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Greetings Mayor and Council-

As a result of concerns that were raised by two small groups along the Arbutus Corridor, we held two meetings yesterday evening. The concerns raised are contrary to the positive feedback that the crews have been receiving over the past few weeks.

The first group focused their concerns on the section from 8th Avenue to Fir Street. Five people were in attendance from this group.

The second group was concerned about the paving work that was being done along the entire corridor. Five people were in attendance from this group.

Both groups were concerned that decisions and work on the temporary pathway were made without full community consultation. We explained that, although we made a conscious effort to meet with resident associations and provide information to the media, this was information sharing and not consultation about the temporary pathway or, specifically, the use of asphalt. We explained that consultation was always planned for the future Greenway and was intended to start once the temporary pathway is installed. We have agreed, now, that given the concerns expressed by these two groups, we will commence consultation meetings as soon as possible to talk about the design of the temporary pathway.

Currently, paving is complete from 16th Avenue to approximately 29th Avenue. Gravel sub-base is complete from 29th Avenue to 41st Avenue. Site preparation and gravel sub-base is in progress from 16th Avenue and crews are working north.

Jerry has reached out to the groups to inform them that consultation will take place regarding the use of temporary asphalt, and we will start that process as soon as possible.

Jerry has also contacted the groups and asked that they not obstruct our planned site preparation and gravel work from 16th Avenue to 10th Avenue (this is scheduled to continue tomorrow) and asked if they will support the completion of paving to 33rd Avenue. We have received their agreement and support for both of these proposals. The groups have agreed to support the completion to 33rd. Other than that, no more paving will take place until we have completed some community meetings in the next couple weeks.

Please contact Jerry if you have any questions or concerns.

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