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INFORMATION REPORT

To: Mayor Linda Buchanan and Members of Council

From: Mo Bot, Project Manager – Public Realm Infrastructure

Subject: ESPLANADE COMPLETE STREET – PROJECT UPDATE

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The purpose of this report is to update Council on progress made throughout the Esplanade Complete Street project corridor.

Progress Highlights

Core civil works are currently focused on the 100 Block W Esplanade, which is one of the most challenging areas for the whole project due to space restrictions and complex business access requirements. This week, the remaining sidewalk on this block was removed and a packed gravel surface with doorway access ramps has been placed along all shop fronts. Traffic control personnel are on site during complex work with heavy machinery to ensure customers have safe passage to businesses in the area, including directly escorting people through the work area as needed.

Similar to construction in front of the IGA and Shoppers, the sidewalk will be replaced as quickly as possible before other works advance. The project schedule is targeting approximately one week from removal to replacement with daily site monitoring and gravel compaction to ensure passage is as smooth as possible in the interim condition. The project team is monitoring conditions daily and in communication with businesses in the area to share the process and timelines for the immediately adjacent work.

Additionally, all underground works are being completed this week between Rogers and St. Georges Avenue. Landscaping details are coming together and final road markings, including green mobility lane paint have begun to appear. These elements will continue to be installed throughout the corridor as weather conditions permit.



Sidewalk removal on the 100 Block W area was immediately compacted with accessibility ramping as required for all businesses.



Green pavement markings are being placed on Forbes Avenue and Esplanade to increase visibility and awareness of street and driveway crossings for people driving and cycling.



Driftwood is placed along the corridor as part of the “marine” elements within the landscaping theme for the street.



Railings are installed along the back of all floating bus stops to minimize potential conflicts between people using the transit stops and the mobility lanes.

Schedule, Budget and Ongoing Coordination

Critical path civil works continue to track on schedule toward completion by December 9th before site clean-up for the holiday shut down. This includes installation of underground infrastructure, soil for trees, irrigation, sidewalks, curbs, and bike lanes. Social and digital media channels and the project webpage, (www.cnv.org/ecs) continue to share up to date information with the broader public. All Council information reports are posted on the project webpage for public access. The project continues to track on budget.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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