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Bamfield Main Road Surfacing Project begins Chip Seal on the Bamfield Main

(PORT ALBERNI, B.C. – JULY 21, 2023) - Huu-ay-aht First Nations announces that the chip seal coat work on the Bamfield Main will begin on July 22, 2023. The final phase of the Bamfield Main Road Surfacing Project is possible with the continued support and partnership with the Province.

The project started almost three years ago when the two governments partnered to create a safe route along Bamfield Road.

The Provincial Government and Huu-ay-aht collectively identify this project as “The Bamfield Road Reconciliation Project.” These two governments worked together to launch the project with a shared vision of a safer route between Bamfield and Port Alberni. That act of reconciliation is why this project is where it is today.

The project’s final phase will begin mid-July and be completed by the end of early Fall of 2023. Work will begin at kilometre 36 to 76.6, working towards Bamfield. Then, seal coating will begin on kilometres 36 to 0, working towards Port Alberni.

During construction, detours, delays, and alternating single-lane traffic with pilot vehicles will be in place. Please watch for notices regarding detours, delays, and alternating single-lane traffic on the Huu-ay-aht and Western Forest Products web pages.

Quotes

"We are excited for the final stages of the road improvement to be complete. The road improvements will provide safety for Huu-ay-aht citizens, the Bamfield community, and visitors, and that is one of our main priorities. With the economic benefits this will bring to the region, we look forward to building a sustainable economy for our Nation."

- Huu-ay-aht Executive Councillor, Wiiheyakchikk, Brad Johnson

"This is a vital roadway on the west coast of Vancouver Island, connecting residents of several coastal communities. I commend Huu-ay-aht First Nations for their steadfast commitment and continued progress on such a large-scale project. This project will ensure Bamfield Main is a safe route for everyone."

- B.C. Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation Murray Rankin

About Huu-ay-aht First Nations - Huu-ay-aht First Nations is an indigenous community located on the west coast of Vancouver Island in British Columbia. It is a part of the Nuu-chah-nulth Nation, formerly called the Nootka. Huu-ay-aht is a party to the Maa-nulth Final Agreement, a modern treaty that grants its five member-nations constitutionally protected self-government as well as ownership, control, and law-making authority over their lands and resources. For more information, visit huuayaht.org.

Resources

- [Province partners with Huu-ay-aht First Nations to improve Bamfield Road Safety](#)
- [Huu-ay-aht and Province mark the beginning of a new path together with Bamfield Main Road Surfacing Project groundbreaking](#)
- [Huu-ay-aht Bamfield Main Road Update](#)
- [Western Forest Products Road Update](#)
- [Bamfield Main Road Surfacing Project website page](#)

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