

Next Phase of Penticton Creek restoration set to start

(Penticton BC – July 23, 2018) – Work is scheduled to resume on the City's showcase restoration project to Penticton Creek. Continuing where the previous phase ended, this section of the project is approximately 80m and will complete the creek between Ellis Street Bridge and Nanaimo Avenue Bridge.

"The City received positive feedback on the first section of this project which tied together our community's need for replacing important creek infrastructure, while also supporting environmental efforts to return creeks and streams to a more natural state", said Penticton Mayor, Andrew Jakubeit. "While the scope of this project is large, and the work is being carried out in sections, the outcome will be something all residents will be proud of and enjoy".

"This part of the project involves removing the old concrete surface, widening and deepening the channel to increase flow capacity and installing a rock liner to the channel", said City Engineer, Ian Chapman. "The appearance will be similar to the previously completed phase".

Work within the creek is scheduled to take place during the fish window that opens July 28 and closes August 24. Minor work may be undertaken in advance of the fish window and further work outside of the creek will continue into September. A temporary creek diversion pipe has been fabricated and is currently being stored on the adjacent Creekside walkway.

The contract, valued at \$0.5 million, has been awarded to H&M Excavating Ltd, a local civil contractor experienced in creek restoration projects and the successful bidder on the previous phase. All work will proceed under the direction of Mould Engineering and Aarde Environmental in accordance with a permit issued under the water sustainability Act.

Funding for the project was provided by the City of Penticton, the Recreational Fisheries Conservation Partnerships Program, Habitat Conservation Trust Fund and The Freshwater Fisheries of British Columbia. Planting of trees along the creek bank is being undertaken with funding assistance from TD Tree Days.

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