



July 17, 2026

Central Avenue Rebuild Project

Construction on the Central Avenue Rebuild Project officially began on July 8. This generational investment in the community of Inverness has been made possible through a partnership between the Municipality of Inverness County and the provincial and federal governments under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP).

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Construction Progress

Construction on the Central Avenue Rebuild Project continues to make steady progress.

On July 9, the northbound lane of Phase One, between Broad Cove Banks Road and James Street, was pulverized in preparation for excavation. This work has now been completed, and crews have returned their focus to the area between Broad Cove Banks Road and the Shean Trail Crossing.



Pictured above: Asphalt on Central Avenue following pulverising on July 9, 2026.

The contractor has also begun the work of replacing the wastewater lift station near the Shean Trail Crossing. Work towards replacing this important piece of infrastructure began on July 13 and is ongoing.



Pictured above: An excavator digging for the replacement of the wastewater lift station near the Shean Trail Crossing on July 13.



Pictured above: On July 15, workers continue to make progress towards replacement of the wastewater lift station.

Impacts to Residents and Visitors

Hours of Operation

To help move the project forward as efficiently as possible, the contractor has revised its hours of operation. **Beginning immediately, traffic control measures will be in place starting at 6:30 a.m., with construction beginning at 7:00 a.m. Work is expected to wrap up by 5:00 p.m. each weekday,** unless unforeseen circumstances require crews to remain on site later than expected. Outside of construction hours, the roadway will reopen to two lanes of traffic. The Municipality is grateful to residents for their patience and understanding.

Traffic Control

The contractor continues to work diligently to keep traffic delays as short as possible. While every effort is being made to minimize wait times, residents are encouraged to continue planning for potential delays throughout the duration of the project. With traffic volumes expected to increase during the upcoming Inverness Gathering (July 18 - July 26), construction wait times could be longer than usual. If you are planning to attend any Gathering events or will be travelling through the community, please allow extra time to reach your destination. We appreciate the public's continued patience and cooperation as this important project continues to move forward.



Pictured above: A flagger holds a stop sign on July 8. Traffic Control measures remain in place, and will now begin at 6:30 a.m. on weekdays.

Reminder for Solid Waste Collection

To reduce impacts to weekly collections, residents of the community of Inverness are reminded to place waste and recycling curbside by 6:30 a.m., rather than the usual 7:00 a.m.

Driveway and Parking Lot access

Due to the scale of the Central Avenue Rebuild Project, driveway and parking access may be temporarily restricted as construction progresses. Whenever possible, the Municipality and the contractor will provide advance notice of any planned access restrictions. At times, traffic backups may also make it more difficult for residents and businesses to enter or exit their properties. Drivers are reminded to be considerate when stopped in traffic by keeping driveways and parking lot entrances clear whenever possible. This small act of courtesy helps residents and business owners move safely through the area.

Sidewalk Impacts

Until further notice, the sidewalk between the Shean Trail Crossing and the Broad Cove Banks Road is closed to pedestrians. Residents are reminded that sidewalk restrictions will be ongoing throughout this project in order to ensure the safety of pedestrians and construction crews.



Pictured above: Wooden barricades have been placed on the sidewalk near the trail crossing to ensure pedestrians are prevented from entering the work area.

Community Open House

The Municipality is inviting residents to one of two open house sessions for residents. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about the Central Avenue Rebuild project, meet with municipal representatives, ask questions, and find out about other municipal projects, programs and services available in the community.

Location: Inverness Fire Hall, 15797 Central Ave., Inverness

Dates: Tuesday, July 28 and Thursday, July 30

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Whether you have questions, want to learn more, or simply want to see what's happening in your community, drop in anytime during the event.

Project Background

The Central Avenue Rebuild Project includes the complete reconstruction of Central Avenue and will deliver:

- New water and wastewater piping and associated infrastructure.
- Replacement of the existing wastewater lift station near the Shean Trail crossing.
- Improved sidewalks, multi-use pathways, and crosswalks.
- Streetscape and beautification enhancements.
- A fully reconstructed roadway with upgraded stormwater infrastructure, completed in partnership with the Nova Scotia Department of Public Works.



Pictured above: A visual rendering of the proposed changes to the Shean Trail Crossing.

How You Can Help

While construction can be inconvenient, small actions from residents can help support neighbours throughout the project. The Municipality has created a resource with practical tips to help everyone navigate construction safely and efficiently. Everyone has a role to play in helping keep the construction zone safe and minimizing delays. Here are a few simple ways you can help:

- **Keep intersections and driveways clear**

When traffic slows or stops, avoid blocking driveways, side streets, and intersections. Keeping these areas open helps residents, businesses, emergency vehicles, and local traffic move safely.

- **Make room for others**

A little courtesy goes a long way. When it is safe to do so, allow drivers to merge or enter traffic from side streets, driveways, and local businesses.

- **Support local businesses**

Businesses along Central Avenue remain open throughout construction. Shopping locally, dining locally, and continuing to visit your favourite businesses helps keep our community strong.

- **Slow down and stay alert**

Construction zones are active work sites. Please obey posted signage, follow the directions of traffic control personnel, and watch for workers, equipment, cyclists, and pedestrians.

- **Plan ahead**

Allow a little extra travel time during peak construction periods. If you're travelling with children, consider bringing books, games, toys, or snacks to help keep them comfortable during delays. A quick washroom stop before leaving home can also make the trip more pleasant.

- **Be patient with one another**

Construction affects everyone differently. A little patience, understanding, and kindness can make a big difference for residents, visitors, workers, and fellow drivers.

Stay Informed

The Municipality will ensure that residents and businesses are kept in the loop as this project progresses. To ensure you receive the most up-to-date information. Residents and businesses are encouraged to stay informed throughout construction by using the following resources:

- **The Project Information Centre:**

- **Location:** Inverness Fire Hall, 15797 Central Avenue, Inverness
- **Upcoming July Dates:**
 - Thursday, 16 (1-4 p.m.)
 - Tuesday, 28 (Open House from 1-6 p.m.)
 - Thursday, 30 (Open House from 1-6 p.m.)

Please note that hours are subject to change. Residents are encouraged to check www.invernesscounty.ca/CentralAveRebuild for updates.

- To visit the Central Avenue Rebuild Project Webpage, click the link below:

 [Central Avenue Rebuild](#)

- To sign up for the Project Newsletter, click the link below:

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Thank You

This Municipality of Inverness County recognizes that large public infrastructure projects like the Central Avenue Rebuild Project will inevitably come with short-term challenges. These may include traffic disruptions, parking restrictions, water and wastewater interruptions, and sidewalk closures. The Municipality commits to working closely with local businesses, organizations, and residents every step of the way to ensure Invernessers are supported throughout the project. While this project will bring temporary inconveniences, it is important to remember that what lies ahead is something to look forward to - safer streets, greater accessibility, more reliable infrastructure, and new opportunities for growth.



Any Questions?

Phone Number: 1-866-258-0223, option 8

Email: centralave@invernesscounty.ca

You can also [view this email in your browser](#) and [manage your preferences](#).

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