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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see the attached memo from Lon LaClaire. A short summary of the memo is as follows:

- After extensive public engagement since 2016, staff are now finalizing the Blood Alley Square design in order to deliver the new square in tandem with the redevelopment of 33 W Cordova.
- The Blood Alley Square Redesign project is projected to go to construction at the end of 2021.
- Staff will be engaging with key project stakeholders to inform stakeholders of upcoming Blood Alley Square construction, **and** engage stakeholders in a conversation for Blood Alley Square stewardship planning.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lon LaClaire at 604-873-7336 or lon.laclaire@vancouver.ca.

Best,
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The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the xʷməŋəm (Musqueam), lóóvú 7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

MEMORANDUM

May 25, 2021

TO: Mayor and Council

CC: Paul Mochrie, City Manager
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FROM: Lon LaClaire
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SUBJECT: Blood Alley Square Redesign & Construction Update

RTS #: N/A

This memo provides an update to Mayor and Council on the Blood Alley Square Redesign & Construction project.

Blood Alley Square is a unique public space in Gastown that was identified in the DTES Plan for investment and improvement. After extensive public engagement since 2016, staff are now finalizing the design in order to deliver the new square in tandem with the redevelopment of 33 W Cordova.

Design objectives identified through engagement that have been integrated into the design are:

- Creation of an urban space that is diverse, dynamic and welcoming
- Conservation and/or reinterpretation of important heritage characteristics
- Retention of mature existing trees where possible
- The provision of shared loading for all residents and businesses
- Improved function of solid waste management
- Stronger connection between the Square and adjacent developments
- A stewardship strategy that encourages opportunities for everyone to use the space

In addition to the design, for Blood Alley Square to be a successful and inclusive space, ongoing management and programming are key. Throughout 2021-22, staff will be working with the Gastown BIA, local non-profit organizations, BC Housing, adjacent property managers, local businesses and residents to create a plan for the stewardship for the square.

Finally, the ongoing Gastown Complete Streets project, which has been temporarily paused as staff and community focus on immediate COVID-19 response, will integrate the design of Blood Alley Square and temporary public spaces on Maple Tree Square into a new vision for Gastown streets.

To meet the Blood Alley Square project timelines, staff will be engaging with key project stakeholders to:

- Inform stakeholders of upcoming Blood Alley Square construction scheduled with completion of the adjacent 33 West Cordova, BC housing, development; and,
- Engage stakeholders in a conversation for Blood Alley Square stewardship planning.

Our scheduled upcoming meetings include:

- Gastown Historic Area Planning Committee
- Vancouver Heritage Commission
- Gastown BIA

An engagement plan for project updates to the general public is still under development, with the likely channels to be the City of Vancouver website, the DTES newsletter, and notification letter mail-outs.

The proposed Blood Alley Square design and construction timeline is as follows:



If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

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