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RIVERSIDE SUBDIVISION DETENTION PONDS DREDGING & TRAIL CLOSURE ADVISORY

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2016
TO
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2016 (approx.)**

Please be advised that the Town will be dredging the two detention ponds located on the Capital Regional District (CRD)'s land between the rear properties of Meadow Vale Drive and the CRD's trail.

The dredging will start Tuesday, September 13th and will take approximately five weekdays within the hours of 8:00AM to 4:00PM to complete (weather permitting). Work will include removing and disposing of accumulated sediments and invasive vegetation from the sites, and replanting certain disturbed areas with native plant species.

For safety reasons, please note the trail will be closed to pedestrian traffic during these hours of work. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Also, staff have observed that lawn and garden waste has been dumped into or beside these detention ponds. In order to maintain and preserve this stormwater system, as well as protect Craigflower Creek, we ask that residents please refrain from dumping prohibited materials in, or nearby, the ponds, as well as in catch basins in the subdivision. [Click here for more information about the Town's Lawn & Garden Waste Disposal program.](#)

For more information regarding this project, please see the complete advisory below. If you have further questions or concerns regarding this project, please contact the Engineering Department.



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RIVERSIDE DETENTION PONDS DREDGING ADVISORY TO RESIDENTS

September 9th, 2016

The Riverside Subdivision contains two detention ponds that are located on the Capital Regional District (CRD)'s land between the rear properties of Meadow Vale Drive and the CRD's trail. Detention ponds are used in stormwater drainage management to hold stormwater for a period of time before it's released clean into a nearby natural water course.

Catch basins (which are typically situated in the gutters that run along curbs) are installed to capture surface stormwater in the roadway and direct it via underground drain lines to the main stormwater system. In the Riverside Subdivision, the drain lines lead to these detention ponds, where filtering of contaminants takes place before the water travels through culverts into Craigflower Creek.

As these ponds can build up with silt over time, they need to be periodically cleaned out or dredged to ensure that they function properly. Staff received funding approval this year to carry out this work.

The dredging will start next Tuesday, September 13th and will take approximately five weekdays within the hours of 8:00AM to 4:00PM to complete. Work will include removing and disposing of accumulated sediments and invasive vegetation from the sites, and replanting certain disturbed areas with native plant species. Some small trees along the fence lines will need to be removed for access to the ponds.

For safety reasons, please note that the trail will be closed to pedestrian traffic during these hours of work. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Due to this environmentally sensitive area, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada has been notified and has approved the remediation. An Environmental Mitigation Plan will be in effect and the Town has retained a Qualified Environmental Professional who will be in attendance for the excavation to monitor the work. This environmental consultant will also be responsible for overseeing any required site restoration. Note that the dredging work is dependent on dry weather - if it rains, the work will not take place as per Ministry of Environment regulations, in which case it will be rescheduled to the forecasted next dry day.

Also, staff has observed that lawn and garden waste has been dumped into or beside these ponds. This is in contravention to Town bylaws and can create issues including: creating fire hazards; attracting undesirable pests such as rats; introducing invasive species that negatively affect sensitive ecosystems; smothering existing native plants and suffocating tree roots; introducing harmful fertilizers and pesticides; creating hazards for workers; creating unsightly debris piles; and attracting more dumping. A reminder that the Town provides two lawn and garden waste drop-off facilities, free at the gate for residents, as well as an annual collection service at the curbside of homes in the fall. Please contact the Town Hall for further information.

In order to maintain and preserve this stormwater system, as well as protect Craigflower Creek, we ask that residents please refrain from dumping prohibited materials in, or nearby, the ponds, as well as in catch basins in the subdivision. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Please contact the Town's Engineering Department at 250-479-6800 if you have any questions or concerns regarding this project.