

May 30, 2022

Dear Occupant/Owner

Re: City preparing to advance restoration of Penticton Creek and remove Nanaimo Bridge

In October 2020, the City notified residents about upcoming work to restore flood protection and naturalize Penticton Creek between Nanaimo Ave and the intersection of Norton St and Wave Ave E. The restoration of Reach 3A upper/3B is the fifth in a series of works in the 2018 Penticton Creek Master Plan, and was originally scheduled for last summer. However, the work was delayed by a year as a result of emergency works that were necessary further upstream. That work has now been completed, and the City is proceeding with this portion of the work as planned.

You may have noticed that preparations for this project got underway this spring with the removal of undergrowth and trees that were anticipated to interfere with the creek rehabilitation. That work was completed in advance to avoid bird nesting season and to mitigate impacts on wildlife. The City is now getting ready to issue a construction contract to complete the remaining scope of work. It is anticipated that the project will advance quickly once a contractor is secured, and we want to advise residents in the area about what they can expect.

The first thing that will happen is the removal of the Nanaimo Avenue Bridge. The removal of this bridge is necessary to ensure that the future creek flows, under flooding conditions, can safely pass through this section of the creek. Some residents in the area have expressed concern about the removal of this bridge, and additional information on the transportation analysis that was undertaken can be found in the frequently asked questions, a copy of which has been attached to this letter. The remaining major activities are planned to take place in the creek during the annual fish window, typically in late July. This will involve redirecting the creek, removing concrete, undertaking earthworks and installing river rock.

A summary of the anticipated dates for the key activities and changes you can expect over the next few months include:

- Removal of undergrowth and some trees that interfere with the creek's rehabilitation – *Completed*
- Alterations to the bus routes along Nanaimo Avenue – *mid June*
- Removal of the Nanaimo Street Bridge – *early July*
- Closing of the creek side walkway during creek channel restoration – *mid/late July*
- Detouring pedestrians around Wade Avenue – *mid/late July*
- Creation of laydown areas for material on nearby roads and lanes – *mid July*
- Naturalization of the creek - *late July to end of August*
- Restoration of adjacent areas, landscaping, and path – *Fall, potentially Spring 2023, depending on weather and availability of plant materials*

More information about this project is available on our website at penticton.ca/restore-penticton-creek. We have also included some of the frequently asked questions about this project with this letter for your convenience. As the project proceeds, we plan to issue regular updates about construction activities through our City communication channels. We encourage you to follow our social media accounts and subscribe to penticton.ca to receive the updates directly. If you have any questions, please feel free to email engineering@penticton.ca.

We thank you for your patience as we work to move this important project forward.

Sincerely,

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