

HIGHWAY 8

INFORMATION & UPDATES



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Infrastructure update prepared for residents
For the weeks of July 14 to July 24, 2022

Progress Report

No. of Sites	18	2	5
	Temp. Repairs Complete	Work Underway	Planned Work

Temporary repairs on Highway 8 have been completed at 18 locations. Construction is in progress on another 2, and work is being planned for the near future at the 5 remaining sites. Thank you for your patience as our crews work as quickly and safely as possible.

Rock Sourcing

The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI) continues to clear and repair the damaged sites along Highway 8 which were impacted by the extreme weather event in November 2021. To complete Phase 1 (emergency/construction access), a large amount of rock is required. Being able to access this rock is an important part of reconnecting and reopening Highway 8.

When MoTI identifies a potential new rock source, the rock is tested for strength, quality, and other factors to make sure it meets all technical and environmental standards. Additionally, consultation is undertaken with Indigenous communities to ensure no areas of cultural or spiritual significance are impacted. All potential rock sources undergo archaeological investigations and cultural monitors are on-site during rock sourcing to identify areas of potential cultural significance to be avoided.

Along Highway 8, crews are currently producing rock adjacent to two sites, Site 10 (14km east of Spences Bridge) and Site 17 (8.3km east of Spences Bridge). Part of this work requires the use of heavy equipment, drilling, and blasting. While water levels remain high, crews have been stockpiling the rock and organizing it by size.

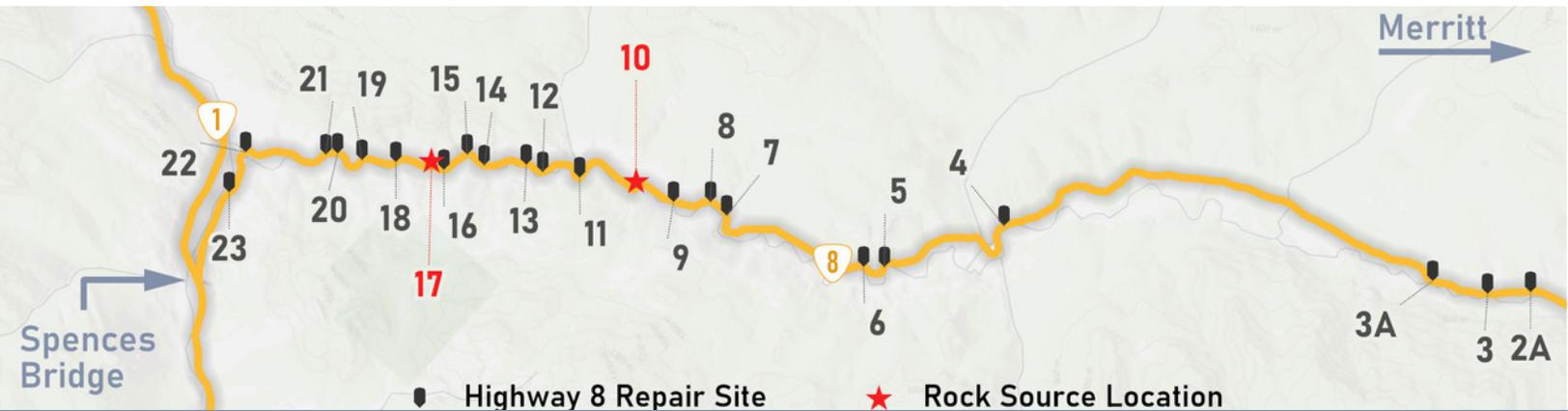
This rock will be used to repair the 5 remaining sites once water flows return to safe levels. The safety of our crews continues to be MoTI's top priority.



Site 10 Quarry (Jul-2-2022)



Site 17 Rock Cut (Jul-5-2022)



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Site 10 Quarry Wildlife Sweep (Jul-05-2022)



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Environmental Monitoring

Before crews begin to blast rock, a Qualified Environmental Professional (QEP) studies the project area to see if there are any environmental sensitivities, such as wildlife or wildlife habitats, that should be avoided and protected. If any wildlife is found, work activities are paused and the QEP determines the next steps based on Best Management Practices for the species.

Fish can be especially sensitive to vibration. The Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) outlines vibration thresholds for construction activities adjacent to water that must be met in order to avoid impacting migrating fish. Crews are constantly monitoring these vibration levels at the bank of the Nicola River at the two locations where rock is being produced. To date, the vibration levels observed at both locations have been well below the threshold set out by DFO.



Site 17 Rock Cut Stockpiling (Jul-02-2022)

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Thank you for your patience.



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