

Key messages and Q&A:

Dutch Village Road Complete Streets project – Final Paving

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Purpose:

This document includes key messages and Q&As for all inquiries related to the upcoming roadway closure and final paving work in support of the [Dutch Village Road Complete Streets project](#) taking place on Thursday, Dec. 4.

This document has been drafted by Corporate Communications, reviewed by the Dutch Village Road Complete Streets project team, and shared with Corporate Communications (specifically the Public Affairs Office and the Digital Strategist), the 311 Customer Contact Centre and the Councillor Support Office to assist with inquiries.

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Key messages

- Final paving work for Dutch Village Road Complete Streets project will occur on Thursday, Dec. 4, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. This is the last major step before reopening the roadway fully.
- This area will be closed to traffic in both directions while this work is underway, with sections of Dutch Village Road reopening as work progresses.
- Full roadway closure is required for safety and quality reasons. The work was originally planned over two days with partial closures, but weather delays necessitated combining the work into one day.
- Local access will not be possible during this closure. Detour signage and traffic personnel will be in place to guide drivers to alternate routes.
- Pedestrian access will be maintained, but temporary crosswalk closures may occur. Safety remains our top priority for all road users.
- We appreciate the community's patience as we complete this important infrastructure upgrade. This work will improve safety, accessibility, and mobility for all users.

Q&A

Q1: Why is the entire roadway closed instead of half at a time?

A1: The original plan was for two partial closures, but recent weather conditions mean the paving must be rescheduled. Noting the time of year and approaching cold weather, the contractor and municipality agreed that completing the paving in a single day was the best option to ensure that the road can be paved and painted before temperatures and other weather conditions prevent the completion of this important work. A full closure ensures the work is done efficiently and safely, minimizing overall disruption.

Q2: Will residents and businesses have any access during the closure?

A2: Unfortunately, no local access will be possible during the closure due to the nature of paving operations; however, sections of Dutch Village Road will reopen as work progresses.

We recommend planning ahead for deliveries, appointments and travel needs. The contractor will provide written notice to impacted properties.

Q3: Will emergency vehicles have access during this roadway closure?

A3: Yes. Emergency vehicle access will be maintained at all times, and emergency services are kept informed of all significant traffic changes related to this project. Traffic control personnel prioritize access for emergency vehicles responding to an emergency through any construction site.

Q4: How will Halifax Transit be affected?

A4: Existing Halifax Transit detours and impacts will remain in place during this work.

Inbound routes 28 and 137 will be detoured via Alex Street, Main Avenue and Titus Street to Dutch Village Road. The following bus stops will be temporarily closed during this work:

- Rosedale Avenue at civic 34 (8242)
- Rosedale Avenue before Dutch Village Road (8243)
- Dutch Village Road before Andrew Street (6609)
- Dutch Village Road before Sunnybrae Avenue (6638)
- Joseph Howe Drive before Scot Street (6986) (only for route 28)

Outbound routes 28 and 137 will be detoured via Alma Crescent, Main Avenue and Alex Street to Rosedale Avenue. The following bus stops will be temporarily closed during this work:

- Dutch Village Road after Alma Crescent (9042)
- Dutch Village Road before Rufus Avenue (6614)
- Dutch Village Road before Rosedale Avenue (6613)
- Rosedale Avenue after Dutch Village Road (8245)
- Rosedale Avenue at civic 23 (8244)
- Dutch Village Road before Central Avenue (6788)

For complete Halifax Transit detour information, including maps, please visit: halifax.ca/transportation/halifax-transit/service-disruptions

Q5: Why couldn't this work be postponed to take place over two days until better weather?

A5: With colder weather in the forecast, completing this paving work now is the best option to ensure that this roadway can fully reopen for all road users ready for winter conditions.