

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Pedestrian Upgrades underway in the Old City Quarter**

*All businesses open during construction*

#### **Summary**

Pedestrian upgrades in the Old City Quarter are scheduled to be constructed this Fall. Improvements include curb extensions at Fitzwilliam Street & Selby Street and Fitzwilliam Street & Wesley Street. The improvements are intended to create a safer environment for pedestrians by making them more visible to motorists when they are waiting to cross the street. The project also includes installing a rain garden at the southeast corner of the Fitzwilliam Street and Selby Street intersection. Rain gardens are an engineered landscape feature which is designed to absorb and filter rain water through soil layers and plantings, thereby increasing infiltration of rain water into the ground.

Construction has begun and the project is expected to be completed by the end of October.

*Strategic Link:* Transportation & Mobility

#### **Key Points**

- Pedestrian upgrades in the Old City Quarter will be completed this Fall.
- All businesses are open during construction

#### **Quotes**

"The Old City Quarter is one of the busiest pedestrian areas in the City. This project will make it safer and more comfortable for people to walk in the Old City Quarter."

Gordon Foy  
Manager of Transportation  
City of Nanaimo

#### **Quick Facts**

- Curb extensions will be completed at the corners of Fitzwilliam Street & Selby Street and Fitzwilliam Street and Wesley Street.
- Construction is expected to be completed by the end of October.
- The project includes a rain garden at the corner of Fitzwilliam Street and Selby Street

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