

This is an important notice about upcoming Hydro/road construction work that will impact Sentinel Secondary. BC Hydro is about to begin a couple of system upgrade projects. There will be two simultaneous projects that will affect traffic flow for the Sentinel community.

Project #1 (on Sentinel property) PHASE 1



Starting on Monday, Jan. 15th, BC Hydro will be replacing underground conduit on Sentinel School property. This project will eventually lead to a full electrical upgrade for the school. The project is planned to start on Monday, Jan. 15 and run until the end of March. Hours of operation will be Monday to Friday 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Any significant work that may require full road closures or persistent high volume noise levels will be targeted for completion on weekends or after school hours. Please note there will be excavation machinery and trucks on site during school hours. All construction work will be completed to the highest safety standards. Fencing will protect all students/staff from any open construction areas.

During this period of time there will be traffic re-routing (south exit) and some parking closures in the Student Parking Lot areas. Please note the following:

During Phase 1 of the excavation and conduit laying, traffic leaving the south exit of the school grounds will be re-routed through some of the parking stalls along the east fence line. Approximately 20 student parking stalls will be closed. Please see **Hydro Project Plan Phase 1** for a visual. Phase 1 is estimated to be completed by the middle of February.

During Phase 2 of the excavation and conduit laying, traffic will be re-routed back to the main driveway, however parking along the fence line will be closed. Approximately 20 student parking stalls will be closed. Please see **Hydro Project Plan Phase 2** for a visual. Phase 2 work is scheduled to be complete by the end of Spring Break (March).

PHASE 2



All students, staff and parents driving onto the school grounds **must** be aware of the following:

- Some closures to student parking lot areas.
- Traffic re-routing will occur.
- Excavation machinery and trucks on site.
- Open construction areas, including holes and trenches (areas will be marked and fenced off).
- **There will be additional traffic delays before and after school.**

This is a great time to remind our entire Sentinel community, please plan for alternate methods of getting to school, or at least alternate drop off areas. Students can get some additional exercise and fresh air, and parents may be less stressed and/or frustrated. The more cars entering the school grounds, the longer it will take to move traffic through the site.

If you have any questions regarding this Project #1, please contact our Principal Mr. Finch at mfinch@wvschools.ca

Project #2 (off Sentinel property)

The second project that will impact traffic to/from Sentinel is along 15th street between Mathers and Queens Avenues. Please read the following update provided by the District of West Vancouver.

The following is an update on the ongoing BC Hydro Glenmore Voltage Conversion Project, and in particular, upcoming works which result in a change in traffic pattern and substantive impact to a segment of 15th Street.

Beginning Monday, January 15, 2024, a full road closure on 15th Street, between Mathers Avenue and Queens Avenue, is scheduled to begin. The construction work within the closure area will involve the installation of a concrete encased duct bank. Hydro's contractor plans to begin constructing the works at Mathers Avenue and 15th Street, and will work northwards, closing one block at a time. Local traffic will be provided access to the closure areas, but delays are anticipated, Hydro and their contractor are working directly with residents with specific access needs. In the event of a winter snow and ice storm during the construction period, the closure will be removed, and construction area cleared.

The full closure on 15th Street and associated detour routes will be in effect Monday to Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. After work hours and on weekends/holidays, single lane alternating traffic in will be in place with traffic control personnel on site. It is estimated that this portion of the Voltage Conversion project will take approximately 8 weeks to complete.

BC Hydro has provided notification to properties within and adjacent to the closure corridor, Transit and Emergency Services have been notified, digital message boards have been placed in the field, and messaging has been communicated through the district's various social media platforms. Further information can also found on the District's website, [here](#).

The current roadway trench condition resultant from the construction works is temporary and will be scheduled for permanent paving restoration along the entire project alignment once the underground works are complete.

Additionally, this project will impact some TransLink bus services. The 'School Special' will be impacted by this closure. We are unable to run our school special from 15th and Ottawa the week of Jan. 15 – 20, but we have created the following detours:

1. 251 Queens: from Mathers L@ 13th, R@ Inglewood, R@ 20th, R@ Mathers, L@ 19th, L@ Queens Ave
2. AM WV Secondary: from Mathers L@ 13th, R@ Inglewood, R@ 20th, L@ Mathers continue to 25th
3. AM WV Secondary: From Mathers L@ 13th, R@ Inglewood, L@ 17th.
4. PM WV Secondary: start at Inglewood and 16th, pick up students, R@ 20th, L@ Mathers

We anticipate that the following week, the intersection at Mathers will be open so we can run our service along Mathers.

The 257 which normally picks up students at 15th and Ottawa is detouring up and down Taylor Way to the highway, so that bus will not be an option for students. The 257 will continue to serve Park Royal in both directions using the R2 turnaround. Three bus stops will temporarily have no 257 service:

1. 60909 NB 15 St FS Ottawa St (route 251 and West Vancouver Secondary students also impacted)
2. 60276 SB 15 St FS Ottawa St (route 251 and West Vancouver Secondary students also impacted)
3. 54602 EB Marine Dr FS 14 St (use route 250)

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

If you have any questions regarding Project #2, please contact The District of West Vancouver.