Mt. Newton Cross Road Bridge Replacement Project Update

The Pre Design Phase of the Mt. Newton Cross Road Bridge Replacement Project is underway!

Project Background

As stewards of our lands and resources, SȾÁUTW̱ First Nation is committed to protecting environmentally and culturally sensitive areas such as Tetayut Creek. Currently, Tetayut Creek runs under Mount Newton Cross Road into Saanichton Bay through two steel pipes (culverts).



In 2022, SȾÁUTW̱ First Nation engaged about 50 community members to discuss options for replacing the culverts and important considerations for design. Based on the feedback received at that time, design is moving forward for replacing these culverts with a clear span bridge.

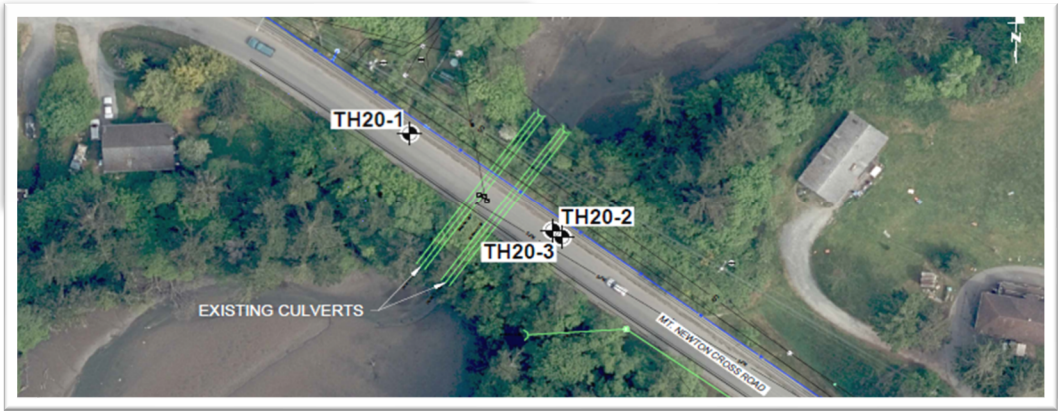
This change will:

- Improve the flow of Tetayut Creek
- Restore the link between the Tetayut Creek and the estuary
- Improve aquatic habitat and fish passage
- Protect our existing utilities (water, sewer) and secure the primary access to our community

Description of Project

SȾÁUTW̱ First Nation is working with Indigenous Services Canada and a consulting team of engineers on the Pre Design phase of this project. The Pre Design Phase will include:

- Community engagement: keeping the community informed of the project's upcoming work, goals and schedule.
- Geotechnical, environmental, and archeological investigations.
- Developing concepts for the bridge, accommodating utilities, and improvements to Tetayut Creek.



Overall Project Schedule

Dec 2025-Jan 2026	Feb -Mar 2026	Apr - May 2026	Jun 2026	Jul - Oct 2026	Nov - Dec 2026
Investigations	**Pre Design**	**Review/Receive Feedback on Design Concepts**	**Finalize Pre Design**	**Detailed Design**	**Detailed Design Review /Revisions**

Upcoming Events

- Utility locates using ground penetrating radar scanning, planned for December 3, 2025.
- Drilling, soil sampling, and archeological investigation on Dec 10 and 11, 2025.
- Note, during these investigations, you can expect traffic delays. Thank you for your patience as this work is needed to inform this important project for the community.