

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

4TH AVE ROAD CLOSURE

(ROCKY CREEK CULVERT REPLACEMENT)

What is the project?

This is an update for neighbourhood residents about the upcoming construction to replace the failed culvert on 4th Avenue over Rocky Creek.

On Monday (June 3, 2019), Ladysmith Council awarded the contract to install a steel arch culvert and fully rebuild the crossing. When the work is complete, the new and improved road will include two traffic lanes, a pedestrian sidewalk and bike lanes.

In order to successfully complete this major construction project in a reasonable timeframe, the Town will be closing 4th Avenue.

Throughout the construction period, the McKinley Road-Churchill Place access road is being reopened as the detour route to bypass 4th Avenue.

When is it starting?

Work is expected to start in mid-June and could go up to the contract end date on Nov. 1, 2019.

How is traffic being detoured?

All 4th Avenue traffic will be detoured around the construction site. We understand that the closure of 4th Avenue at the Rocky Creek Dip



will be an inconvenience for local residents and user groups of Forrest Field.

We're asking that motorists are mindful of the communities and neighbourhoods they're driving through, particularly those areas with a posted speed limit of 30 km/h.

At that speed we estimate it will take an extra three to five minutes to reach Forrest Field using the detour.

The Town has a variety of measures at our disposal to address concerns previously raised by residents, including:

- Portable speed bumps
- Traffic volume and speed counters
- Option to request increased RCMP enforcement
- Speed watch by Ladysmith Citizens on Patrol

The Town will also regularly service the McKinley-Churchill access road using a dust control agent.

The Timberwest Forestry Road at the end of 4th Avenue, beside Forrest Field, is also available as an emergency access route if required.

Why is the project being completed?

The culvert that crosses Rocky Creek at 4th Avenue has failed and must be replaced. In order to do this work, we need to close 4th Avenue.

The steel arch culvert being installed is 14 metres long and more than double the width of the previous pipe.

A natural rock bottom will also be installed in the new culvert making it more beneficial for fish passage.

We will provide updates on our website www.ladysmith.ca, through Facebook, Twitter, the newspaper, and our electronic newsletter. Don't hesitate to call Infrastructure Services at 250-245-6445 if you have any questions.

