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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:

- Starting in mid-June, the City will be upgrading critical infrastructure and improving safety for all users along Renfrew Street from McGill Street to 1st Avenue.
- This project will address existing infrastructure needs including upgrading sewer and drainage system capacity to better serve this growing area.
- City staff will utilize the opportunity of necessary sewer upgrades to make the street safer and more comfortable for local residents, with a focus on priority sidewalk repairs, safer crossings and an improved pedestrian experience.
- Traffic and parking impacts are anticipated during the construction period which extends from Summer 2021 to Fall 2022. City Staff are working closely with all stakeholders including the PNE, local schools, and the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation to ensure access is retained.

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 x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), S^kwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

MEMORANDUM

June 14, 2021

TO: Mayor and Council

CC: Paul Mochrie, City Manager
Karen Levitt, Deputy City Manager
Katrina Leckovic, City Clerk
Lynda Graves, Administration Services Manager, City Manager's Office
Maria Pontikis, Director, Civic Engagement and Communications
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Alvin Singh, Communications Director, Mayor's Office
Andrea Becker, Acting Director, Water & Sewers

FROM: Lon LaClaire
General Manager, Engineering Services

SUBJECT: Renfrew Street Upgrades

Starting in mid-June, the City will be upgrading critical infrastructure and improving safety for all users along Renfrew Street from McGill Street to 1st Avenue, as part of the Renfrew Street Upgrades Project, see Appendix A. This project will address existing infrastructure needs including upgrading sewer and drainage system capacity to better serve this growing area. This work will be underway until fall 2022.

The first stage of this project, from mid-June to fall 2021, focuses on early works of a localized sewer renewal primarily on Turner Street, Kaslo Street and Slocan Street, and one block on Renfrew Street between East Pender Street and Turner Street.

Traffic and parking impacts are anticipated during the construction period. City Staff are working closely with all stakeholders including the PNE, local schools, and the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation to ensure access is retained.

Project Benefits

Sewer upgrades:

The existing combined sewer mains are at the end of their service life and the City is replacing them with a twin separated and larger-capacity system that will have a life expectancy of 100 years to help serve this growing neighbourhood. The renewal of these combined mains

advances sewer separation in the area and aligns with the goals of Metro Vancouver's Integrated Liquid Waste and Resource Management Plan.

Transportation upgrades:

Renfrew Street is a secondary arterial route in the city, and a street that connects local neighbourhoods. We plan to use the necessary sewer upgrades as an opportunity to make the street safer and more comfortable for local residents, with a focus on priority sidewalk repairs, safer crossings and an improved pedestrian experience.

Public Communications

The Project Delivery Branch's Corporate Communications representative will coordinate communication for the project. Project impacts will be communicated to stakeholders according to the Project Communication Plan with adjustments made as needed in consideration of COVID-19. Communication strategies for this project include:

- Advance notification letters to residents and businesses;
- Meetings/check-ins with the local neighborhood, residents, businesses, and key stakeholders along the project corridor as needed;
- Project signage for drivers, pedestrians and cyclists;
- Project website allowing for regular project updates;
- Day-to-day support of area businesses and residents provided by a community/stakeholder liaison (Community Liaison, Do Nguyen do.nguyen@vancouver.ca)
- Social media through the City's various channels;
- News release at key project milestones.

If you have any questions or would like more information on this project, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.



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Appendix A - Map of Project Area

