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Downtown - Watermain Relining

The City of Prince Albert Public Works Department would like to advise downtown business owners, property owners, and tenants that work is underway on a watermain relining project in the downtown core.

Contractors have already begun installing temporary bypass piping throughout the project area. Beginning **September 18, 2026**, affected businesses (highlighted in **blue** on the enclosed Project Map) are anticipated to be connected to a temporary potable water system, marking the start of the next major phase of construction.

The project will rehabilitate approximately **456 meters of existing 150 mm cast iron watermain** installed between **1908 and 1911**. Relining the existing watermain will significantly extend its service life while reducing the need for extensive excavation within the downtown area.

The project location is shown on the enclosed Project Map.

Phase 1 – Temporary Water Connections → September 18 to October 1, 2026

Temporary bypass piping is currently being installed throughout the project area.

Beginning on September 18, affected properties will be connected to the temporary potable water system, which will remain in service throughout the relining process. The temporary water system is designed to maintain water service while the existing watermain is taken out of service for cleaning, inspection, and rehabilitation.

A plumbing contractor will coordinate with impacted properties to confirm suitable connection locations and ensure temporary water service is available throughout construction.

Phase 2 – Watermain Cleaning, Inspection and Relining → October 2 to October 21, 2026

This phase of the project includes:

- Watermain cleaning
- CCTV inspection
- Pressure testing
- Installation of a cured-in-place liner within the existing watermain

The temporary potable water system will remain in operation throughout this phase.

Phase 3 – Testing, Final Connections and Bypass Removal → October 21 to November 20, 2026

Following installation of the liner, the contractor will:

- Complete final pressure testing of the rehabilitated watermain
- Reinstall water service connections
- Remove temporary bypass piping and access pits

Temporary surface restoration will be completed before winter. Permanent asphalt and concrete repairs will be completed in Spring 2027.

What Businesses Can Expect Temporary Water Service

Businesses serviced by the affected watermain will receive potable water through a temporary above-ground bypass system during construction. Any planned service interruptions required to complete connections or final commissioning will be communicated in advance whenever possible.

Access to Buildings

City staff, plumbing contractors, or project personnel may require access to portions of your property to facilitate temporary water connections, inspections, meter-related work, or final restoration activities.

Traffic and Parking Impacts

Temporary access pits, construction equipment, and bypass piping may result in localized parking restrictions and lane closures throughout the project area. Business access will be maintained at all times.

Construction Activities

Businesses can expect periodic construction noise, equipment operation, and contractor activity during normal working hours throughout the duration of the project.

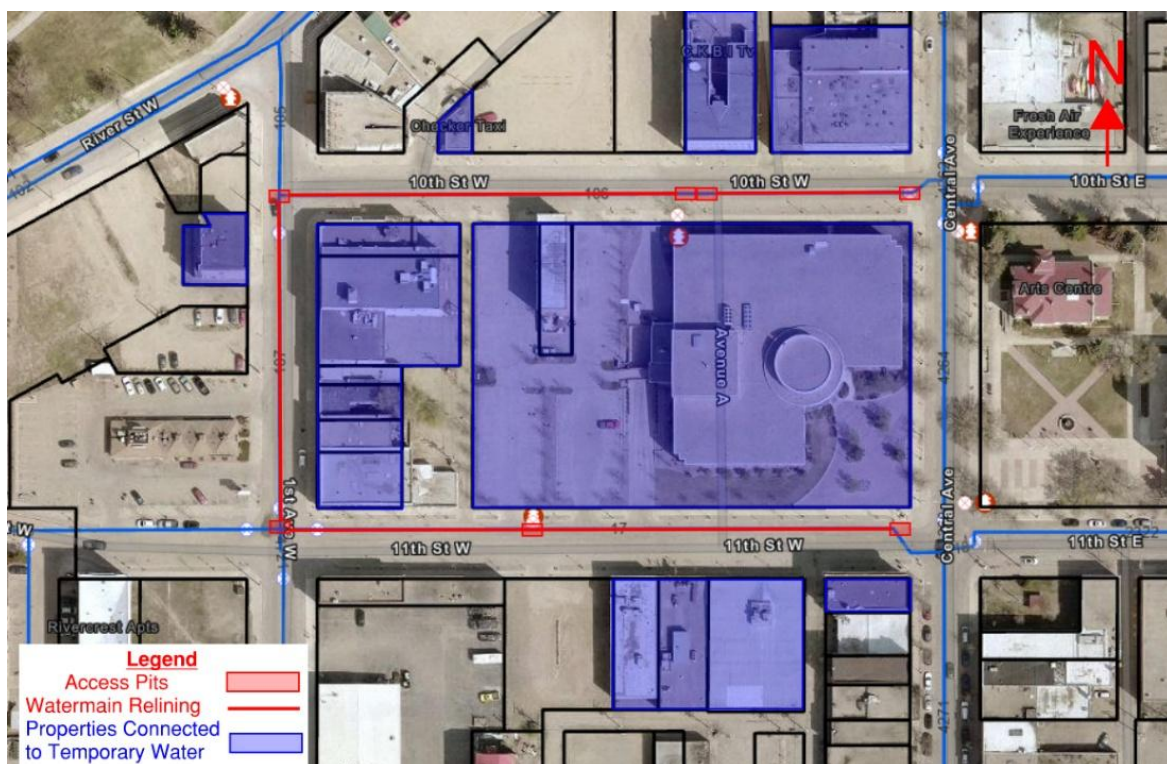
We Appreciate Your Patience

This project is an important investment in downtown infrastructure and will help improve the long-term reliability of the water distribution system while minimizing future disruptions.

If you require further information with respect to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Public Works at (306) 953-4884. For more information on this project or any other capital projects throughout the city, please visit www.citypa.ca/capital-projects/.

Yours truly,

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