

HIGHWAY 8 INFORMATION & UPDATES



Ministry of
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Infrastructure update prepared for residents
For the weeks of January 24 to February 6, 2022

Progress report

No. of Sites	5 Temp. Repairs Complete	5 Work Underway	13 Planned Work
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The Highway 8 Team is working on 23 sites overall. So far, we have completed temporary repairs at five locations, started construction on another five, and have 13 sites where work is planned for the near future.

Latest information

Crews continue to re-establish temporary access throughout the Highway 8 corridor and are working on forecasting the long-term repair schedule.

Since the severe weather and flooding in November 2021, we have been in Phase 1 of our response: emergency access and temporary construction. We anticipate this phase of work will be complete in the spring, including restoring access for residents. We will share more information as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience.

Site updates

- We are making significant progress on highway repairs, working west from Merritt and east from Spences Bridge.
- We have achieved construction access to the site 21km east of Spences Bridge. Works are ongoing.
- Crews are beginning work on the rock/bridge end fill to rebuild the westside approach to 3 Mile Bridge.
- Crews have poured concrete to complete bridge abutment repairs at Rattlesnake Bridge. Temporary repairs are now complete.
- Single lane construction access has been achieved 24.9 km East of Spences Bridge.
- We are working to gain access 20km east of Spences Bridge.



Before



Progress made



Before



Progress made



Before



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See digital copies and the latest updates at:

<https://www.tranbc.ca/current-travel-advisories/>

Directory

Highway 8 General Enquiries to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI)

- highway8.information@gov.bc.ca
- 250-378-1452

Highway 8 Team at the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI)

- Jennifer Fraser, Executive Project Director
- Shawn Clough, Project Director
- Jonathan Melvin, Project Manager
- Dawn Drummond, Director, Indigenous Relations, Southern Interior Region
- Brad Bushill, Thompson Nicola District, Operations Manager

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) 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
- 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



Fish and wildlife protection

After developing a rock groyne along the Highway 8 corridor, we are beginning to see wildlife return around restored fish habitats. We were pleased to recently find a beaver among the woody debris installation at the site 24.9km east of Spences Bridge.

Completed works

We have completed temporary repairs near N'Kwala, 17.3km west of Mamit Junction. The severe weather and flooding in November caused significant erosion approximately 500m west of the N'kwala Recreation Site. Located beside the Nicola River, this scenic area is popular for camping and launching canoes and kayaks. After clearing and preparing the area our team used rock and dirt fill to build up the road base and restore this section of highway. This is one of five sites where temporary repairs are now complete

N'Kwala, 17.3km west of Mamit Junction



Before (aerial footage from fly-over)



After

Environmental resources for residents

As you return home, you may have questions about how to approach environmental work on your property. Here are two useful resources:

- [Request a review of your project near water](#) (Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Government of Canada), and
- [Working around water](#) (Water Sustainability Act, Province of BC)

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

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