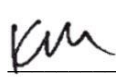
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INFORMATION REPORT

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.

Wrapped Up for the Season: Esplanade Complete Street

With the sidewalk, mobility lanes, curbside parking and roadway functional, the area is ready to welcome people traveling by all modes to the Lower Lonsdale and Shipyards area for the holiday season.

Schedule Update

At the request of the Lower Lonsdale BIA representatives, and with direct communication with fronting businesses, staff have permitted the contractor to continue working until December 16th. The objective of the extra week is to complete concrete works at the northeast corner of Lonsdale and Esplanade, pave the mobility lane from Rogers to St Georges, and install temporary line markings to ensure two vehicle lanes are available eastbound and westbound and the short term parking spaces are clearly available to support commercial visitors.

Completing this work will lead to clean up of the entire site including removal of traffic cones (currently needed for traffic management between St Georges and Chesterfield) and other construction related materials (all bins, signage, debris, materials and equipment) dramatically reducing the active construction zone appearance. Completing these works is a priority for the project team and business community to avoid the off-putting aesthetic of temporary conditions like packed gravel sidewalks through the holiday season and to avoid further disruption around Lonsdale in the new year. Extending the permitted construction window was agreed by all to have the lowest overall impact.

After December 16th, minimal construction cones will need to remain surrounding incomplete landscape areas to highlight potential trip hazards and to aid the transition between the old and new roadway configuration around Rogers Avenue. Overall the number of orange cones in the area will be significantly reduced, vastly improving the visual aesthetic of the area.

Staff is providing social and digital media updates to support the Lower Lonsdale and Shipyards business community, announcing the wrap up of significant construction and inviting people to enjoy the new sidewalks and mobility lanes when they come to visit the open businesses.

In the new year, minor works will continue to wrap up the streetscape including:

- Landscaping – tree, flower and shrub planting
- Bench and bike rack installation
- Final mobility lane paving, east of the mid-block crossing on the 100 block East Esplanade
- Completion of the St Georges corners
- Addressing all deficiencies.

Works will be restricted to east of Lonsdale to avoid any impact to the intersection and all business and resident access will be maintained. Most works will be achieved with minimal disruption with installations happening off the curbside.

When weather permits in spring 2023 project completion will be reached after paving the roadway between Rogers and St Andrews Avenues. The schedule for final paving will be confirmed as soon as possible.

Progress Highlights – December 5-16th

(Please note photos included are from earlier in the week and completion of works by end of Friday anticipate complete removal of the cones shown in these photos except for those required to mark trip hazards and holes in the planting beds).



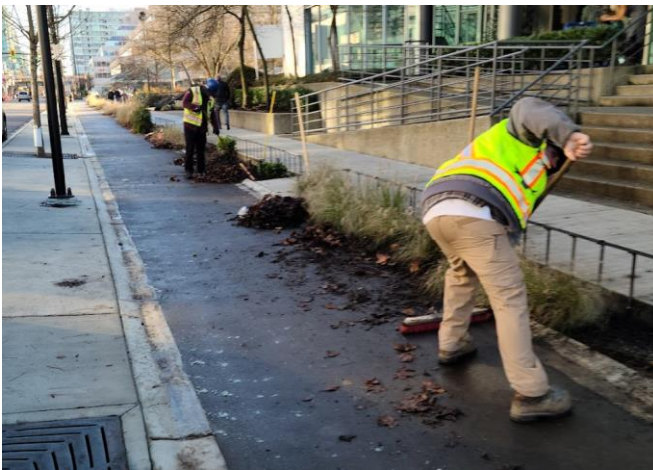
Fresh sidewalk is installed on the northwest corner of Lonsdale and Esplanade, the City's busiest pedestrian corner. Pedestrian access is maintained around the active work area.



Mobility lane installed between Rogers and Lonsdale.



Sidewalk and letdowns are placed at the northeast corner of Lonsdale.



New educational signage is placed to help with orienting people walking and cycling to the new spaces.



Site clean up underway throughout the corridor including removal of materials, tidy of planting beds, and sweeping of all areas.

Interim asphalt surfaces are placed at St Georges to ensure a safe sidewalk and mobility lane condition for all. This photos shows work in progress and the completed surface will be flush to eliminate hazards.

Ongoing Engagement

The project team will continue to monitor the weather forecast and will plan to mobilize again in January as soon as the conditions are favourable. Direct communication will continue with the Lower Lonsdale BIA and all the fronting businesses as required. Priority will continue to be given to maintaining business access and supporting people walking, rolling, and driving through the construction zone safely.

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 January Project Update will include a comprehensive review of costs and scope completion including information on street functionality and feedback to date.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



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