

# Chase West to Jade Mountain Project



## HIGHWAY 1 KAMLOOPS TO ALBERTA FOUR-LANING PROGRAM

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### Project Snapshot

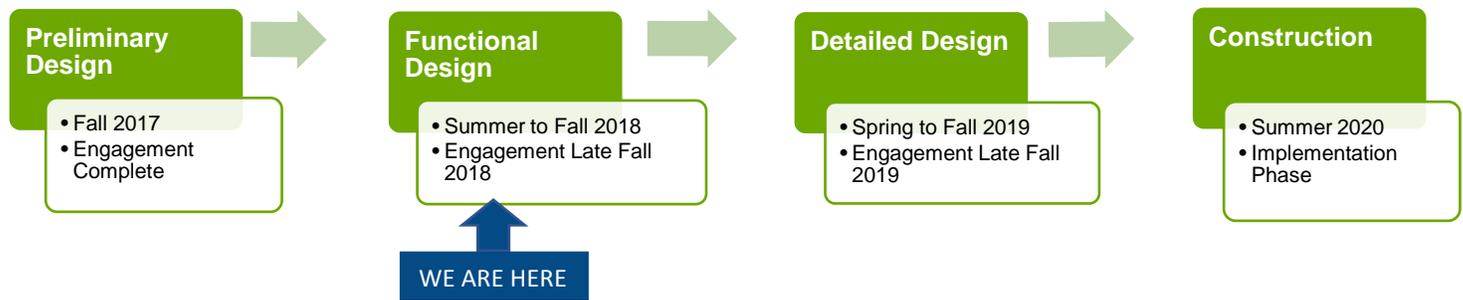
The Chase West to Jade Mountain Project involves four-laning a 4.2 km section of highway east of Chase including a new interchange at Brooke Drive and access improvements at Matthey's Road and Shuswap Avenue East. The project will improve safety, reliability, traffic flow, access to local roads and will support the movement of goods throughout the province.



### About this Newsletter

Welcome to the first edition of the *Chase West to Jade Mountain Project Newsletter*. The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure project team created this newsletter to provide updates on key project activities, design details and construction updates to keep Chase residents and highway users informed as the project progresses. This quarterly newsletter will be distributed to the Chase community and posted to the project website.

# Project Timeline



## Current Activities

### Project Liaison Committee

In May 2018, a Project Liaison Committee (PLC) was established. This committee was created to keep the lines of communication open between ministry staff, local government staff, community leaders, first responders and affected stakeholders as the project design moves forward. The first meeting discussed an engineering review process to evaluate preliminary designs, and to create new or alter existing concepts that consider history, constraints, objectives, budget and timelines. The PLC will meet again in fall 2018 to provide feedback on the functional design.

### Archaeological Survey

Archaeological sites are protected in British Columbia by the Heritage Conservation Act. The project is working closely with the Little Shuswap Lake Band to conduct an archaeological assessment on the Chase West to Jade Mountain footprint to identify the presence and size of archaeological sites and identify options to preserve these sites.

Survey crews, including Indigenous team members trained in archaeological fieldwork, walk the project area to look for evidence of archaeological sites. Evidence could include tools or items that indicate activities in the project area prior to European settlement. If evidence is found, the location is mapped with GPS and documented. It is important to note that this work only takes place within the defined project area and with the permission of local Indigenous communities.



*Pedestrian survey to identify surface artifacts and archaeological sites*

Following the walking survey, crews try to identify where and how big the archaeological site is. This is conducted through a shovel survey, or a mechanical excavation if ground conditions are too tough. The area is mapped, archaeological resources are removed and the excavated soils are replaced.



### *Shovel testing and screening sediments*

Once field work is complete, archaeologists work with the ministry to consider potential mitigation measures in relation to any identified archaeological sites, in advance of project construction.

This work is underway and will continue through the fall. During this time you may see survey crews completing this work within the ministry and Village of Chase property boundaries. No archaeological work will take place on private land without prior consent from the landowner. The archaeological survey is one of the first steps in finalizing the design as we work towards construction.

### Ground Survey

Survey teams are currently on site picking up ground features that will fine tune the next stage of design.

## Construction Updates

No construction is planned for 2018. Construction updates will be provided once construction begins.

## Upcoming Activities

- PLC meeting #2 Fall 2018
- Geotechnical investigation in Fall 2018
- Preparation activities on purchased properties, including demolition of existing structures, in Fall 2018
- Wildlife exclusion fencing preparations, including ground clearing, in Fall 2018

## Traffic Advisory

Visit Drive BC for current traffic conditions. [www.DriveBC.ca](http://www.DriveBC.ca) or @DriveBC on Twitter

## Get Updates

Digital copies of this newsletter and project updates will be posted as they become available on the project website

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/transportation-infrastructure/projects/highway1-kamloops-alberta/current-projects/hoffmans-bluff-jade-mountain/chase-jade-mountain>

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## Have a Question or a Suggestion?

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