



December 1, 2021

### Memorial Roundabout Opens on Schedule

The Memorial Roundabout will open to traffic on Thursday, December 2 (weather depending), and all traffic detours will be removed, including the four-way stop at Crescent Road and Memorial Avenue.

This will be the culmination of 10 months of dedicated work by the contractor Copcan, and the cooperation of residents using traffic detours, which allowed crews uninterrupted access to the construction site. The project timeline also allowed necessary protocols to be followed, including the Department of Fisheries window, which restricted work on the foreshore and creek to happen in the summer months. It additionally allowed for the respectful collaboration with our First Nations partners during excavation.

This intersection is the primary point of access to the waterfront and has historically experienced a high crash/conflict rate, and a low level of service for motorists attempting to make a westbound turn onto Highway 19A from Memorial Avenue. It is also the most grade favourable access for pedestrians to the waterfront, and with the expected increase in foot traffic resulting from pathway upgrades, will enhance the safety and experience of all users.

The roundabout conversion further realizes environmental benefits by reducing greenhouse gas emissions that result from idling and stop/starts.

*“Roundabouts have been shown to reduce the number, and especially the severity, of collisions between motor vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists. The recently completed Memorial Multi-Use Pathway and Waterfront Walkway also will bring more pedestrians and cyclists to this intersection, which means the safety benefits the roundabout offers are even more consequential.” – Bob Weir.*

*“The Memorial Avenue roundabout is an important project that offers significant benefits, particularly for pedestrians, cyclists, persons with disabilities and other active modes of transportation. This project has been identified as a high priority in the Town’s Age-Friendly Transportation Plan, and goes a long way to support the Town’s Waterfront Master Plan objective to calm traffic along the waterfront.” – Mayor Brian Wiese.*

Remaining work to occur on the project includes permanent line markings, and centre island landscaping, which is set to be completed in spring 2022. Residents can anticipate single-lane alternating traffic to facilitate the spring work, and we request the public’s continued cooperation during that time.

For more information on the project go to [qualicumbeach.com/roundabout](https://qualicumbeach.com/roundabout)

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