



KAMLOOPS CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

KCA FAQs – CONSTRUCTION

When will construction start on the Kamloops Centre for the Arts?

Groundbreaking is scheduled for November 26, 2025, followed by preliminary site works this fall/winter. Deep excavations will start in the spring, with foundations installed by the end of 2026. The Kamloops Centre for the Arts will begin to rise from the ground in 2027, with steel erection, building envelope, and systems installation. Drywall installation, fit and finish, and equipment installation will occur in 2028, working toward a grand opening in 2029.

How long will the Kamloops Centre for the Arts take to build?

Construction is expected to take three and a half years, with completion and opening anticipated in 2029.

How will traffic and transit be affected during and after construction?

During construction, portions of surrounding roads will be used for staging and deliveries, resulting in lane closures and adjustments. Sidewalks and traffic lanes will remain open whenever and wherever possible, and satellite work areas will be used to reduce parking pressure. After construction, the facility is expected to increase downtown activity, with ongoing traffic management and transit planning to support accessibility.

The City will be engaging with residents in 2026 to revisit some of the concepts from the 2018 Downtown Plan in light of current and future developments in the downtown core. Subscribe at [Letstalk.Kamloops.ca](https://Letstalk.kamloops.ca) to be informed of future opportunities.

The City will also host an information session in January 2026 where residents and businesses will learn more about project timeline and sequencing, project benefits and impacts, and have the opportunity to ask questions of the project team. The City is committed to transparent and open communication and will ensure impacted residents and businesses are provided with regular updates on the project and its progress throughout construction. Follow the project at [Letstalk.Kamloops.ca/KCA](https://Letstalk.kamloops.ca/KCA) to stay informed.

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What is happening to the trees and fencing surrounding the existing site?

The trees surrounding the perimeter of the property will be carefully uprooted and transplanted to another location where they will continue to be cared for and maintained by City staff. The fencing will be removed and stored for use in future projects.

How are we managing parking during construction (for those working on site)?

Satellite parcels near the site will be used for contractor parking and material laydown, helping to reduce downtown parking pressure during construction.

What measures are in place to minimize noise, dust, and disruption for nearby residents and businesses?

The construction plan includes maintaining open sidewalks and traffic lanes whenever and wherever possible, using satellite work areas for material laydown. Regular communications with site neighbours and the public will be used to share changes and impacts.

