



Update on Sherbrooke Street Construction And Tree Removal along East Columbia Street

What's happening, where, and when

Bird Construction indicates construction on Sherbrooke Street is expected to finish soon. Construction has taken longer than anticipated, and we thank our neighbours for your patience while Bird completes this portion of Phase 1's hospital utilities and IT pathway. Here's what to expect in the weeks to come:

- 1 The north (neighbourhood-side) of Sherbrooke Street will be excavated in four areas between just east of Fader and East Columbia Street** for City of New Westminster water main installation. Excavations will be localized (NOT done along the entire stretch of road) and occur over 2 to 3 weeks.

During this work traffic will be reduced to a single lane of alternating traffic during construction hours. Two-way traffic will be restored after hours. Expect delays accessing East Columbia and Sherbrooke Street at this corner.

- **For the excavations near Fader and Kelly Street** (taking one week total):
 - **Vehicles will have access to/from Fader and Kelly Streets.** A flag person will direct you around construction.
 - **Sidewalks will not be impacted.**
- **For the excavation next to the Elizabeth Fry Society building** (taking one week, near the corner of East Columbia Street and Sherbrooke Street):
 - **Expect delays accessing East Columbia and Sherbrooke Street at this corner.**
 - **Two parking stalls/meters and the loading zone will be temporarily decommissioned** 24 hours per day, including one handicapped parking spot.
 - **The south part of the sidewalk will be closed intermittently, and parts of it excavated then repoured,** but access to Elizabeth Fry Society's south entrance will be maintained.

- 2 Sidewalks will be closed for 1 or 2 days and repoured on the north side of the street** at the corners of Kelly and Fader Streets and just east of Fader Street. Use the south (hospital-side) sidewalk during this work.

- 3 In early to mid-May spot excavations within the intersection of East Columbia and Sherbrooke Streets will occur intermittently** over a two week period for water main tie-ins. Two way traffic will be maintained at the intersection in all directions at all times. The parking stalls/meters and loading zone outside of the Elizabeth Fry building will be temporarily decommissioned during this work.

- 4 About 12 trees will be removed,** likely in April, along East Columbia Street between Sherbrooke and Keary Streets, and on Keary Street near the hospital's parkade entrance in preparation for upcoming work. For every large tree felled, two will be planted on hospital grounds or public lands in accordance with New Westminster's tree bylaw. Replanting will likely occur once we've finished the entire hospital redevelopment, when trees won't be disrupted by further construction.

The Impact To You

Expect delays and disruption along Sherbrooke Street and frequent changes in access. Thank you for your patience.

Pedestrians can use the south sidewalk at all times (hospital-side of Sherbrooke Street) which will remain open.

Bird Construction does not expect to impact driveways on the north side of Sherbrooke Street. If this changes, affected neighbours will receive a written notice in advance.

Please use caution, and obey all construction flag persons; they are there for your safety and protection. Feel free to ask them for your best detour route or crossing point.

Construction equipment will continue to be stored in some areas of the south lane (hospital-side) of Sherbrooke Street.

We sincerely apologize for the inconvenience. Bird Construction will endeavour to minimize the impact of noise, dust, and disruption to our neighbours in accordance with the City's regulations and [Good Neighbour Protocol](#). Construction hours are 7am to 8pm, Monday to Saturday (but not Sundays or holidays).

Where to find more info

Email any questions or concerns to feedback@fraserhealth.ca. Visit fraserhealth.ca/royalcolumbian to [see what construction is ahead for 2018](#) to [sign up for future construction notices](#), or to learn more about the hospital's redevelopment.

