

# HIGHWAY 8 INFORMATION & UPDATES



Ministry of  
Transportation  
and Infrastructure

Infrastructure update prepared for residents  
For the week of December 13 to December 19, 2021

## Where to go for information

The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, along with our partners, distribute these newsletters in communities along the Highway 8 corridor. They can also be found online at: <https://www.tranbc.ca/current-travel-advisories/>



## Work in progress

We are now working to clear and repair five sites between the N'kwala Recreation Site and the Shackan Indian Reserve. First Nations cultural and archaeological monitors are working at all locations.



Near N'kwala Recreation Site

We continue to partner with BC Hydro to restore power. BC Hydro has restored power to residents between Merritt and Shackan, on the north side.



Curnow Bridge

We are working to establish temporary access for construction teams at various sites. The Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD) has also restricted access in some areas to manage fire risk. The highway and utilities repair teams reserve this temporary access for day-use only. Temporary roads in this area are unsafe and closed for use by residents at this time. Please do not attempt to access areas in the Highway 8 corridor until roads have officially opened to residents.



Near Chief Anthony Joe Bridge

## Highway 8 Team

The Highway 8 Project Team at the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) is clearing and repairing the highway. We're sharing updates as quickly as we can so you can return safely, as soon as it's possible to do so.

We know this is a frustrating and challenging time for everyone along the Highway 8 corridor. Our team is available to you to answer your questions throughout this process. We thank you for your patience.

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## Highway closure in effect

Highway 8 remains closed between Merritt and Spences Bridge. At this time, there is no estimated date for reopening. For the latest information on highway closures and conditions, visit [DriveBC](https://www.drivebc.ca/).

[www.tranbc.ca/current-travel-advisories/](https://www.tranbc.ca/current-travel-advisories/)

# Directory

## Highway 8 General Enquiries

- [highway8.information@gov.bc.ca](mailto:highway8.information@gov.bc.ca)
- 250-378-1452

## Emergency Management BC

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

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

- [forests.cascadesdistrict.office@gov.bc.ca](mailto:forests.cascadesdistrict.office@gov.bc.ca)
- 1-800-665-1511

## Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) BC Office

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

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

- 250-377-7188
- 1-866-377-7188
- [emergency@tnrd.ca](mailto:emergency@tnrd.ca)

## 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)



## Fish recovery

Preserving fish habitats remains a priority for the Province. The November flooding events caused several fish to become trapped in some areas along the highway corridor. As part of our Highway 8 work, we have salvaged rainbow trout, chinook salmon, coho salmon, redbreasted sunfish and longnose sucker fish. Overall, we have recovered over 100 fish along the corridor.

## Important resident information

### When will Highway 8 reopen?

Highway 8 suffered catastrophic damage in the November floods. It will take significant time to repair. There is no estimated date for reopening.

### How can I access my home along the Highway 8 corridor?

Highway 8 remains closed between Merritt and Spences Bridge. It is unsafe to attempt to access any site along the Highway 8 corridor by any vehicle until safe temporary access is created and communicated. FLNRORD is working to create temporary access to Highway 8 in targeted areas. Do not attempt to travel until access is confirmed. Evacuation orders remain for properties north of the Nooaitch Indian Band to the east of Spences Bridge.

### I am displaced from my home and need help. Who can I call?

Call Emergency Management BC at 1-833-376-2452 (daily 7:30AM to 5:00PM) or visit [www.emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca](http://www.emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca). Displacement, property damage and other losses are traumatic events. Call 211 to be connected to supports in your area or visit [www.bc.211.ca/flood](http://www.bc.211.ca/flood).

### I am a business owner in the area and need help. Who can I call?

Supports for businesses impacted by disasters are available from the federal and provincial governments, community organizations and the private sector. Go to [www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/natural-disaster/support/businesses](http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/natural-disaster/support/businesses)