

HIGHWAY 8

INFORMATION & UPDATES



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Ongoing Planning for Highway 8 Phase 2

In November 2022, temporary repairs on Highway 8 between Merritt and Spences Bridge were completed and the road was reopened to all vehicle traffic. Over the winter, the Highway 8 team is continuing to advance planning works to prepare for permanent repairs. This planning work includes surveying, conducting hydrotechnical studies and factual investigations, and developing environmental restoration strategies.

Surveying

The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure is currently working to complete detailed as-built surveys of the Phase 1 temporary repairs to record what has been built to-date. The surveys will also be used for future Phase 2 designs.



Environmental Restoration Strategies

Environmental restoration is the process of implementing measures that promote and enhance conditions for fish and fish habitat as part of construction projects. The Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) requires that restoration be carried out as part of projects adjacent to rivers, including the Highway 8 reinstatement. The ministry is partnering with local Indigenous communities to collaborate and strategize on future environmental enhancements and restoration plans. These plans will focus on supporting fish habitat restoration and riparian vegetation growth near Highway 8 construction sites.



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Site 23 Update

57.7km west of Mamit Junction/97C Junction (1km northeast of Spences Bridge)



Following the November 2021 Atmospheric River event, temporary repairs were required at Site 23. Initial works were completed in May 2022, however additional works are required.

The remaining work needs to be completed during the low water period when the site can be safely accessed to place additional riprap. This work is planned to be carried out in Spring 2023.

Planned Work

- Installation of additional riprap armouring and rock fill to protect against further erosion
- Installation of topsoil and erosion control blanket to provide soil erosion protection and help vegetation regrow
- Planting and seeding to promote re-vegetation

