

PIPE D WATERLINE

Construction progress update for area residents



SHEEP RIVER CROSSING

Pipe pull completed - cleanup and tie-ins next

NORTH OF THE RIVER

Open-cut installation underway

SOUTH OF THE RIVER

Site preparation and upcoming installation

Project update

Work on the Pipe D waterline is advancing on both sides of the Sheep River. The waterline pipe has now been successfully pulled through the completed underground crossing beneath the river. With the waterline officially across the Sheep River, crews will move into tie-in work, removal of temporary equipment and cleanup of the crossing work areas.

A major milestone has been reached

The pipe pull beneath the Sheep River was completed on October 23. The waterline is now officially across the river. Remaining work in this area includes connecting the crossing to the adjoining waterline sections and completing related cleanup and restoration.



What nearby residents can expect

Continued construction activity, equipment movement and temporary traffic controls along portions of 81 Street East, 378 Avenue East and near Highway 547. Disturbed areas will be cleaned up and restored as work progresses.

What has been completed

- Drilling and reaming beneath the Sheep River have been completed, and the waterline pipe has been successfully pulled through the crossing.
- Sections of waterline pipe have been fused and prepared for installation, including the pipe for the river crossing.
- Topsoil stripping and work-area preparation have progressed on both sides of the river.
- Existing utilities have been located where required, and survey layout has been completed or is underway in active work areas.
- Environmental controls have been installed near the river, with water-quality monitoring carried out during crossing work.

Where crews are working now

North of the Sheep River	South of the Sheep River
<p>Excavation and open-cut waterline installation are underway. Work began from the upper bench and is progressing through this section.</p>	<p>Preparation is taking place for the short open-cut section and the connection to the completed river crossing.</p>
 <p>North-side excavation and installed pipe, October 22</p>	 <p>South-side work-area preparation, October 21</p>

Why work may appear in more than one area

Different activities can happen at the same time, including pipe fusing, excavation, utility locating, survey work and site preparation. This allows the project to keep moving while crews prepare the next section.

What lies ahead

- Connect the completed Sheep River crossing to the adjoining waterline sections and clean up the temporary crossing work areas.
- Continue open-cut waterline installation north and south of the river, generally progressing south along the project route.
- Continue pipe fusing, utility verification and excavation along 81 Street East toward Highway 547.
- Undertake the planned crossing work near Highway 547 and 85 Street East as construction progresses south along the route.
- Continue waterline construction into winter, followed by testing and commissioning. Final landscape rehabilitation and waterline signage are scheduled for spring 2027.

Overall schedule

The current contractor schedule targets completion of the main waterline installation in January 2027, followed by testing, commissioning and remaining appurtenance work. Final landscape rehabilitation and demobilization are scheduled for spring 2027. These dates may change due to weather, ground conditions, approvals, material delivery or other field conditions.

Traffic impacts

Every effort will be made to keep two-way traffic moving through the work area. At times, the available road width or active construction may require intermittent one-way traffic. Where this occurs, traffic will be managed by temporary signals or flaggers. Drivers should expect reduced speeds, follow posted signs and allow extra time through the area.

81 Street East / 378 Avenue East (North of HWY 547)

Temporary traffic controls will shift as construction progresses along the road corridor. Access will be maintained, but short delays may occur.

Highway 547 / 85 Street East (South of HWY 547)

Lane restrictions are anticipated during future crossing work. Drivers should monitor the County project webpage for current construction and traffic information.

Thank you for your patience

We recognize that construction activity and temporary traffic controls can be disruptive. Foothills County and the project team appreciate residents' patience while this regional water infrastructure is installed. Residents can monitor the County project webpage for current project and traffic information.

For the latest information

For current construction and traffic information, visit the Foothills County Current County Projects webpage: <https://www.foothillscountyab.ca/development/current-county-projects>