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## McMillan Street Upgrade - Open House on August 10

Residents of Parksville will be able to learn more about the McMillan Street upgrade at an open house on Wednesday, August 10. No formal presentation will be given; instead, residents are welcome to drop by between 6 pm and 8 pm. The open house will be held at the Parksville Community & Conference Centre, 132 Jensen Avenue East, in the Garry Oaks Room.

The City is hosting the open house information session for local businesses and residents who will be directly affected by the construction work and the general public is welcome to attend. City staff and Windley Contracting staff will be available to answer questions and address any concerns about the McMillan Street upgrade project anticipated to begin in mid August.

A detailed construction schedule and a traffic management plan will be available at the open house that will outline how local access issues will be addressed and also identify potential detour routes for traffic wishing to travel through town to Highway 19A and Highway 4A. The City and the contractor recognize that McMillan Street is a key section of City road and while it is important to maintain traffic flow and minimize traffic disruptions, it is also a priority to maintain access to the local businesses. Residents and businesses should let the City know about events which may be impacted by the project.

The McMillan Street upgrade project involves reconstruction, widening and upgrading of 300 meters of roadway along McMillan Street, from West Island Highway 19A, south through the Hirst Avenue intersection. The project includes significant safety improvements for vehicles, bicyclists and pedestrians, as well as aesthetic enhancements such as undergrounding of overhead utility lines and streetscape amenities. Some of the project's key features include two pedestrian signals, wide sidewalks, bike lanes, decorative street lights, street trees and a new traffic signal at the Hirst Avenue intersection which as a pilot project, will use energy-efficient LED lights.

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