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Subject: 800 Robson Plaza update

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing today to inform you that in the next week or so, 800 Robson plaza will be open to the public. (The exact date will be dependent on weather conditions for the final actions).

Work began on the section of Robson Street south of the art gallery to reconstruct the roadway into a year round public plaza in 2019, delivered through an agreement with the Province of BC. The plaza has now been converted into a permanent place for people to gather. Renovations to the space include:

- An open space for year-round public events with moveable seating and tables, new benches and permanent seating
- A level, continuous surface that connects to [Duffin Square](#) (located on the north side of the Vancouver Art Gallery)
- Improvements at the intersection of Hornby and Robson streets for people walking, rolling and biking:
 - An [all walk](#) pedestrian signal
 - New safety features and enhancements for the bike lane
- Improved power connections for performers and speakers and improved lighting for events
- A public art piece called the [Weekend Chime](#), by artist Brady Cranfield

Please note that when the plaza opens, construction fencing will remain around a small portion of the plaza (the new concrete steps and landscaping area) for safety as the work in this area is not yet complete, but will follow shortly as we approach warmer weather. The plaza will remain open to the public during the final landscaping work.

Once the plaza is open, staff will continue to work with key stakeholders including the Block 51 Stewardship Advisory Committee, the business improvement associations and other key stakeholders towards programming the space as health restrictions lift and larger groups of people are able to gather in public spaces.

If you require any additional information regarding this matter, please **contact Lon LaClaire** (Lon.LaClaire@vancouver.ca).

Best,
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