

# HIGHWAY 5 INFORMATION & UPDATES



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For the weeks of February 21 to March 6, 2022

## Detours may change as repairs continue on Coquihalla

### LATEST NEWS

#### DETOUR SET TO CHANGE AT OTHELLO

#### WORK CONTINUES AT ALL SITES



Othello

### Othello detour changing

Since Highway 5 opened to all commercial traffic in December and regular vehicle traffic in January, drivers have become familiar with temporary detours where repair work is ongoing. Drivers are reminded that traffic patterns are subject to change.

Rock production operations are taking place in the median area of the highway over a stretch of approximately 2 km just south of the existing southern crossover in the Othello area. While a temporary crossover has been in place since the reopening of the highway, drivers can expect variable detour configurations in this area moving forward.

**The Othello detour will change configurations approximately 2km south of the existing crossover.**

**Traffic patterns will vary to accommodate site operations.**

### Reduced speed limits

As work is ongoing in many areas of the highway, speed limits have been reduced.

**Highway 5 - 100km/hr max unless otherwise posted**  
For most of the Coquihalla Highway, the speed limit has been reduced to 100km/hr unless otherwise posted.

**Othello - 60km/hr maximum**  
For approximately 4km near Othello, speeds are limited to 60km/hr.

**Juliet and Bottletop Bridges - 50km/hr maximum**  
For approximately 3km from Juliet Bridge to Bottletop Bridge speeds are limited to 50km/hr.

Pay close attention to road signs and obey reduced speed limits. Check DriveBC for the latest information before travelling.



The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure publishes these newsletters for residents regularly. See digital copies and the latest updates at:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation-projects/bc-highway-flood-recovery/2021-flood-road-recovery-projects-highway-5>

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We aim to reply within 24 hours. Thank you for your patience.



Kingsvale Bridge

## Works in progress

Our team continues to repair the more than 20 sites along Highway 5 that were damaged in the November 2021 flooding events. Recent work includes:

- Kingsvale Bridge: Placing rock fill and armouring embankment with riprap
- Mine Creek #1: Armouring embankment with riprap
- Bottletop Bridge: Armouring embankment with riprap
- Old Tram/ Othello Interchange: Constructing embankment fill at Othello interchange acceleration lane
- Brodie Bridge: Establishing construction protection berm access below the bridge and keying in riprap
- Othello: Constructing embankment fill with gravel along southbound lanes, armouring embankment with riprap, and installing fish habitat features along embankment
- Juliet Bridge: Armouring embankment with riprap

We are also exploring long-term solutions to repair four sites with extensive damage: Othello, Jessica Bridge, Juliet Bridge and Bottletop Bridge. We hope to begin work in the upcoming construction season. More information will be shared when it is available.

## Preparing for freshet and long-term repairs

Since the severe weather and flooding in November 2021, we have been in Phase 1 of our response: emergency access and temporary construction. We anticipate this phase of work will be complete in the spring. We are now prioritizing preparations for the spring thaw, or freshet, armouring vulnerable areas of Highway 5 with additional rocky material (riprap). These rocks deflect the impact of the rushing water away from nearby infrastructure, while the gaps between rocks trap and slow the flow of water.

Phase 2 - design and construction of long-term repairs - will begin in the upcoming construction season at the earliest. More information will be shared when it is available.



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