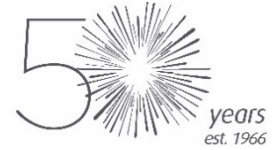




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Public Service Announcement

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CRD Water Supply Main Break (PSA #3) – Trans Canada Highway (Southbound) between Burnside Road West and Helmcken Road

Victoria, BC-- As a result of a large diameter CRD water supply main break located along the Trans Canada Highway (TCH) between Burnside Road West and Helmcken Road, southbound traffic flow is expected to be impacted through the evening until late Friday.

The CRD has coordinated with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to maintain single lane southbound traffic through the site while crews complete repairs. Motorists are advised to use alternate routes into the Victoria area and to expect traffic delays in the area while CRD crews work as quickly as possible to conduct the repairs currently underway.

The break occurred at approximately 11:50 pm on Thursday, December 15, 2016. The CRD Water Supply Main #3 is a 990mm diameter steel pipe that serves the municipalities of Saanich, Victoria and Oak Bay.

There are no major water service interruptions expected as municipalities are being served via CRD Water Supply Mains #1 and #2. However, customers in the Victoria West, Tillicum, Esquimalt and View Royal areas may experience lower water pressure and notice a slightly increased level of turbidity in the tap water as a result of fine sediments in the pipe being disturbed through the sudden change in flow and pressure. In consultation with Island Health, the CRD confirms the water remains safe to drink.

The repair is estimated to take until late Friday evening, December 16, 2016 to complete.

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