

# HAGENSBORG BRIDGE REHABILITATION PROJECT



## WELCOME

Welcome to the Hagensborg Bridge Rehabilitation Project open house.

This project is located on the traditional territory of the Nuxálk Nation. The Province of British Columbia is committed to working with the Nuxálk community during the delivery of this project.

We welcome questions or comments.



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## About the Hagensborg Bridge

The Hagensborg Bridge crosses the Bella Coola River on Salloompt Road, east of Bella Coola.

The 67-metre-long bridge is a vital link for people who live north of the Bella Coola River, providing access to the communities and services south of the river.

The remaining lifespan of the bridge is approximately 25 years, however, the bridge's aging wood spans are nearing the end of their service life. Minor rehabilitation work was completed in 2018 but was not intended as a long-term solution.

The Hagensborg Bridge Rehabilitation Project will replace the two aging wood spans to provide an upgraded reliable bridge for years to come.



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## Project Scope

The project will involve:

- Replacing the two aging wood spans at the south end of the bridge with a single concrete span
- Providing a temporary lit pedestrian-only crossing

The work will take place in September and October 2023 and will require that the bridge be closed to all vehicle traffic for a portion of the construction.



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## Why is a Full Closure Needed?

There is not enough room on this single-lane bridge to safely accommodate vehicle traffic while the rehabilitation work is undertaken. Temporary pedestrian access will be provided for residents and vehicle parking will be available on either side of the bridge.



The ministry recognizes the inconvenience the closure will cause. While there is no optimal time of year to close the bridge, after careful consideration, fall has been identified as the best time to carry out the construction.

By doing fall construction, the ministry will avoid the risks associated with the spring freshet and the annual load restrictions on the road, which would

prevent heavy equipment and materials from accessing the project site. Summer construction was ruled out due to the risk of wildfire and the need to keep the bridge available for possible evacuation. Winter would present its own challenges for people and construction including darker days, inclement weather for walking, the likely need for snow removal and greater difficulty for emergency response.

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## Consultation to Date

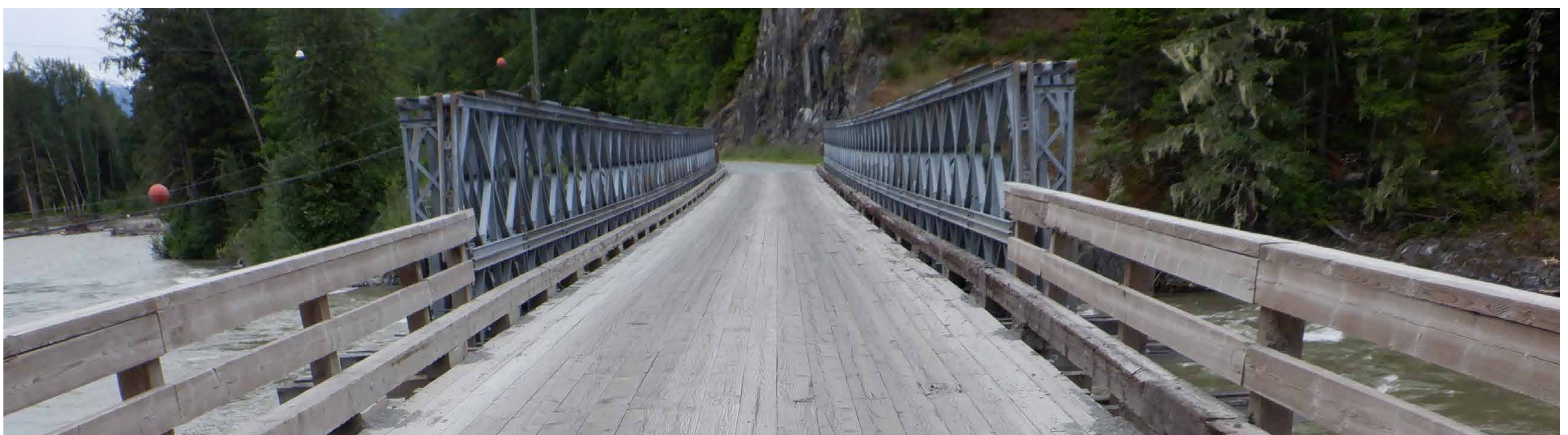
The ministry has consulted with the Nuxálk First Nation, local utilities, the Central Coast Regional District, all emergency services, and with local residents.

We invite further comments or questions at today's open house.



## During the Closure

During the closure, pedestrian access will be available, except during short periods when construction activities make pedestrian access unsafe.



Measures to assist residents and ensure the safety of the community during the closure will include:

- A Mobile Treatment Centre/Emergency Transport Vehicle with First Aid Kit stationed on the north side of the bridge, and accessible to first responders in case of emergency.
- 24-hour shuttle service on the north side of the bridge.
- Parking areas for people who wish to park vehicles on the south side of the bridge
- Security personnel stationed at the construction site and designated parking areas.
- Water tender and firefighting equipment stationed on the north side of the bridge and accessible to first responders in case of fire.
- A BC Hydro bucket truck will be stationed on the north side of the river in case of power outages.
- A pickup service will be available to gather and dispose of residential waste and recycling from a transit point on the south side of the bridge.

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## Next Steps

- Review and consider any feedback from this open house
- Update residents as the construction schedule is finalized
- Complete the project in September/October 2023



## Feedback

Thank you for attending!

Your feedback is appreciated and important.  
We invite you to provide your comments:

- In person, at today's open house
- By email: [max.birkner@gov.bc.ca](mailto:max.birkner@gov.bc.ca)
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