

NEWS RELEASE

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Upgrades to Italian Fountain now complete

Summary

Work to upgrade the Italian Fountain, located in Italian Square Park at 626 Terminal Avenue, has now completed. This year's upgrades include a reduced tank depth with a new liner, new programmable LED lighting and new plumbing and spray features. In 2012, the park's landscape design was updated to improve the sight lines towards the City's waterfront. Since 2014, the fountain has received several upgrades including new mechanical and electrical features, mosaic tile restoration and the stone top cap was completely removed and replaced to re-secure the loose cap stones. Informational signage was also added to help tell the story of the fountain and the community behind this landmark.

The Italian Fountain has been a landmark structure in the downtown core of Nanaimo since 1958 when the design concept was presented to Nanaimo's Mayor and Council at the time. The project was original built to celebrate the B.C.'s Centennial Year Anniversary by the local Italian community as a legacy project featuring the skills of the local masons.

Strategic Link: Promoting Nanaimo's arts, creativity, heritage, cultural traditions and community wellness

Key Points

- The LED lights will be lit purple starting Friday, February 3 in support of Provincial Eating Disorders Awareness Campaign.
- This landmark can easily be lit up in support of awareness campaigns and special events throughout the year.

Quotes

"Thanks to the many staff, contractors and members of the community for making these improvements happen. Lots of work has gone into the fountain over the last two and a half years and it looks great."

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