



News Release

Vital Watermain Work to Begin in Secret Cove Area

Sechelt, BC – June 20, 2022 – Vital work will begin in the Secret Cove area on July 4 as the Sunshine Coast Regional District repairs a water main that is in poor condition.

The new watermain will be placed on the sea bed between Wescan Road and the Sans Souci boat launch (see map below). A repair clamp that was placed on the current watermain in 2020 is nearing the end of its effectiveness. By replacing this water main, the SCR D will ensure safe and reliable water and fire protection for all residents on the north side of Secret Cove.



Construction is expected to last roughly six weeks until late August. The construction schedule is dictated by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO), which has strict requirements for when work can occur in the marine environment. The SCR D recognizes that this is peak season for recreational boat use and regrets the disruption that this work will cause. Due to the condition of the existing water main, delaying this work is not an option.

During construction, the contractor will be using the Sans Souci Road boat launch area (marked on the map above in blue) and the launch will be inaccessible during construction. Alternative boat launches are available in the area, the closest being Buccaneer Marina which is available at a small fee.

There will also be disruption to all boat traffic in and out of the southern arm of Secret Cove as the new water line is floated out to the Cove and laid along the marine bed. The contractor is planning to complete this portion of the work between July 4 and July 22. Access in and out of the southern arm of Secret Cove will still be possible, but boaters will need to use caution while in the area. The new pipe will be floating at the surface and boaters must avoid the pipe and buoys. A pilot boat will be present to guide boaters through the project area during key stages of work.

Access to marinas in Secret Cove is expected to be unaffected throughout the construction process.

Local residents received a letter in early June which outlined any other potential disruption they may experience due to the project. If you live in the area and have any further questions please contact infrastructure@scrd.ca

Further updates will be provided when available on this vital work.

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