

# HIGHWAY 8

## INFORMATION & UPDATES



Ministry of  
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Infrastructure update prepared for residents  
For the weeks of May 16 to May 29, 2022

## Progress Report

No. of Sites	14	6	5
	Temp. Repairs Complete	Work Underway	Planned Work

The Highway 8 Team is now working on 25 sites (up from 24) after a new site impacting the highway was discovered. We have completed temporary repairs at 14 locations, started construction on another 6, and have 5 sites where work is planned for the near future. Thank you for your patience as our crews work as quickly and safely as possible.

## Latest Information

### Site Updates

- Temporary repairs are complete in 14 locations
  - **Site 1:** 17.3km west of Mamit Junction/97C Junction (42.4km east of Spences Bridge)
  - **Site 2:** 18.5km west of Mamit Junction/97C Junction (41.2km east of Spences Bridge)
  - **Site 3:** 22.1km west of Mamit Junction/97C Junction (37.6km east of Spences Bridge)
  - **Site 3A:** 23.4km west of Mamit Junction/97C Junction (36.3km east of Spences Bridge)
  - **Site 4:** 34.8km west of Mamit Junction/97C Junction (24.9km east of Spences Bridge)
  - **Site 5:** 38.6km west of Mamit Junction/97C Junction (21.1km east of Spences Bridge)
  - **Site 6:** 39km west of Mamit Junction/97C Junction (20.7km east of Spences Bridge)
  - **Site 8:** 43.7km west of Mamit Junction/97 Junction (16km east of Spences Bridge) - 9 Mile
  - **Site 9:** 44.4km west of Mamit Junction/97 Junction (15.3km east of Spences Bridge)
  - **Site 19:** 53.1km west of Mamit Junction/97C Junction (6.6km east of Spences Bridge)
  - **Site 20:** 3 Mile Bridge
  - **Site 21:** Rattlesnake Bridge
  - **Site 22:** Curnow Bridge
  - **Site 23:** 57.7km west of Mamit Junction/97C Junction (1km northeast of Spences Bridge)
- Work is ongoing in 6 locations:
  - **Site 2A:** 21km west of Mamit Junction/97C Junction (38.7km east of Spences Bridge)
  - **Site 7:** 43.7km west of Mamit Junction/97C Junction (16km east of Spences Bridge)
  - **Site 10:** 45.7km west of Mamit Junction/97C Junction (14km east of Spences Bridge)
  - **Site 16:** 51km west of Mamit Junction/97C Junction (8.7km east of Spences Bridge)
  - **Site 17:** 51.4km west of Mamit Junction/97C Junction (8.3km east of Spences Bridge)
  - **Site 18:** 52.3km west of Mamit Junction/97C Junction (east of Secret Garden)

Site 3A (23.4km west of Mamit Junction)



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Site 10C (14km east of Spences Bridge)



Before



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Site 18 (east of Secret Garden)



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## Emergency Management BC

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- 250-377-7188 or 1-866-377-7188 [emergency@tnrd.ca](mailto:emergency@tnrd.ca)
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## Disaster Financial Assistance

- [DFA@gov.bc.ca](mailto: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](http://www.registration.redcross.ca)

## New Site: 2A (21km West of Mamit Junction)

This section of Highway 8, which sustained partial damage from the November Atmospheric River flooding, did not require any immediate repairs in 2021. When the water levels rose this spring, the stronger currents caused further erosion along the slope and prompted the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI) to include it as an additional repair site.

As the weather warms and the water levels continue to rise from melting snow and ice (freshet), MoTI is taking steps to protect the highway infrastructure against future erosion. Works to repair this site and prepare it for freshet have started. Over 250 metres of riprap (rocky material) will be used to protect the highway and maintain access for residents along the corridor.



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## Environmental Update: Snake Protection

Preserving wildlife and wildlife habitats is a top priority for MoTI. If snake habitats are disturbed or destroyed, their population can become locally extinct. As repairs to Highway 8 continue, MoTI is working to ensure snakes and their habitats are not impacted by construction.

In the Nicola Region, snakes hibernate over the winter months. Between late March and early June, snakes begin to leave their dens. Snakes are often slow to move out of hibernation. They use the sun's energy to warm up, often basking on rocks or roads. As a result, snakes may be susceptible to harm from vehicles or humans.

To help inform our crews, workers have been provided with a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) and a Snake Protection Mitigation Guide. These guides are reviewed in daily meetings.

Recently, crews found a federally-protected Western Rattlesnake at Site 10 (14km east of Spences Bridge). Thanks to the clear processes outlined, an operator immediately stopped work in the area and notified the onsite Environmental Monitor. The snake was successfully relocated to a safe zone away from the site and into an appropriate habitat.



For general enquiries, please email [highway8.information@gov.bc.ca](mailto: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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