

Nanaimo bridge removal, delayed one year

(Penticton, BC – May 20, 2021) – The City’s schedule to remove the Nanaimo Street Bridge has been revised. Under the most recent plan, the bridge was to be removed late July 2021 to facilitate the ongoing upgrade of Penticton Creek, following an earlier upstream creek project which had been planned to precede the spring freshet flows. However, due to the later than expected announcement for the EMBC-ARDM grant funding, the earlier project could not proceed as originally planned and required it be combined with the second project to meet a mandated end of year completion deadline for both.

As an updated announcement for the grant included an extension to the time-period by which these projects can be completed, the City has decided to delay the work on the second project which includes the section of creek where the Nanaimo Bridge is located, to 2022, restoring the original separate project sequencing.

“By applying the revised schedule, we will avoid the construction and resource challenges that would have applied if both projects had needed to proceed concurrently within the limited fisheries window”, said the City’s Engineer, Ian Chapman.

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