



Bearspaw South Feeder Main

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Bearspaw South Feeder Main Project reaches major construction milestone

The Bearspaw South Feeder Main (BSFM) Replacement Project has reached an important milestone. Crews have completed Stage A microtunneling and installed the underground concrete carrier pipe, keeping the project on schedule and moving Calgary closer to a stronger and more reliable water system.

Since January, crews have used microtunneling to install the new feeder main beneath existing roadways, utilities and other infrastructure. This construction method reduces surface impacts while allowing critical underground work to advance efficiently.

Work completed to date:

- Approximately 3.7 kilometres of microtunneling has been completed between the Shaganappi Pump Station and 73 Street N.W.
- The concrete carrier pipe is now fully installed.
- More than two kilometres of the new steel feeder main has been installed inside the carrier pipe.

"This is a significant step forward for the project," said Darren Finney, Manager, Major Projects. "We recognize the impact this work has had on residents, businesses and commuters. Completing this complex tunneling work safely and on schedule brings us closer to connecting the new feeder main and improving the long-term resilience of Calgary's water system."

Stage B construction continues on schedule in Bowness

Stage B construction along 34 Avenue N.W. in Bowness is also on schedule. Since work began in June, The City has completed about 40 per cent of the Stage B installation work.

- More than one kilometre of new steel feeder main has been installed.
- Construction is active on three blocks.
- Four blocks where feeder main installation is complete have reopened to traffic.
- Two additional blocks are expected to reopen in the next few weeks.
- Roads, sidewalks and property access are being restored as quickly as conditions allow.

Preparing for critical connection work this fall

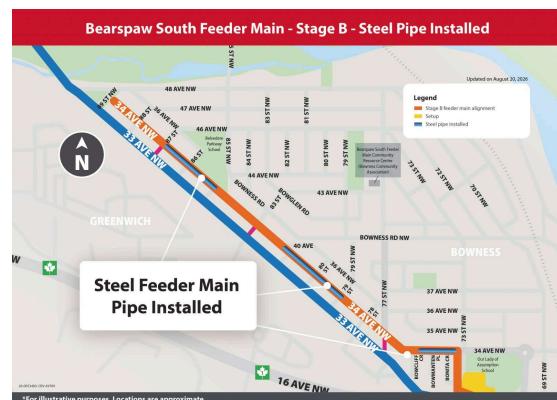
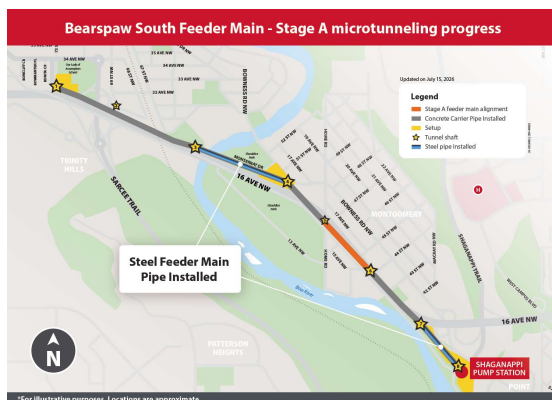
The next major phase of the project will involve connecting the new feeder main to Calgary's drinking water system.

Here's what residents can expect (timelines subject to change):

- **September** — Work at the Shaganappi Pump Station to connect it to the new feeder main is estimated to begin. Around the same time, unrelated work for the North Calgary Water Servicing project will require a temporary shutdown of the Bearspaw Water Treatment Plant. There may be a need for temporary outdoor water restrictions, but it will depend on the weather and water demand at that time. Teams are continuing to assess conditions and will make a final decision on restrictions closer to the start of work.

- **Mid-October** — Crews are expected to begin connecting the new feeder main to the water system at several locations along the route. This work will involve open cut construction similar to the construction currently taking place on 34 Avenue N.W. During this phase, residents will need to follow Stage 4 outdoor water restrictions and continue conserving water indoors.
- **Mid-November** — crews are expected to begin testing and commissioning the new feeder main. This includes cleaning and disinfecting the pipe, filling it with water and taking the existing feeder main out of service. No water restrictions are expected during this phase.

Visit The City's newsroom to read the [news release from Wednesday, August 26.](#)



Additional repairs planned along Parkdale Boulevard

While the feeder main is out of service, The City will complete six proactive repairs along Parkdale Boulevard and Memorial Drive N.W. Recent inspections identified locations that require targeted repairs, and completing this work during the planned shutdown will improve long-term reliability while minimizing future disruptions.

Although the 1500 mm pipe along Parkdale Boulevard and the 1950 mm pipe currently being replaced are part of the same feeder main, they are

different sections of the system and have different condition profiles. Inspections show the 1500 mm pipe remains in good overall condition and does not need to be replaced. Instead, crews will make repairs at a few specific locations to help keep it reliable for years to come.

Repairs on the six sections will involve around-the-clock construction, including excavation and replacement of pipe sections with new steel segments.

Construction locations:

- 3118 Parkdale Blvd N.W.
- 2840 Parkdale Blvd N.W.
- 2642 Parkdale Blvd N.W.
- West of Lions Village
- 2507 Bowness Rd N.W.
- Broadview and 22 Street N.W.

Here's what residents, drivers and pathway users can expect:

- 24/7 construction activity.
- Traffic detours and parking restrictions on Parkdale Boulevard N.W. and Memorial Drive N.W.
- Increased construction traffic and heavy equipment in the area.
- Temporary impacts to some driveway access; affected property owners will be contacted directly.
- River pathway closures and detours.
- Noise, dust and vibration from construction activities.
- No planned utility outages, though temporary service interruptions may be required.
- Transit service impacts; visit calgarytransit.com for current route information.

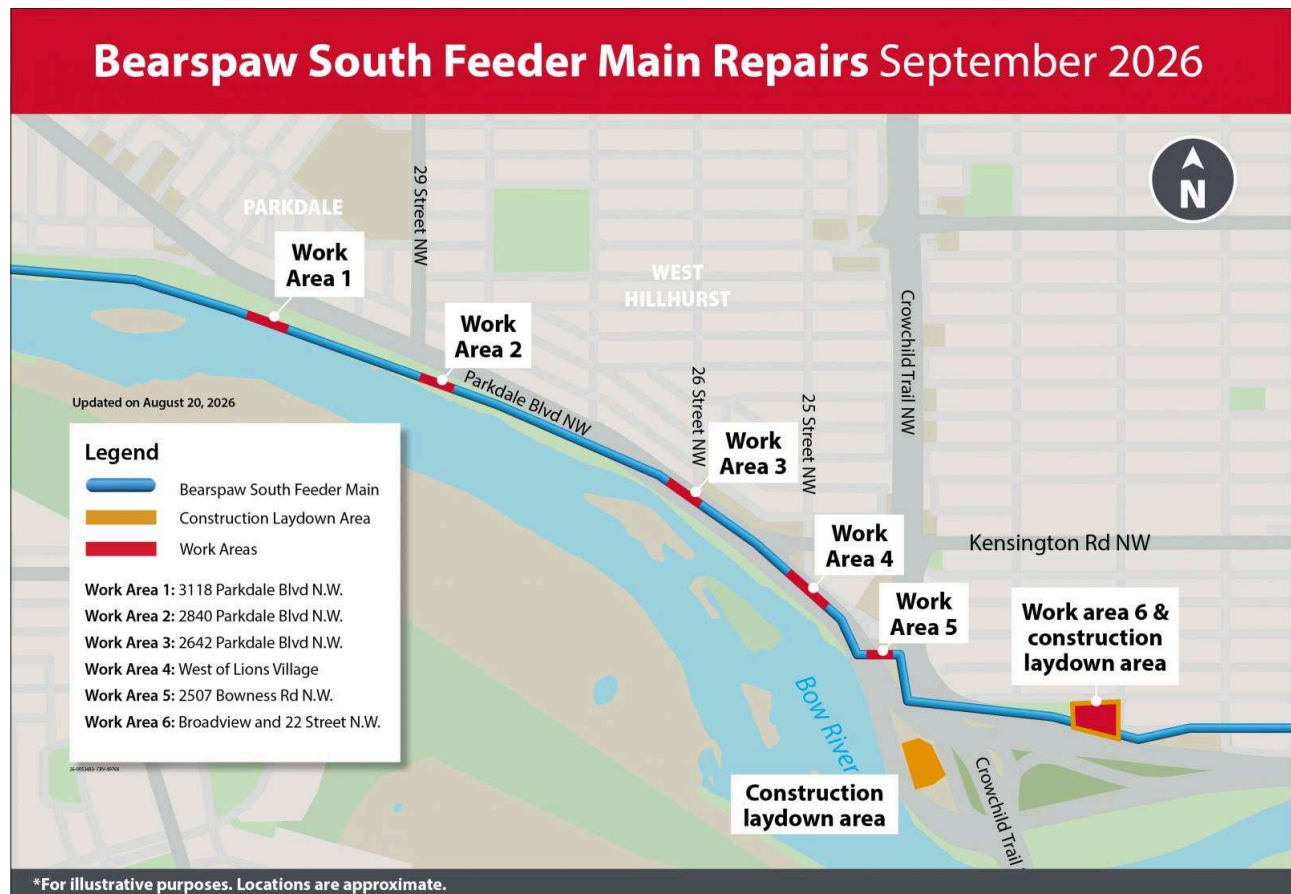
Supporting the Community

We understand that construction activity, traffic changes and access impacts have been challenging for many residents, businesses and property owners. The City remains committed to working directly with those affected and providing timely information throughout construction.

Residents can visit the Community Resource Centre at the Bowness Community Association to speak with project team members, ask questions and learn more about upcoming work.

For project updates and information, visit

calgary.ca/bearspawfeedermain.



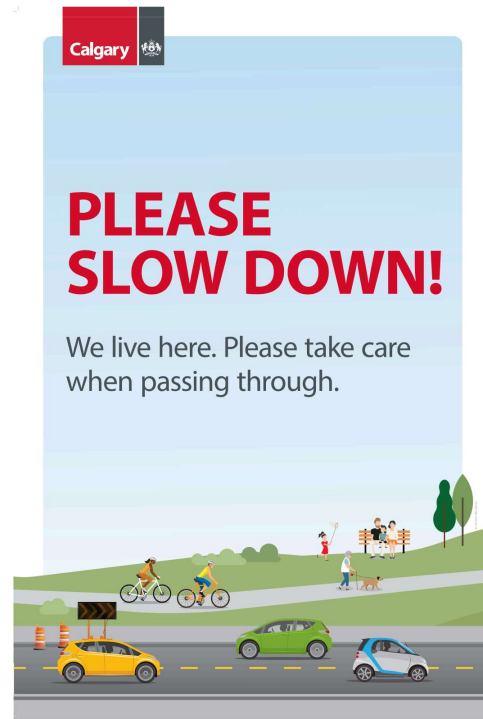
Slow down in residential areas during construction and back-to-school season

Residents living on streets adjacent to the 34 Avenue N.W. construction zone have reported an increase in speeding through nearby residential streets.

As construction continues, drivers are reminded to slow down and travel carefully through the community. Many of these routes pass through residential areas where families live, walk and cycle every day.

With students returning to school, drivers should be especially mindful of increased pedestrian activity, including children walking to and from school, parents accompanying students, school buses stopping to pick up and drop off passengers, and playground zones with reduced speed limits.

We appreciate everyone's cooperation in helping keep our community safe during construction and the busy back-to-school season. By slowing down, staying alert and respecting posted speed limits, drivers can help protect residents, pedestrians and students.



Community Appreciation Days thank residents for their patience and support

This week, the Bearspaw South Feeder Main Project team is hosting Community Appreciation Days to thank residents for their patience, cooperation and support during Stage B construction along 34 Avenue N.W.

The Community Appreciation Days kicked off with a Kids and Family Drop-In Event, where more than 50 children and parents gathered for an afternoon of fun featuring a bouncy house, outdoor games and ice cream. The event provided an opportunity for neighbours to connect with project team members and enjoy some family-friendly activities.

As a special bonus along with the events, residents can stop by the Bowness Community Association and see a section of the new feeder main pipe up close. You can sign the pipe and be part of history.

Public access is open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. The fencing is closed overnight for safety. Residents can request a paint marker from the Community Resource Centre during their open hours (Monday and Wednesday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.).



More Community Appreciation Days events are planned throughout the week:

YogaMcc Workshop

- **When:** Wednesday, Aug. 26, 7 to 8 p.m.
- **Where:** Bowness Community Association, 7904 43 Avenue N.W.
- **About:** An introductory workshop designed to help participants relax, unwind and enjoy a moment of calm together. Yoga mats will be provided.

Guided History Walk with Lemonade and Pie

- **When:** Friday, Aug. 28, 10 to 11:30 a.m.
- **Where:** Bowness Park, meeting at Picnic Site 3
- **About:** Learn about the rich history of Bowness Park while enjoying a guided walk, followed by lemonade and pie.

Skate Party with Rumi and Princess Elsa

- **When:** Friday, Aug. 28, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- **Where:** Bowness Community Association Rink, 7904 43 Avenue N.W.
- **About:** Enjoy an afternoon of skating, family activities and a little extra magic with special guests Rumi and Princess Elsa.



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