



## Learn More About Victoria's Steel Water Main Project

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VICTORIA, BC – The City of Victoria's water distribution system includes 260 km of underground pipe. Approximately 8 km of steel water main (pipe) that was installed in the early 1930s is nearing the end of its lifespan. The City's Steel Water Main Project will rehabilitate Victoria's aging large-diameter water mains in two ways: by lining existing pipes using an innovative method known as trenchless technology, and by open-cut excavation to install new interconnecting pipes.

The work will take place in three Victoria's residential neighbourhoods: Fernwood, Hillside/Quadra, and South Jubilee. At times, the surrounding neighbourhoods of Oaklands and Rockland may be indirectly affected by re-routed traffic. Two open houses are planned for the public to learn more about the project. Registration is not required.

What: OPEN HOUSE – Learn More About Victoria's Steel Water Main Project  
When: Wednesday, November 26, 2008, from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.  
Thursday, November 27, 2008, from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.  
Where: Fernwood Community Association, 1923 Fernwood Road

These water mains distribute water for fire protection downtown, to residents in high level areas, and to feeder mains that reduce the pressure for residents and businesses living in low level areas. If the work was not started now, the public could see major failures in water quality and delivery in the coming years.

Phase 1 of the project will rehabilitate close to 5 km of pipe and will take approximately nine months to complete. Work will begin in December 2008 and is expected to be finished by August 2009. Phase 2 is planned for 2010.

This work will increase the life expectancy of these water mains by 50 years or more, ensuring water is safely delivered to residents and businesses in the future.

For more information, visit: [www.victoria.ca/steelwatermain](http://www.victoria.ca/steelwatermain)

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