

News Release

Infrastructure improvement work set to begin along section of Idylwyld Drive

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As part of the Building Better Roads program, the City is undertaking major improvement work on a key stretch of Idylwyld Drive, between 33rd and 39th streets. The improvements include road resurfacing as well as water and sewer upgrades.

“This resurfacing project will improve the roadway along Idylwyld Drive southbound and the 33rd Street and Idylwyld Drive intersection,” says Celene Anger, Director of Construction & Design. “We’re also taking this opportunity to remove outdated lines that connect adjacent properties to the City’s watermain and replace them with new infrastructure. This work is in line with the City’s accelerated lead line replacement program and will reduce the susceptibility of watermain breakage, extending the life of the roadway.”

The old lead line connections will be replaced with lines made of materials that are more reliable. The new water lines are made of Polyethylene and the sewer lines are constructed from Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC).

The City is also working with property owners adjacent to this stretch of Idylwyld Drive to have any outdated pipes in their home or business replaced at the same time. This is more economical than undertaking the private property replacements separately.

Following the completion of the underground water and sewer work, road resurfacing will take place on Idylwyld Drive southbound from 33rd to 39th streets and on Idylwyld Drive northbound from 33rd to 36th streets. This work will include the intersection at 33rd Street and Idylwyld Drive. These sections of roadway will be in smooth ‘like new’ condition following the completion of work.

Weather permitting, Idylwyld Drive construction is set to begin on Monday, June 18, 2018. Provided there are no unforeseen complications and the weather cooperates, the work should take approximately three weeks to complete.

The work is being planned in an effort to reduce the impacts to adjacent properties and Idylwyld traffic. For example, intersection work at Idylwyld Drive and 33rd Street will be completed over weekends and construction work will be phased (completed in sections) so that at least one lane of Idylwyld Drive can remain open in both directions for the duration of the project.

Road users can expect turning restrictions and lane reductions on Idylwyld Drive between 33rd and 39th streets beginning June 18, 2018. The City is advising residents to expect delays or to choose an alternate route if possible.

Bus routes along the construction route may also be affected throughout the project. During construction, residents are advised to check the posted signage for alternate bus stop locations or to check the Transit App.

More information about the 2018 Building Better Roads plan is available at saskatoon.ca/betterroads. You can also access Traffic Detour Service Alerts at saskatoon.ca/servicealerts or follow [@YXEServiceAlert](https://twitter.com/YXEServiceAlert) on Twitter.

The City thanks drivers for their patience while this necessary work is carried out. Slow down, pay attention and respect work zones. Watch for pedestrians and work crews and, for everyone's safety, obey all detours, signs, and barriers.

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