



Contract awarded for Dunsmuir, work to start in June

On May 24, the contract for the Dunsmuir Avenue upgrades was awarded to JR Edgett Contracting. Four bids were submitted on the tender, and each was successful in their social procurement requirement that was a preliminary screening for their submissions – which means the work was then awarded to the lowest bidder who met all the plan criteria.

With the contractor in place, there will now be a short planning phase as Cumberland Village staff works to confirm construction timing. This will include identifying when/where there will be road closures and detours. More updates will come in the next few weeks.

Work is expected to begin at some time in June at the east end of Dunsmuir. The construction phasing and discussions about how to reduce impact of the work on businesses and residents will affect the length of time it takes the project to be completed.

The Dunsmuir Avenue work will see the replacement of underground sewer and water services from Dunsmuir between Second and Seventh streets. This work is part of a long-term village council commitment to improving the infrastructure of Cumberland.

Here's what's happening now:

Dunsmuir Ave:

- Final contract and work plan being created with JR Edgett Contracting
- Pre-construction preparation underway, with mobilization of contractor expected in June.

Cumberland Road

 Geotechnical investigations are underway to determine the best option for widening the roadway through the wetland area



Top Question: When will we know more about the Cumberland Road plans?

The improvement work along Cumberland Road is in the middle of some important – but out-of-sight – planning stages. Geotechnical investigations are underway to determine the best option for widening the roadway through the wetland area. This is a challenging setting because the ground conditions required particular engineering to ensure they will remain sturdy in the long-term. Widening this roadway though, to add a shoulder and bike lane is a priority for this project's plan.

In the meantime – a grant application was completed and submitted to Bike BC for funding assistance for bike lane access.

Updated plans are expected to be complete in June 2016 and will be shared with the community at an open house (expected to be held the same month) and via updates at the Cumberland.ca/villageupgrades webpage.

How to stay in touch

This work may be disruptive at times and the project team is committed to reducing that as much as possible by sharing information regularly. Here's how you can keep in touch:

- · These monthly bulletins will be sent out by mail, or email
- Email questions/comments to villageupgrades@cumberland.ca (send us a note to receive your monthly bulletins by email)
- Check out the website: Cumberland.ca/villageupgrades
- · Follow us on social media:
 - facebook.com/villageupgrades
 - twitter.com/villageupgrades

Did You Know?

The tender for the Dunsmuir
Avenue construction work
was Cumberland's first under
its new social procurement
policy. That means contractors
had to show support within
the community as well as their
ability to meet the engineering
and construction needs
within a reasonable budget.
The tender was a success,
with four firms bidding and
each passing the initial social
procurement screening stage.

For more about the We Buy Social program, visit <u>www.</u>
<u>cumberland.ca/social-</u>
procurement



This monthly update is issued by the Village of Cumberland to keep the community informed of ongoing construction works anticipated in 2016.

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