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Council Approves 232 Street Road Upgrade Project Into Silver Valley Neighbourhood

Maple Ridge, BC: Construction will commence mid-June to upgrade 232 Street from 132 to 136 Avenue. This project has been anticipated for many years and will bring this section of roadway to urban standards connecting the residents of Silver Ridge/Blaney Hamlet with nearby schools, parks and the town centre

On the surface, citizens will enjoy a road improvement to urban standards including curbs, a sidewalk, multi-use path and streetlights. The steep grade also requires the installation of retaining walls and the reconstruction of driveways for a number of property owners.

Below the road surface, water and storm sewer utilities will be upgraded, as well BC Hydro, Fortis, Telus, Shaw and the City will install a conduit for future use for a fibre optic network owned by the City.

“This is an exciting announcement for a project that has been part of the long-term plan for the growing Silver Ridge/Blaney Hamlet in Silver Valley. This road is also used to access the Malcolm Knapp Research Forest, Loon Lake Lodge and the incredible trails that are part of the overall trail network for our community,” said David Pollock, Municipal Engineer for the City. “In order to complete this work as quickly and efficiently as possible, the construction schedule calls for a complete closure of 232 Street this summer while school is out of session. Bus service will be maintained. This will allow the contractor to complete works that require major embankment construction, such as installation of retaining walls. We appreciate the patience of the neighbourhood as we work to deliver this new roadway.

The City has set up a webpage at mapleridge.ca/1701 to provide updates on the project. Electronic and traditional signage will also be installed along the project route to alert motorists of this work. Major road closures will be posted on the City website. If citizens would like to receive alerts directly to their email or smartphone, we encourage you to go to mapleridge.ca

and use the **'Notify Me'** module to subscribe to 'Roadwork & Closures' which is part of the Alert Centre.

The City will also post links to updates on our social media sites on Facebook ([facebook.com/yourmapleridge](https://www.facebook.com/yourmapleridge)) and Twitter (@yourmapleridge).

The majority of funding for the \$8.67 million project is coming from Development Cost Charges that have been collected from developments as neighbourhoods have built out. The City has applied for grant funding from a number of agencies to reduce the impacts on local taxpayers.

If you have any questions about the project please contact Maria Guerra, Project Manager, by email at mguerra@mapleridge.ca or by phone at 604-467-7356.