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## **Frequently Asked Questions about Road Construction**

The Township of Spallumcheen is excited to undertake this road construction project in the McLeod Subdivision. The Township of Spallumcheen Five Year Capital Roads Plan is a priority of Council's due to the extensive road network located in the Township. We understand that having planned roadwork in your neighbourhood can bring up a lot of questions and we have compiled some frequently asked questions that we hope address any questions you may have.

### **1. When will road construction occur?**

- a. Road construction is planned to take place from May 11 to June 5, 2026

### **2. Who will be completing the work?**

- a. Okanagan Aggregates Ltd. (OAL) has been contracted to carry out this project. You may see their crews in the neighbourhood ahead of construction distributing notices, installing signage, and completing other pre-construction activities.

### **3. Will there be road closures?**

- a. Yes. One temporary road closure is planned:

- May 11 to May 15, 2026
- McLeod Road, from Highway 97A to Lockhart Drive (see attached map)

During this time, residents are asked to use the alternate access via Mountain View Road. Please follow all posted signage and directions from traffic personnel and allow extra time for travel. The full closure period may not be required and if the road can be reopened early updates will be posted on the Township website as construction progresses.

### **4. What will happen with my landscaping?**

Photographs of properties along the paving route will be taken before construction begins. Every effort will be made to return areas as close as possible to pre-construction conditions. If you have specific concerns about landscaping near the roadway, we encourage you to contact the Township's Public Works Department so staff can discuss any property-specific questions with you.

### **5. Will there be traffic delays in the neighbourhood?**

- a. Some minor delays are possible. In addition to the planned road closure, residents may experience single-lane alternating traffic at times. Okanagan Aggregates will work to minimize disruption, and we ask that all drivers obey posted signage and traffic control personnel. If residents need to get through at specific times for appointments please notify the Township and we will work with the Okanagan Aggregates to accommodate that as much as possible.

**6. Why is only this portion of McLeod Road and Lockhart Drive being paved instead of the whole subdivision.**

- a. Paving projects are planned using a long-term, structured process to ensure Township funds are used effectively and where they are most needed. Several key factors influenced the scope of this project:

Long-Term Capital Planning

Every five years, Council reviews and adopts a Five Year Capital Roads Plan. This plan identifies paving and drainage projects across the Township based on multiple criteria, including:

- Road condition
- Frequency and type of traffic use
- Safety considerations
- Coordination with other planned infrastructure or utility work

Once roads are identified in the Plan, Township staff work with consulting engineers to design the upgrades, secure any necessary provincial approvals or permits, and prepare the project for construction.

Each year, Council allocates funding for capital road projects through the annual budget. Historically, approximately \$1.5 million per year has been directed toward these improvements. Staff and engineers work closely with contractors to maximize the amount of paving that can be completed within the approved budget. For 2026, the total cost of this paving project—including engineering, construction, and inspection—came to approximately \$1.7 million.

Coordination with Other Development and Utility Work

Another important consideration is what other projects are planned in the same area. In this case, there is an active subdivision application that will require utility work along a portion of Lockhart Drive in the near future. Since utility installation typically requires excavation and road disturbance, repaving that section of road now would likely result in unnecessary damage and additional costs shortly afterward.

To avoid duplicating work and to make responsible use of taxpayer dollars, Council determined it was better to delay paving that portion of the road until utility upgrades are completed.

By focusing this project on the sections of road that can be fully completed without future disturbance, the Township is balancing immediate infrastructure needs with long-term planning and fiscal responsibility.

**7. Will the project be noisy?**

- a. Some construction noise is expected due to the use of heavy machinery. Work will take place:
- 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
  - Monday through Saturday
  - No work will occur during long weekends

**8. What about emergencies? School bus access? Garbage/Recycling pick up?**

- a. Emergency vehicles will be accommodated through the work area as safely and quickly as possible. Notification has been provided to school districts, garbage and recycling contractors, and BC Transit. You may receive separate communications from these service providers regarding any temporary route changes. The Township and Okanagan Aggregates will work closely with them to minimize disruption.

**9. Will the project finish on time? What would cause delays?**

- a. The Township and Okanagan Aggregates are committed to completing this project on time and on budget. However, paving work is highly weather-dependent, and significant rainfall may cause delays. Any schedule changes will be communicated through:
- The Township website
  - Digital message boards within the community

**10. Who can I contact if I have questions?**

- a. We're happy to help. If you have questions about the project, you can contact:
- Email: [mail@spallumcheentwp.bc.ca](mailto:mail@spallumcheentwp.bc.ca)
  - Phone:
    1. Township of Spallumcheen: 250-546-3013 (general project questions)
    2. Okanagan Aggregates Ltd.: 250-546-3088 (site-specific questions during construction)

Thank you for your understanding and support as we complete these important road improvements in your neighbourhood.

Sincerely,

*Township of Spallumcheen*

# 2026 Capital Roads Paving Project Area

