKOLS • Cost sharing with PKOLS – Mount Douglas Conservancy 	
Start date:	Spring 2026
Project duration:	10 months
Project budget:	\$50,000 from the PKOLS Transmitter Fund



Parks - Trails Program

Park trail (gravel only) resurfacing and repairs

Project Description

Resurfacing over 100 kilometers of gravel trails is completed based on a quadrant system. Existing trail conditions are inspected and repaired as needed. In 2026 multiple trails will be addressed in trail quadrant 4 (Southwest). This work includes:

- Necessary repairs to trails including drainage (storm/flood damage), root heaves and potholes.
- Implementation of Active Transportation Initiatives

How will this improve Saanich?

Gravel trails throughout Saanich Parks provide an abundance of recreation options from walking, running, biking and hiking. Trail enhancements fulfill the initiative in the Older Adult Strategy to improve trails for easier walking for seniors.

- Increased safety for trail users by reducing potential trip/fall injury
- Enhanced public enjoyment and use of multi-use or walking trails especially during wet conditions

Start date: Fall 2026
Project duration: 3 months
Project budget: \$255,000
Secondary budget: Additional \$20,000 DCC Funding



Park - Parking Lot and Roads Program

Cedar Hill Park Derby Road Parking Lot & Derby Road Connector Project

Project Description

Following a recommendation in the Cedar Hill Park Management Plan, which was approved by Council in 2020, design and preliminary work will commence on the Derby trail connector. The project will assess pedestrian, vehicle, golf cart, and bicycle access through the Derby parking lot, as well as the management of active transportation within the golf course plaza and tee-off areas.

How will this improve Saanich?

The Derby parking lot primarily serves golfers at the Cedar Hill Golf Course, and the Derby trail connector runs through the park, providing the only bicycle route within Cedar Hill Park. Given the aging infrastructure and the growing popularity of both the golf course and trail, this area needs redesign, repairs, and upgrades. The project aligns with goals in the Cedar Hill Park Management Plan and the Active Transportation Plan, contributing to:

- Improved safety for parking lot and trail users by minimizing conflicts
- Enhanced public enjoyment and accessibility of the multi-use trail, including golf cart access

Start date: Spring 2026
Project duration: 12 months
Project budget: \$600,000
Secondary budget: This project may require funding from future capital plans, depending on the design.



Parks – Parking Lot and Roads Program

Park Parking and Plaza Improvements

Project Description

Improve and upgrade degraded parking lot infrastructure to improve safety, parking lot circulation, environmental best management practices and accessibility requirements. PKOLS summit parking lot improvements will coincide with the transmitter replacement project.

How will this improve Saanich?

Parking lots serve as key access points to park amenities and recreation facilities which are accomplished through:

- Enhanced parking lot circulation
- Augmented safety considerations
- Improved accessibility enhancements
- Integration of stormwater management areas and other best management practices
- Adjusted circulation routes for pedestrians and cyclists
- Reduced maintenance cost over the long term

Start date: April 2026
Project duration: 8 months
Project budget: \$166,000



Parks - Infrastructure Program

Park Building Repairs, Footbridges, Signage, and Site Furniture

Project Description

Enhance and replace deteriorated infrastructure to maintain the safety and integrity of park facilities. This includes repairs to buildings, as well as replacement of and upgrades to benches, picnic tables, signage, trail markers, bicycle racks, footbridges, water fountains, and trash bins.

How will this improve Saanich?

Park infrastructure offers essential amenities that enhance the experience for park visitors, while also:

- Ensuring public safety for wooden bridges, stairs, and buildings
- Prolonging the longevity of park assets
- Enhancing visitor enjoyment with new or improved site amenities

Start date: April 2026

Project duration: 8 months

Project budget: \$754,000

Secondary budget: Additional \$38,500 DCC Funding and \$80,000 from amenity contribution funding.



Park - Building Program

New Washroom Buildings

Project Description

Implement the 2026 portion of the Parks Washroom Operations and Capital Plan:

- New pit toilets to be installed in PKOLS

How will this improve Saanich?

Washrooms play a crucial role in enhancing the community's experience and enjoyment of our parks, directly impacting visitation patterns and the duration of stays. They allow more people to access parks and trails, supporting key initiatives within both the Active Transportation Plan and the Older Adult Strategy. These washrooms are identified in the Washroom Capital and Operating Plan.

- Washrooms are a common request from park and trail users
- Supports municipal goals outlined in the Older Adult Strategy
- Enhance service delivery to residents
- Prolongs the lifespan of existing park infrastructure

Start date: Spring 2026

Project duration: 8 months

Project budget: \$262,000



Parks - Natural Areas Program

Natural Areas Restoration in Parks

Project Description

Natural Areas projects aim to restore, enhance, and protect biodiversity in natural areas in Saanich's parks. Efforts focus on planting native trees, shrubs, and plants while managing invasive species to preserve sensitive ecosystems. Riparian restoration sites support fish habitats and creek bank stabilization.

Key activities include planting, watering, decommissioning unsanctioned trails, installing protective fencing, and restoring salmon habitats to reduce erosion and rehabilitate riparian diversity.

How will this improve Saanich?

- Restoration and preservation of Saanich's urban forest and natural areas aligns with the Biodiversity Conservation Strategy
- Enhance ecosystem health and biodiversity for both wildlife and park visitors
- Foster community partnerships and promote Natural Intelligence
- Safeguard fish and amphibian habitats, bird nesting sites, and species at risk

Start date: January 2026

Project duration: 12 months

Project budget: \$485,000

Secondary budget: Additional \$103,729 from MoTI funded projects (\$80,000 for Gary Oak Restoration and \$23,729 for Trembling Aspen Projects). Additional PKOLS transmitter funds of \$50,000 will support trail and creek projects. Growing Canada's Community Canopies (GCCC) grant provides \$760,000 in matching funding for tree planning, along with \$50,000 from the Urban Forest Reserve.



Parks - Irrigation Program	
Irrigation Program	
Project Description	
<p>Work will be ongoing to upgrade and maintain safe and playable sports fields, passive turf areas, horticultural displays and tree drip systems throughout the year. This is a multi-year program and includes major repairs or renovations periodically required. The updating of irrigation control systems will be done in tandem with renewal activities.</p>	
How will this improve Saanich?	
<p>The irrigation systems play a crucial role in maintaining key park features, such as beautiful horticultural displays, sports fields, tree planting efforts, and natural area projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New or upgraded systems are more efficient, helping to reduce water usage. • They promote healthy plant growth, lowering the need for maintenance. • They contribute to safer, more reliable playfield surfaces. 	
Start date:	Spring 2026
Project duration:	8 months
Project budget:	\$200,000



Parks - General Landscaping Program

Streetscape Traffic Island/Display Beds, Drainage and General Landscaping in parks and boulevards

Project Description

There are over 700 horticultural garden beds located on medians, boulevards, neighborhood cul-de-sacs, and within parks. These beds require regular full renovation or repair of the landscaping. The work includes removing existing landscape materials and replacing them with fresh soil (incorporating compost from the Greener Garbage Collection Program), sustainable plants, and a layer of leaf and wood mulch.

General Park landscaping involves repairing areas damaged by regular park use or necessary maintenance and construction activities. This may necessitate reseeding, sodding, replanting, or drainage improvements.

How will this improve Saanich?

- Remove invasive plants and weeds and improve appearance of shrub displays
- Reduced maintenance requirements
- Lower water and irrigation needs
- Increase biodiversity
- Help build relationships within the community
- Enhance the quality of park spaces for the enjoyment of park visitors
- Efficiencies in storing, enhancing and reusing soils from project to project reduce fees required for disposal and soil purchase

Start date: Spring, 2026
Project duration: 8 months
Project budget: \$100,000
Secondary budget: \$25,000 additional funds from the DCC program

Recreation Capacity Building

Feasibility and Design

Project Description

Multiple feasibility studies and design work will be undertaken across all four recreation centers to address aging infrastructure and rising capacity pressure on facilities. Projects include foyer, washroom and Green Area seating at GR Pearkes; tennis facility insulation at Cedar Hill Recreation Centre; and lobby expansion and sump pump generator battery back-up system at Gordon Head Recreation Centre.

How will this improve Saanich?

- Renew and protect existing, aging, infrastructure
- Support sustainability goals
- Improved amenities and increased space for community and patrons

Start date: Spring 2026
Project duration: 12 months
Project budget: \$205,000

Recreation Capacity Building

Accessibility Upgrades

Project Description

Continuation of work to enhance accessibility features across recreation centers and Cedar Hill Golf Course clubhouse.

How will this improve Saanich?

- Centers more inclusive for staff and patrons
- Facilities better positioned to meet upcoming accessibility regulations
- Support for District's ADEI Strategy

Start date: Spring, 2026
Project duration: 12 months
Project budget: \$123,000