



Cogswell District Project Defence Team Q & A

1. What is the Cogswell District Project?

Halifax Regional Municipality's (HRM) 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. For more information, visit the HRM website:

[Cogswell District | Cogswell Interchange | Halifax](#)

2. I work at or regularly transit throughout HMC Dockyard. How will the Cogswell District Project impact my day-to-day moving forward?

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 a roundabout, as part of the larger Cogswell District Project. As a result of this closure and the associated construction activity, Defence Team members can expect impacts to public and personal transit (both vehicular and pedestrian); parking (general and motorcycle); and HMC Dockyard access. More details on these impacts and identified mitigation measures can be found below.

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.

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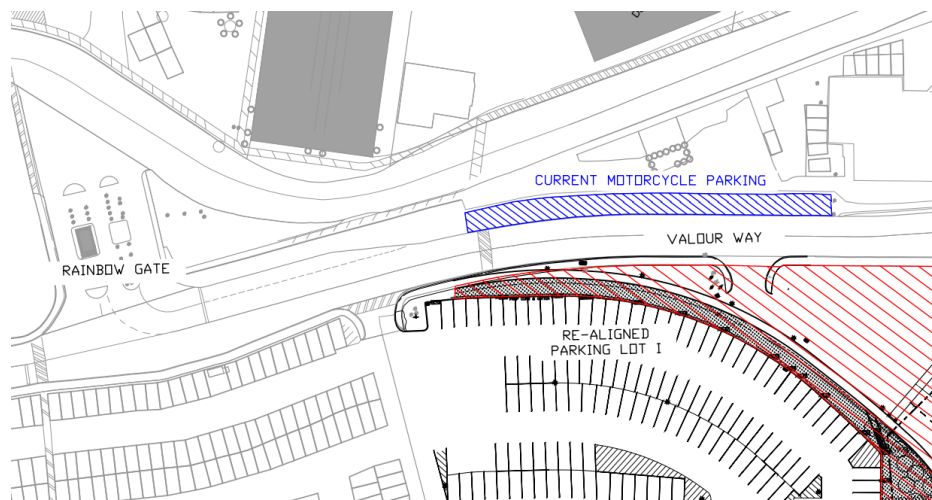
3. Parking: What can I expect moving forward?

General parking (non-operational zone). In Spring 2022, approximately 235 parking spaces in HMC Dockyard non-operational zone parking areas I and J were closed temporarily to allow for the demolition of several Water, Fuels and Environment (WFE) buildings, the reconfiguration of parking area I, the stockpiling of soil/equipment and other related activities. All but 56 of these spaces have been reopened for Defence Team member use. The remaining 56 spaces – to be located in a newly defined parking area

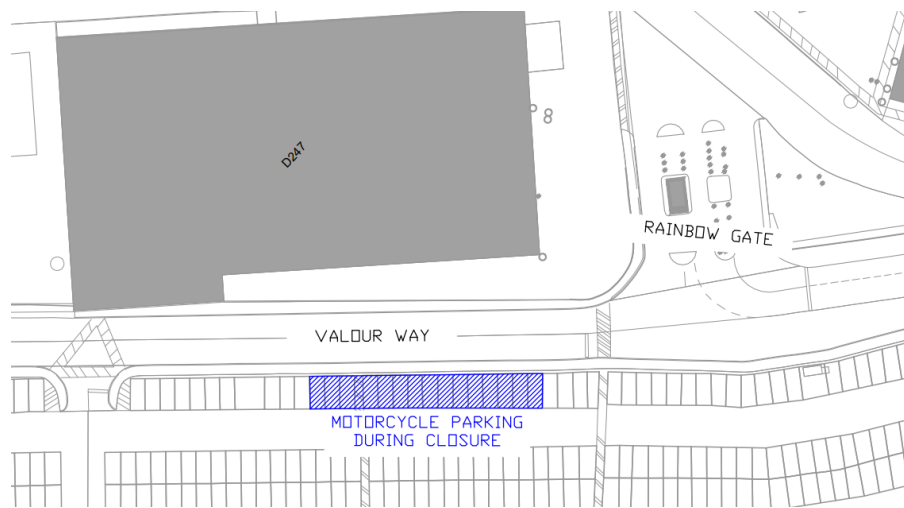


J – will be returned in late 2024 when all roundabout construction activities at HMC Dockyard are expected to conclude. The Base Operations team continues to monitor parking in the HMC Dockyard non-operational zone weekly to ensure parking availability remains sufficient for those in possession of a parking pass; currently there is sufficient space available for those in possession of a parking pass.

Motorcycle parking. 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. Temporary motorcycle parking will be implemented in the vicinity of the Car Pass/Identification Section office (*see maps below*). The number of spaces available will be adjusted based on continued monitoring of how many motorcyclists make use of the space.



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



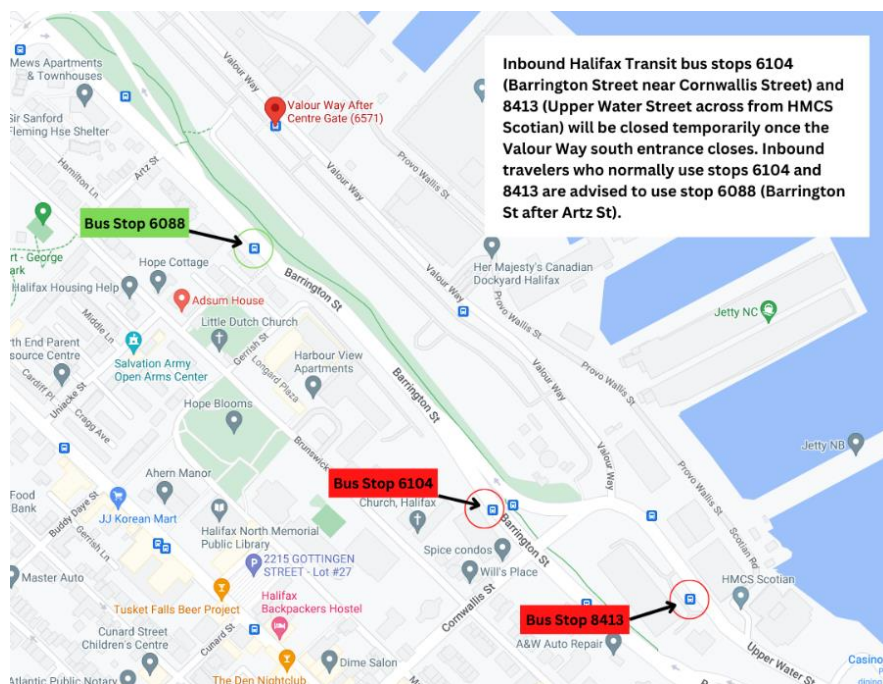
Map: Temporary motorcycle parking area during Valour Way south entrance closure.



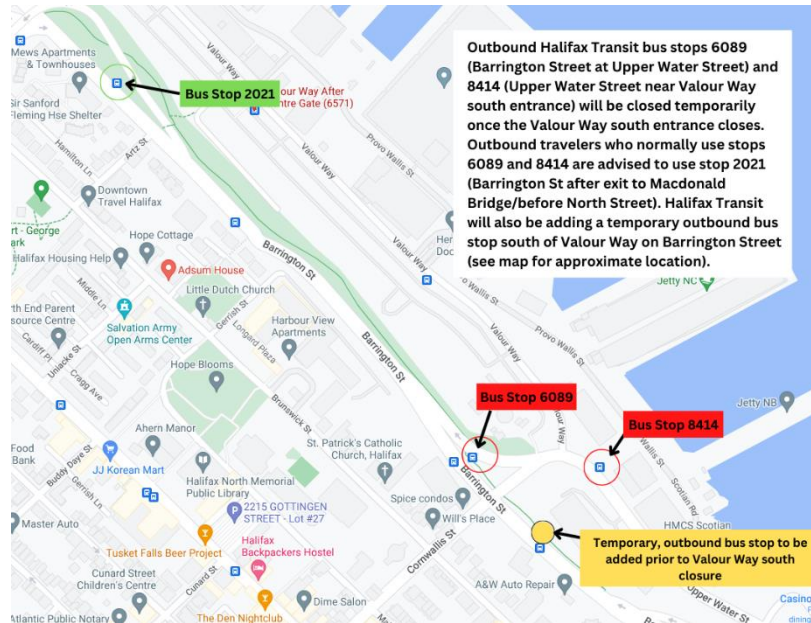
4. Public Transit: Will my Halifax Transit bus stops or routes be impacted by the closure of Valour Way south?

Yes. Several bus stops and routes will experience service disruptions or routing changes. Here's what we know so far:

- **Inbound bus stops.** Inbound Halifax Transit bus stops 6104 (Barrington Street near Cornwallis Street) and 8413 (Upper Water Street across from HMCS Scotian) will be closed temporarily once the Valour Way south entrance closes. Inbound travelers who normally use stops 6104 and 8413 are advised to use stop 6088 (Barrington St after Artz St).



- **Outbound bus stops.** Outbound Halifax Transit bus stops 6089 (Barrington Street at Upper Water Street) and 8414 (Upper Water Street near Valour Way south entrance) will be closed temporarily once the Valour Way south entrance closes. Outbound travelers who normally use stops 6089 and 8414 are advised to use stop 2021 (Barrington St after exit to Macdonald Bridge/before North Street). Please note that Halifax Transit will also be adding a temporary outbound bus stop south of Valour Way on Barrington Street (see map for approximate location).



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 (map below). This mitigation measure will ensure our members who use Route 11 see minimal disruption to their daily commute. 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. All Route 11 bus stops at HMC Dockyard including 6569 (Valour Way after Coxswain Lane), 6571 (Valour Way after Centre Gate) and 6573 (Valour Way after Rainbow Gate) will remain operational throughout the Valour Way south entrance closure. More information will be provided once a date for implementation of this revised route has been identified.



Map: Newly re-aligned parking zone I reopened for Defence Team member use on July 25, 2022. Halifax Transit Route 11 Dockyard turning lane (in blue) has been incorporated into the design of the new parking area.



Public transit route detours. Any public transit detouring due to this project will be posted on the [Halifax Regional Municipality Service Disruptions page](#).

5. HMC Dockyard Access: How can Defence Team members, contractors and visitors access HMC Dockyard in personal motor vehicles once Valour Way south entrance closes?

Members or visitors will continue having access to HMC Dockyard's non-operational parking zone via Barrington/North Street and Barrington/Niobe Bridge entrances. Niobe Gate, Admiral's Gate, Centre Gate and Rainbow Gate will remain open for vehicular and pedestrian access for the duration of the Valour Way South closure for those authorized to enter the operational zone.

6. Traffic congestion: With one of the main vehicular entry/exit points to/from HMC Dockyard non-operational zone closing, how will traffic congestion be addressed?

Traffic signal adjustments. Traffic signals were adjusted at the Barrington Street/North Street and Barrington Street/Niobe Bridge intersections in 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.

7. Will there be an alternate entry/exit point near the south end of HMC Dockyard where members can walk/cycle to downtown/South End Halifax?

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.

Note re: pedestrian accessibility: The sidewalk in front of HMCS Scotian is currently closed as Dexter Construction works to install a new storm water outfall. The timeline for the reopening of the sidewalk is to be confirmed. Defence Team members are asked to be cautious when transiting in that area.

8. What about safety measures in and around the Cogswell District Project site?

Defence Team members and visitors are reminded that a portion of the HMC Dockyard non-operational parking area closest to downtown Halifax is currently, and will continue to be, an active construction zone. 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. The Halifax Regional Municipality and Dexter Construction have a layered safety programme in place to ensure the safety of those working in or transiting near the project site.

9. How can I find Cogswell District Project updates in real time?

Cogswell District Project website. www.halifax.ca/cogswell



Cogswell District Project App. Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) is in the process of testing a new app specifically focused on the Cogswell District Project. Due to be launched in fall 2022, this app will help users navigate through the construction site as the project progresses and obtain information on road closures/access restrictions in real time. HRM is planning to include a photographic time lapse of the site evolution taken from 3 high-resolution cameras, which will allow people to view on-site progress over time. The app information will also be available from the HRM website (www.halifax.ca/cogswell).

10. How can I stay updated on impacts to Defence Team members and property throughout the Cogswell District Project?

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](#)

11. How can I provide project feedback?

Local Defence Team members can send their feedback directly to CFBHalifaxPublicAffairs@forces.gc.ca for the duration of the project.

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