



CUMBERLAND

Wastewater Upgrades Newsletter

An update on Cumberland's high performance lagoon upgrade

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Hello from the Village of Cumberland's Wastewater Upgrades Project team – we hope 2025 has kicked off well for you all. This is our eighth issue of our project update newsletter which will keep you informed on progress on this important infrastructure upgrade. The year ahead will be a busy one on site, so stay tuned for updates ahead and thanks for following along! Cumberland.ca/wastewaterupgrades



Headworks subgrade: Machines prepare the ground at the new site of the headworks. The new operational building, completed in late 2024, can be seen in background.

Site Reactivated for Busy Construction Year

CONSTRUCTION RESTART

Work is getting underway in earnest on the Wastewater Upgrades Project, with more contractors led by Maple Reinders setting up on site and starting on the critical tasks ahead. The month of January has been focused on ground preparation - getting the subgrades ready for construction, and completing the closure of an old exploratory mine borehole that was discovered last year.

In the coming months, the focus of work will be on the extensive grading required for updates, along with installation of underground electrical and air piping. Two tented areas that will house equipment and the electrical room will also be prepared before moving onto the lagoon works.

WHAT IT MEANS FOR YOU

Construction work will continue all of 2025 and will be entirely on the site of the wastewater treatment facility off of Ulverston Road. However, people in the area should expect increased traffic and noise and ensure they stay off of the access road to the site. There are good trails nearby that keep you safely out of the construction zone.



Join Us - Learn More

Wastewater Plan Infosession
Come by our upcoming infosession to hear a presentation and ask questions about wastewater planning for the Village.

Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2025

Council Chambers, 2673 Dunsmuir Ave.

4:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

OR 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

See full story on page 2.





LONG-TERM WASTEWATER PLAN WRAPPING UP

The Village is completing the final stage of its Liquid Waste Management Plan (LWMP) – marking the end of an important long-term planning process that maps out wastewater direction for the decade to come.

The LWMP process actually began in 2016, and earlier stages identified the plan for the Wastewater Upgrades Project that is now under construction. The focus on upgrading the treatment facility to meet regulatory requirements was prioritized as the most urgent task – and with it underway, it was time to circle back to complete the wider plan which includes stormwater management.

The Wastewater Advisory Committee – made up of Village residents, property owners and Councillors – have been meeting to review and consider the results of technical assessments and proposed plans forward. A public info session has been scheduled for February (see details on Pg. 1) – this will be the last public engagement window before the plan is drafted and submitted.

Learn more and follow the progress of this plan at engagecomoxvalley.ca/cumberland-lwmp



Mineshaft concealed

An old exploratory mine borehole that was found during early site investigations as been cleared and covered, removing a safety risk in the area.



DID YOU KNOW?



Because of incidents of vandalism, the site is under 24-hour video security. If you see any unusual activity in the area, please report it.

About the Wastewater Upgrades Project

The Village of Cumberland is upgrading its wastewater treatment system to meet provincial standards, as well as fulfill environmental goals to remove man-made toxins, restore degraded ecosystems and release safe water into Maple Lake Creek and the Trent River, which flows into Baynes Sound.

For mor information about the project, visit cumberland.ca/wastewaterupgrades

STAY IN TOUCH

This update is issued by the Village of Cumberland to keep the community informed about the Cumberland Wastewater Upgrade Project.

To stay updated about the project's progress:



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