

June 19th, 2023

Dear Owner / Occupant,

Re: Penticton Creek Restoration Work and Road Improvements Ready to Resume

On August 30th 2022, the City had informed residents that construction along Penticton Creek had wrapped-up for the season, with most of the creek restoration completed between Nanaimo Ave E and Wade Ave E. Construction is now expected to resume to finalize the last remaining section of creek restoration near Wade Ave E, as well as other improvements planned for this area.

Traffic calming and safety improvements at the intersection of Ellis St and Westminster Ave E are currently underway to kick-off this year's construction work. This project includes a three-way stop, adding curb extensions, pedestrian crossings, improved lighting, and landscaping to revitalize the area.

Along with this work, there are improvements planned for Government St, located adjacent to the creek to accommodate a greater channel width and the removal of the wooden pedestrian pathway, which is to be re-instated with a new concrete sidewalk. This work will be completed outside of the fish window prior to the construction of the creek work. In addition, the Wade Ave E pedestrian bridge that crosses Penticton Creek will be removed temporarily to allow equipment to access the creek.

Starting July 15th to August 30th, the creek restoration will resume including installing a temporary creek bypass and isolation measures, removal of the existing concrete liner and drop structure, a water main replacement, and earthworks, river rock placement, and new landscaping along the creek.

A summary of the key activities for this project includes:

- Ellis St and Westminster Ave E intersection improvements – *mid-June to early July*
- Government St and Wade Ave E sidewalk and roadway improvements – *late June to mid-July*
- Temporary removal of the Wade Ave E pedestrian bridge – *removed early July and re-installed early September*
- Naturalization of Penticton Creek – *mid-July to end of August*
- Restoration of adjacent areas, landscaping, and pathways – *Fall*

Residents should expect some delays to traffic along the affected routes in order to accommodate construction and equipment while accessing these sites. Traffic may be impacted along Government St, Wade Ave E, Norton St, and the Ellis St and Westminster Ave E intersection. Work is also expected to impact the Wade Ave E pedestrian bridge with its temporary closure, as well as impacts to the pedestrian pathway and bicycle lane along Government St and Wade Ave E, and temporary closure of the pedestrian pathway along Penticton Creek near Braid St as required during construction.

Thank you for your patience as the City continues to improve its infrastructure. Information will be updated regularly on the City's website at www.penticton.ca/restore-penticton-creek.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Chu, P.Eng.,
City Engineer

BY THE NUMBERS

Penticton Creek Restoration

220 METRES OF CREEK

has been restored within this section, with another 100 metres to be completed in 2023. This will mitigate flood risk and restore the creek's natural habitat for wildlife, including fish species.



7,585 TONNES OF ROCK

has been placed to create a series of pools and riffles to encourage spawning.



880 CUBIC METRES OF TOPSOIL

has been placed so far to support planting native plant species along the bank to help maintain creek health.

AND THERE'S MORE!

This year, approximately 650 tonnes of concrete liner will be removed, replaced with 3,400 tonnes of rock, 130 cubic metres of topsoil, 380 tonnes of spawning gravels and native plants along the creek banks.



Learn more about this project at
www.penticton.ca/restore-penticton-creek

