

HIGHWAY 8 INFORMATION & UPDATES



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Infrastructure update prepared for residents
For the weeks of March 7 to March 20, 2022

Progress report



The Highway 8 Team is working on 23 sites overall. So far, we have completed temporary repairs at seven locations, started construction on another eight, and have eight sites where work is planned for the near future.

Latest information

Crews continue constructing temporary access through the Highway 8 corridor. Thank you for your patience as our crews work as quickly and safely as possible.

As a result of the atmospheric river event in November, debris from the flooding continues to wash up across the province. To report any debris in waterways along Highway 8, please contact Emergency Management BC at 1-833-376-2452 (daily from 7:30am to 5:00pm).

Site updates

- Temporary repairs are complete in six locations:
 - 17.3km west of Mamit Junction (N'kwala)
 - 18.5km west of Mamit Junction
 - 22.1km west of Mamit Junction
 - 24.9km east of Spences Bridge
 - 21.1km east of Spences Bridge
 - Curnow Bridge
- Work is ongoing in nine locations:
 - 14km east of Spences Bridge
 - 15.3km east of Spences Bridge
 - Two sites 16km east of Spences Bridge (9 Mile)
 - 20.7km east of Spences Bridge
 - 6.6km east of Spences Bridge
 - 3 Mile Bridge
 - Rattlesnake Bridge
 - 1km northeast of Spences Bridge

15.3km east of Spences Bridge



Before



Progress made

6.6km east of Spences Bridge



Before



Progress made

1km north east of Spences Bridge



Before



Progress made



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Directory

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Merritt Support Centre

- #102-1700 Garcia St (Railyard Mall)
Merritt, B.C. V1K 1B8
- Call 1-877-655-0341 or email returnhome@merritt.ca

Emergency Management BC

- 1-833-376-2452 (daily 7:30am to 5:00pm)
- www.emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca

Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD), Cascades District:

- forests.cascadesdistrictoffice@gov.bc.ca
- 1-800-665-1511

Indigenous Services Canada (ISC)

- 604-775-5100 (Monday to Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm) (BC Office)

Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) - Emergency Operations Centre

- 250-377-7188 or 1-866-377-7188
- emergency@tnrd.ca
- To make an appointment for the Cache Creek resiliency centre, contact the Gold Country Communities Society at 250-456-6606

Disaster Financial Assistance

- DFA@gov.bc.ca
- 1-888-257-4777
- <https://www2.gov.bc.ca>

Canadian Red Cross

- 1-800-863-6582 (daily 8:00am to 8:00pm)
- www.registration.redcross.ca



Environmental monitoring

As part of the environmental monitoring on Highway 8 construction sites, data on water turbidity (the quality of being cloudy, opaque, or thick with suspended matter) is being collected at regular intervals each day, both upstream and downstream of the construction site.

The upstream measurement provides data on the "background" or natural state of the waterway system, whereas the downstream measurement identifies any additional turbidity that may be generated as a result of the construction. Permits and additional measures are put in place to reduce sediment being generated at the site. In this way, downstream water quality is being protected and kept as close to the natural state of the system as possible.

Featured: 20.7km east of Spences Bridge

In a section of Highway 8 around 20.7km east of Spences Bridge, repairs have been particularly complex. Approximately 100m of slope below the eastbound lane, with approximately 50m of pavement, was washed out by the Nicola River during the November flood event. An approximately 20m tall near-vertical slope comprising bedrock and soil was located immediately below the remaining pavement. The roadway was stabilized with a combination of riprap and blast rock buttress to support the slope and the excavation of up to 5m from the road to reduce the overall slope height. The presence of soil over sloping bedrock increased the difficulty of construction.



Before



After

For general enquiries, please email highway8.information@gov.bc.ca or call 250-378-1452. We aim to reply within 24 hours. Thank you for your patience.



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