

Defence Team Update #4: Cogswell District Project

HMC Dockyard parking zone I reopens for Defence Team use; HMCS Scotian sidewalk closure continues; new updates on traffic signal adjustments, public transit impacts and motorcycle parking changes ahead of Valour Way south entrance closure

July 27, 2022

Local Defence Team,

Here is our latest update on Cogswell District Project activities at HMC Dockyard as of July 27, 2022.

Parking

- Approximately 150 parking spaces in the newly re-aligned parking zone I reopened permanently for Defence Team member use on July 25 (See *Figure 1*). Only those members in possession of a valid parking pass are permitted to use these parking spaces.
- The remaining 56 spaces – to be in a newly defined parking area J – will be returned in September 2024 when all roundabout construction activities at HMC Dockyard are expected to be complete.
- The Base Operations team continues to monitor parking in the HMC Dockyard non-operational zone weekly to ensure parking availability remains sufficient for those in possession of a parking pass; at this time there is sufficient space available for those in possession of a parking pass.



Figure 1: Newly re-aligned parking zone I reopened for Defence Team member use on July 25. Halifax Transit Route 11 (Dockyard) turning lane (blue) has been incorporated into the design of the new parking area. See 'Halifax Transit bus stop/route impacts' update below for more information.

HMCS *Scotian* sidewalk closure

- The sidewalk in front of HMCS *Scotian* remains closed as Dexter Construction works to install a new storm water outfall. The timeline for the reopening of the sidewalk is to be confirmed.
- A crusher dust walking path has been placed to ensure Defence Team members maintain safe pedestrian access to/from HMC Dockyard through the Valour Way south entrance.

Valour Way south road and sidewalk closure

- As noted in the Defence Team updates from March 31 and May 31, 2022, the south entrance to Valour Way (at Upper Water Street) will be closed to vehicular and pedestrian traffic for approximately two years beginning in late fall 2022 to enable the completion of the roundabout.
- CFB Halifax continues to work with Real Property Operations Section Halifax (RPOSH), the Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) and other project stakeholders to ensure impacts to our members and operations are minimized. Please find below the latest updates.

Traffic signal adjustments

- Traffic signals will be adjusted at the Barrington Street/North Street and Barrington Street/Niobe Bridge intersections by early August 2022 in order to favour DND traffic coming into and out of HMC Dockyard during peak hours (6 am – 9 am and 3 pm – 5:30 pm Atlantic). This change will remain in place until the south entrance to Valour Way reopens with hopes of limiting traffic congestion within HMC Dockyard.

Halifax Transit bus stop/route impacts

- **Route 11 Dockyard:** A turnaround location within HMC Dockyard parking zone I is being planned for Halifax Transit Route 11 (Dockyard) given the pending Valour Way south entrance closure. See turning route to be implemented this fall at *Figure 1*. This mitigation measure will ensure our members who use Route 11 see minimal disruption to their daily commute.
- The transit turning lane identified in parking zone I is vital to maintaining Halifax Transit Route 11. It is imperative, therefore, that this lane remain free from parked cars now until the completion of the Valour Way south entrance closure. The CFB Halifax Parking Enforcement Team will be monitoring the area moving forward to ensure the turning lane remains free from parked cars.
- In addition to this turning lane, Halifax Transit will add two additional trips to this route, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, once the Valour Way south entrance closes. More information will be provided once a date for implementation of this revised route has been identified.
- **Other Halifax Transit routes:** We acknowledge that many of our Defence Team members access other Halifax Transit bus routes that will be impacted by the Cogswell District Project. We are working with HRM to identify the stops that will be closed or relocated and will communicate those changes to our members when made available.

Motorcycle parking impacts

- Motorcycle parking on the concrete pad along Valour Way (between Rainbow Gate and the south entrance to Valour Way) will be inaccessible once Valour Way south closes in late fall 2022 (see *Figure 2*).
- Temporary motorcycle parking will be implemented in the vicinity of the Car Pass/Identification Section office (see *Figure 3*). The number of spaces available will be adjusted based on continued monitoring of how many motorcyclists make use of the space.

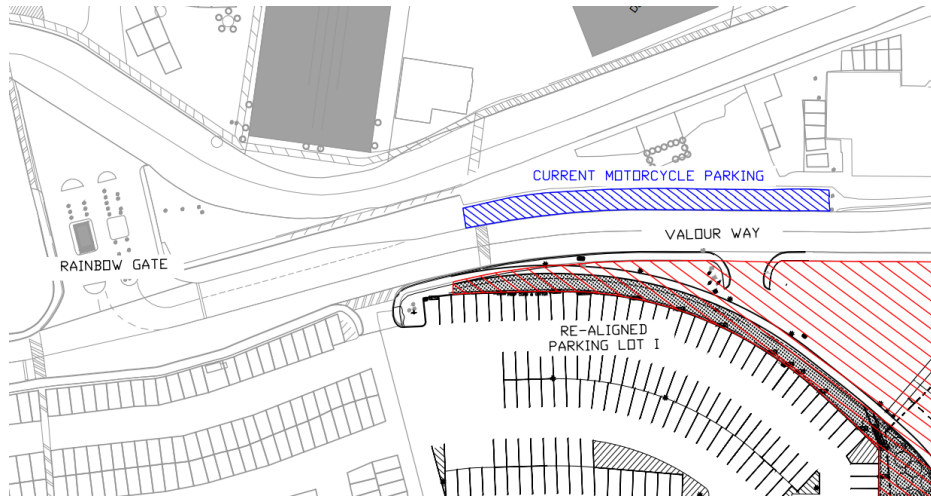


Figure 2: Motorcycle parking along Valour Way (blue) to be closed temporarily beginning in late fall 2022 when Valour Way south entrance closes.

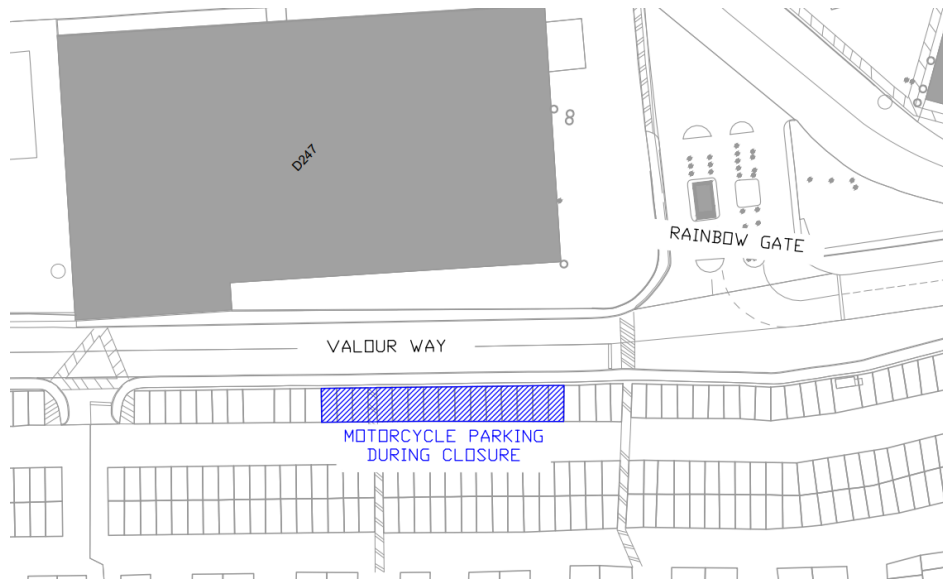


Figure 3: Temporary motorcycle parking area during Valour Way south entrance closure.

Alternate southern HMC Dockyard access gate for large truck traffic and pedestrians/cyclists

- A temporary entrance/exit between HMCS Scotian (building D193) and the Base Logistics HAZMAT building (D207) is being planned to allow large truck traffic and pedestrian/bicycle traffic entry to/from HMC Dockyard from downtown Halifax when Valour Way south closes. This entrance won't be open to personal vehicles for reasons of safety and congestion inside the HMC Dockyard controlled zone. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

A comprehensive plan regarding the Valour Way south closure will be made available to local Defence Team members this fall.

Safety

A continued safety reminder for our Defence Team members (especially those who may find themselves walking, cycling or driving near the active construction areas at HMC Dockyard and HMCS *Scotian*): please be aware of the presence of dust, noise pollution, the movement of construction vehicles and heavy equipment, and any other hazards that may exist due to ongoing construction activities.

Feedback

We thank all Defence Team members who have reached out with comments and questions regarding this project. Local Defence Team members can continue sending their feedback directly to CFBHalifaxPublicAffairs@forces.gc.ca for the duration of the project.

Future updates:

Local Defence Team members will be kept informed on any future impacts to Defence property, personnel and operations as roundabout construction progresses. All updates are consolidated and available on the Trident Newspaper website at www.tridentnewspaper.com/cogswell.

For more information on the Cogswell District Project, please visit the Halifax Regional Municipality website: [Cogswell District](#) | [Cogswell Interchange](#) | [Halifax](#)

Background:

HRM's Cogswell District Project, the biggest city-building project in the history of Halifax, will convert 16 acres of road infrastructure into a mixed-use neighborhood, extending the entrance of the downtown northwards and reuniting communities separated by the interchange lands. The project's construction work is being executed by infrastructure and project lead, Dexter Construction Limited.

A portion of Department of National Defence (DND) property at the south end of the HMC Dockyard parking lot will be impacted by this project during the construction of a new roundabout that will create a more efficient flow of traffic to/from the downtown core. Once complete, this roundabout will offer Defence Team members access to enhanced walking paths and bikeways and a more seamless vehicular entry and exit route at the south end of Valour Way.