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Phase I of the Georgia Greenway Project is Complete

You're invited to the ribbon cutting ceremony

Summary

A ribbon cutting ceremony to officially open the first phase of the Georgia Greenway will take place at the start of the Nanaimo Earth Day celebrations this Saturday, April 27 at 10:30 am.

Phase 1 of the Georgia Greenway is a new 0.5km multi-use trail through Harewood Centennial Park connecting Sixth Street and Seventh Street, including a new pedestrian and cycling bridge over the Chase River. The project also includes new LED trailway lighting and safety enhancements at the intersection crossings of Georgia Avenue and Sixth Street; and Georgia Avenue and Seventh Street. Phase 1 provides pedestrians and cyclists of all ages and abilities a dedicated route through Harewood Centennial Park and offers greater accessibility, connectivity and safety.

The Georgia Greenway was first identified in the Harewood Neighbourhood Plan, and the pedestrian and cycling bridge was selected as one of the 5 Capital Projects adopted in the 2016-2019 Strategic Plan Update.

Strategic Link: Nanaimo City Council identified the pedestrian and cycling bridge over the Chase River as one of the Top 5 Key Capital Projects and Initiatives in the 2016-2019 Strategic Plan Update.

Key Points

- Phase 1 of the Georgia Greenway is complete and will be officially opened with a ribbon cutting ceremony on April 27, 2019, at 10:30 am at Georgia Greenway bridge, over Chase River, located behind the covered space.
- The project was completed within the project budget of \$1,341,823.
- The Georgia Greenway is supported by the Harewood Neighbourhood Plan, the Official Community Plan, The Harewood Centennial Park Master Plan, and the Nanaimo Transportation Master Plan.

Quotes

"Through completing projects like the Georgia Greenway, Nanaimo takes another step towards creating a more livable and environmentally sustainable community where walking and cycling for users of all ages and abilities are key components of the transportation system. We are very excited to open this project to the community, and invite everyone to join us for the ribbon cutting and other Earth Day activities throughout the day."

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Quick Facts

- The Georgia Greenway is a proposed 3.1km active transportation corridor through the Harewood neighbourhood. Once fully complete, it will link a number of key destinations across the community including schools, parks, sport fields, and commercial areas.
- The Ribbon Cutting of the Georgia Greenway Phase 1 project is only one part of the Earth Day Celebration events. Earth Day music and booths kick off at 10:00 am, invasive plant removal parties and guest lectures will begin at 11:00 am and will run until 3:00 pm, Saturday, April 27th.
- \$25 Tree vouchers will be for sale at the City of Nanaimo environment booth, where residents can purchase a voucher and redeem it for a fruit or coniferous tree at Green Thumb Garden Centre before December 31st.
- To learn more about the agenda, education, entertainment, vendors and food please visit www.nanaimoearthday.com.

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