

NEWS RELEASE

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City Seeking Feedback on Georgia Greenway Project

Residents encouraged to provide their input and complete survey by May 13

Summary

City of Nanaimo staff will be at the Active For Life Expo on Saturday, May 12 from 10 am to 2 pm. The public are encouraged to stop by their booth to learn more about the project. This is a great opportunity for residents to ask questions and provide their feedback on how this proposed pedestrian and cycling route through Harewood should proceed.

The Georgia Greenway is a planned Neighbourhood Greenway that will link a number of key destinations across Harewood including schools, parks, sports fields and commercial areas. It will create a comfortable experience for users of all ages, abilities and confidence levels.

Phase 1 includes:

- A new multi-use trail through Harewood Centennial Park connecting Sixth and Seventh Streets
- A new pedestrian and cycling bridge over the Chase River
- New lighting along the multi-use trail
- New safety enhancements at the intersection crossings of both Georgia Avenue and Sixth Street and Georgia Avenue and Seventh Street.

Additional information and the online survey can be found on the project webpage

www.nanaimo.ca/goto/GeorgiaGreenway

Strategic Link: Nanaimo City Council identified the Georgia Greenway as one of the Top 5 Key Capital Projects and Initiatives in the 2016-2019 Strategic Plan Update.

Key Points

- City staff will be onsite at the Active for Life Expo on Saturday, May 12, 2018 at Harewood Centennial Park between 10 am to 2 pm. Residents are encouraged to come by to learn more about the project and provide their feedback.
- Residents who are unable to attend the Active for Life Expo are encouraged to check out the updated project information on the City website and complete the online survey by May 13, 2018.
- Once feedback is collected from the public event and online surveys, City Staff will prepare a report to take back to City Council.

Quotes

"Participating in this event is a great opportunity for the public to provide their feedback about the project, and for City Staff to provide information to residents on any questions they may have about the project. We want to hear how the community would like to see the project move forward."

Phil Stewart
Manager Engineering Projects
City of Nanaimo

Quick Facts

- The Georgia Greenway is supported by the Harewood Neighbourhood Plan, the Official Community Plan, the Harewood Centennial Park Master Plan, the Nanaimo Transportation Master Plan, and the Strategic Plan Update 2016-2019 .
- The 2013 Harewood Neighbourhood Plan is intended to provide direction and help guide future development within Harewood. One of the key strategies identified in the plan is to a "Create a neighbourhood street bikeway on Georgia Avenue, including a multi use path across Harewood Centennial Park, and a multi modal bridge across Chase River."
- City Staff have completed further review of the proposed Chase River bridge crossing in regards to tree retention. This included a detailed risk assessment of two mature Cottonwood Trees by a Registered Professional Forester.

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