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City News

Reid Street Revitalization

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Construction begins May 5

The Reid Street project is the replacement of critical water mains and storm drainage along the 200, 300 and 400 blocks of Reid Street, and the 100 block and a portion of the 200 block of Barlow Avenue (see map on page 2).

The water mains, installed in the 1950s, are past their serviceable life and are showing signs of failure.

The entire street and all the sidewalks will be ripped up and replaced. The need to replace the street and sidewalks gave the City an opportunity to redesign Reid Street to more modern standards and expectations for a retail space.

The Reid Street project has been in the planning stages for almost two years.

Throughout the public consultation process, four main design principles were identified:

- wider sidewalks,
- traffic slowed down,
- more opportunities for social space
- minimal loss of parking.

These four principles were used in the designing of Reid Street.

The Reid Street project has been broken up into two phases to help lessen the inconveniences of the construction period. The project is expected to be complete in September.



200 block of Reid Street

A street for everyone

When the Reid Street project is finished, it will be a street for everyone. The street has been designed to enable all users, cyclists, pedestrians, people with disabilities and motorists safe access. Reid Street will be accessible, safe and fun for everyone.

Cyclists will enjoy the large single lane that will enable them to comfortably share the lane with vehicles. They will also see share the road signage added to the roadway.

Pedestrians will enjoy wider sidewalks, shorter cross walks, new seating and social areas, and slower moving traffic.

People with disabilities will have improved parking stalls, sidewalk entrances and more space to maneuver.

Motorists will use a wide, single lane with parking available on both sides. At each intersection, drivers can move into the right turning lane or stay in the single lane to turn left or continue forward.

An aerial photograph of a city street grid. Reid Street runs vertically through the center. A red vertical bar labeled 'Phase II' covers the upper portion of Reid Street, from Shepherd Ave to St. Laurent Ave. A red horizontal bar labeled 'Phase I' covers the lower portion of Reid Street, from St. Laurent Ave to Carson Ave. The intersection of these two phases is marked with a red cross. Other streets labeled include Shepherd Ave, McLean St, St. Laurent Ave, Barlow Ave, Carson Ave, Front St, and Moffat Bridge Approach.

Construction Phases

The Reid Street project has been split into two phases. This will help minimize, as much as possible, construction impacts on Reid Street and Barlow Avenue. The construction period is expected to start in May and be complete by October.

PHASE I

Phase I includes the 200 and 300 blocks of Reid Street from Carson Avenue to the south of St. Laurent Avenue. It also includes the 100 and 200 blocks of Barlow Avenue from Front Street to the lane east of Reid Street.

PHASE II

Phase II includes the 400 block of Reid Street from the south of St. Laurent Avenue to Shepherd Avenue.

Parking during construction

PHASE I PARKING

Parking will **not** be available in the following areas:

- 200 and 300 block of Reid Street,
- 100 block of Barlow Avenue, and
- a portion of the 200 block of Barlow Ave.

PHASE II PARKING

Parking will **not** be available in the following areas:

- 200, 300 and 400 block of Reid Street,
- 100 block of Barlow Avenue, and
- a portion of the 200 block of Barlow Ave.

PUBLIC PARKING OPTIONS

Parking options include two hour street parking and parking lots, and all-day parking lots. All public parking options are under a five minute walk to Reid Street and Barlow Avenue. To view a map of free public parking options, visit the City website at www.quesnel.ca/reid-st-project.

Pedestrian access during construction

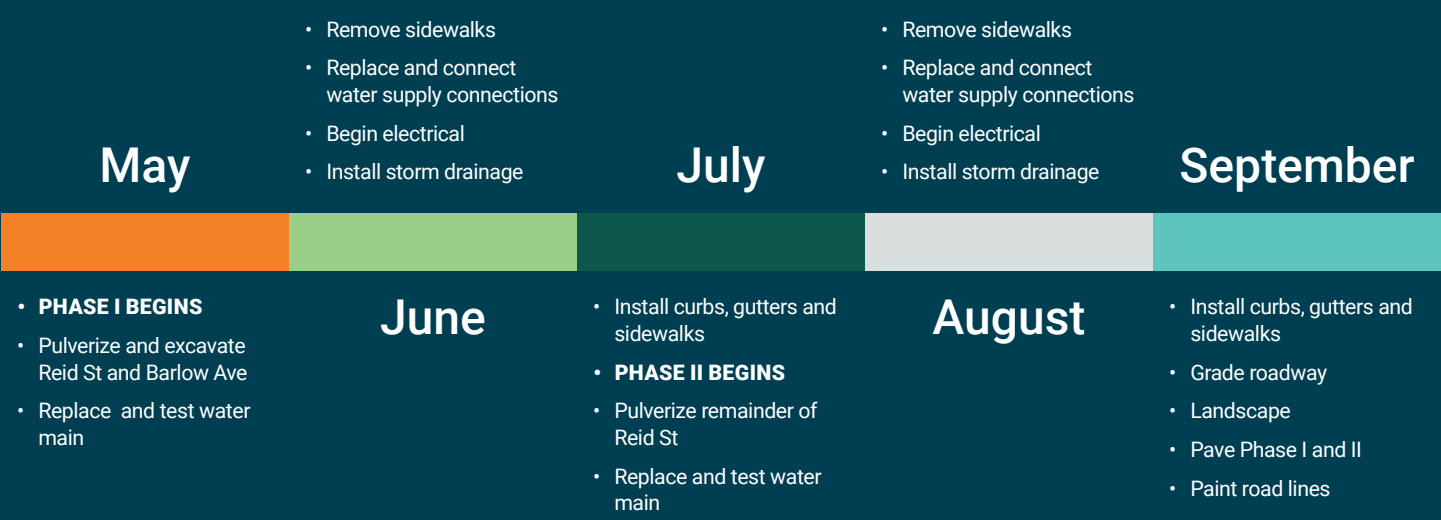
Pedestrian access to the businesses will be maintained throughout the majority of the construction. Access will be limited during sidewalk removal and installation, and water supply connections.



Reid Street and Barlow Avenue intersection

Construction time frame

The construction time frame is only an approximation and could change as the project progresses.



Reid Street and St Laurent Avenue intersection



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Support the business community

The City of Quesnel and the businesses that will be affected by the Reid Street project have been meeting over the past year to find ways to minimize the impact on their normal business activities.

Some businesses will be opening their rear entrances during the project, while others will have pedestrian access through their normal entrance. Make sure to follow the businesses through social media or website to find out the best way to access them.

Reid Street and Barlow Avenue businesses are ready to serve you throughout this project!

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