Construction Update: Bearspaw South Feeder Main Repair Phase 3

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The City of Calgary is nearing completion of the third phase of the repairs to the Bearspaw South Feeder Main and crews are preparing to return this smaller section of pipe back to service.

As part of returning the Bearspaw South Feeder Main back to service, we will be running water through hydrants in your community for up to one full day next week.

Why is this necessary?

Bringing the feeder main back into service involves three steps: filling, testing and stabilizing.

Running water through hydrants is a part of the filling and testing process and is how crews clear sediment from our drinking water following repairs.

Your drinking water remains safe to drink.

Our crews will be present to monitor progress and take samples as part of water quality testing. Do not be alarmed if you see water flowing into the street. This water will flow into storm drains which are designed to handle this volume of water, and flooding should not occur.

For safety reasons, please keep a respectful distance from workers and allow crews to focus on their work.

Community impacts

- Temporary traffic detours and parking bans may be required. Please follow all signage.
- Water will be flowing through hydrants for up to one full day between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. next week.
- You may notice:
 - A slight and temporary drop in water pressure, and cold water may appear cloudy. This cloudiness, or turbidity, is common after repairs and should pass after regular water use.
 - A strong chlorine smell for a short period after the feeder main is returned to service. Chlorine levels will be increased during the filling of the feeder main to disinfect it. These levels are within the normal operational range for treating drinking water and your water remains safe to consume.

Any issue with cloudy water should pass after a couple of days of regular water use. Should this problem persist, please contact 311.

Final stages of construction

Work will be complete by the end of the week to reinstate the median at site one along Parkdale Blvd N.W. between 26 St and 27 St N.W. and to reinstate the median at site two on the Memorial Dr. westbound off-ramp that connects to Crowchild Tr. northbound. The sound wall that had been removed to complete this work will be reinstated during the first week of December. Please continue to drive with caution as materials will remain on site until this work is complete. Work at site three, located at Brownsea Dr N.W. at the bottom of the Bev Longstaff Pedestrian Bridge ramp continues to progress and is anticipated to be completed by the end of next week.

Project Information

Project updates about the final stages of work can be found by scanning the QR code or be visiting Calgary.ca/feedermain.

Thank you for your support and patience as we complete these important repairs to the Bearspaw South Feeder Main.

