



Defence Team Update #6: Cogswell District Project

Valour Way south closure moved to late January 2023, December 7 detour route opening to impact Valour Way south traffic

5 December 2022

Local Defence Team,

CFB Halifax has two brief but important Cogswell District Project updates to share as we head into the holiday/leave season. Please take a moment to read through these updates.

1. Valour Way south road/sidewalk closure: Timeline updated to late January 2023

As noted in past Defence Team Updates, the south entrance to Valour Way (at Upper Water Street) will be closed to vehicular and pedestrian traffic for approximately two years. This closure – originally slated for late fall 2022 – will now occur **in late January 2023 (exact date to be confirmed)**. More information will be provided to the local Defence Team ahead of this closure to explain how members can best navigate HMC Dockyard during the closure period.

As previously mentioned, this closure timeline has been subject to change based on fluctuations in Halifax Regional Municipality's (HRM) construction schedule. CFB Halifax, Real Property Operations Section Halifax (RPOSH) and other stakeholders are working to prepare for the Valour Way closure based on the information we continue to receive from the Cogswell District Project team. There is always a possibility of timeline changes, and we will be prepared to respond accordingly to ensure impacts on our members and operations are minimized.

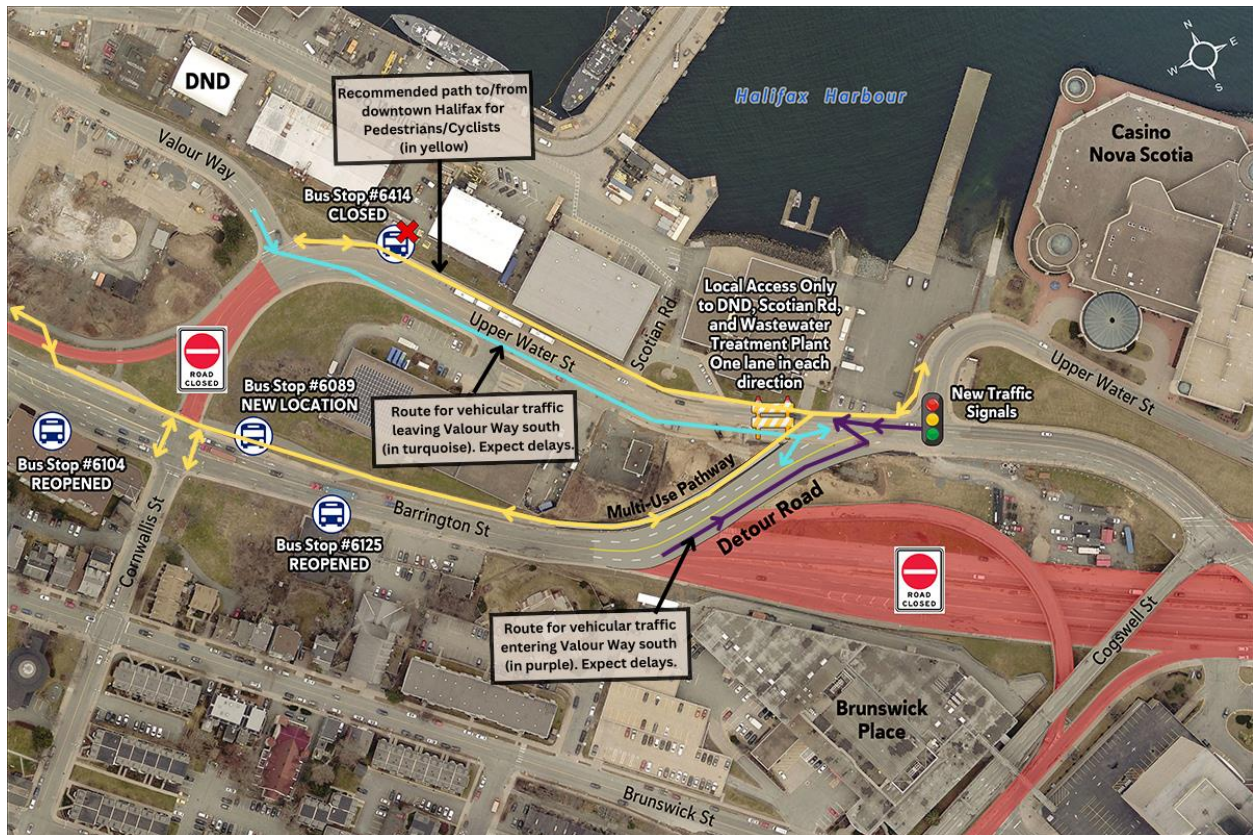
2. Cogswell Detour Route 1: Opening scheduled for December 7, 2022

On December 7, 2022, the Cogswell District Project's Detour Route 1 will open for use. This detour route will impact how Defence Team members enter or exit Valour Way south by vehicle, bicycle or on foot. Please see details on this route change and traffic impacts in the attached Halifax Regional Municipality Public Service Announcement (PSA).

Of particular note, Upper Water Street between Barrington Street and Valour Way will be **permanently closed** as of December 7. From that date until Valour Way south closes in late January 2023, vehicular and pedestrian access to HMC Dockyard, HMCS Scotian and the Halifax Water Wastewater Treatment Plant in that area will be off the new detour road connecting at Upper Water Street (**see map below**).

Details:

- Where Upper Water Street connects to the Detour Road, vehicular traffic (Halifax Transit buses included) leaving HMC Dockyard via Valour Way south will be permitted to turn right (Barrington Street outbound toward to Macdonald Bridge) or left (toward downtown Halifax). Motorists should expect delays if using this route, especially when exiting Valour Way south during the afternoon rush hour period.
- Local (Department of National Defence and Wastewater Treatment Plant) traffic can enter Upper Water Street from the detour road in either direction. Motorists should expect delays.
- Pedestrians and cyclists are encouraged to use the expanded multi-use pathway when transiting to/from downtown Halifax.



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Defence Team Feedback

CFB Halifax recognizes that local Defence Team members may be impacted differently by the Cogswell District Project based on their specific work arrangements, travel requirements and other factors. Members are asked to speak with their respective Chains of Command/supervisors if they have any concerns. Further, Defence Team members can always send their feedback directly to CFBHalifaxPublicAffairs@forces.gc.ca throughout the duration of the Cogswell District 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 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.