

**UPDATE - May 29, 2023**

The City has received an approval window from the province for this work. The new bridge is currently being manufactured according to provincial requirements and we expect the work to be completed by the end of July.

## Replacement of Bridge into Parksville Wetlands

The bridge into the Parksville Wetlands from Despard Avenue West, removed in November, will be replaced later this year. We wish to remind residents an alternate access to the wetlands is available to the east through the Regional District of Nanaimo rail trail at Springwood Park off-leash park parking or north by means of the Maple Glen walkway.

The City of Parksville is working with an environmental professional to provide appropriate access into this area of the wetlands and have been advised a provincial permit is a requirement to proceed with bridge replacement. The watercourse flows into Carey Creek, ending in Parksville Bay. Carey Creek is considered a fish bearing stream and for this reason, the bridge can only be installed between June 15 and September 15 due to provincial stream regulations.

We appreciate the public's patience as we work within provincial regulations.

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