

Project Notification



Albina-Gorge Sinkhole Project

Investigation and Development

How was this started?

In early February 2019, a sinkhole was discovered below the asphalt of the road on Albina Street north of Gorge Road West.

What has been completed so far?

The sinkhole has been exposed and backfilled to surface. A drilling program was completed in order to identify the potential cause of the sinkhole and determine any additional points of weaknesses present. The results have indicated some additional areas of potential instability of the soil existing along the route of the sanitary sewer pipe.

This sanitary sewer pipe was installed in the early 1950's by tunneling with timber supports. It is speculated that the supports are degrading causing the potential settlement of soil over time. The sanitary sewer remains intact and fully functional.

What is next?

Saanich is working to establish solutions to remedy the areas in question for the short/medium term. This will take a few months to engineer and construct. A long term, more permanent solution, will subsequently be developed.

Traffic Restrictions

Access to Albina Street from Gorge Road West has been closed. The southbound lane of Albina Street from the Gorge Shopping Centre to Obed Avenue is closed with access permitted for residential traffic on-

ly. The northbound lane will be active for both directions of traffic, vehicles are to yield as appropriate using the gravel shoulder as required.

A weight restriction will be placed on Gorge Road West from Tillicum Road to Harriet Road prohibiting any vehicles exceeding 18,000 kilograms. BC Transit shall remain operational throughout this section of road. These restrictions will be in place until further notice.

Project Location



If you have any questions or concerns please, contact Joel Upsdell at

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Thank you for your patience as we continue to work on this project.

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