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Subject: Memo - East 1st Avenue Update and Traffic Calming

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see the attached memo from Jerry Dobrovolny regarding the conclusion of work on East 1st and related traffic calming measures. A short summary of the memo is as follows:

- This memo provides an update on FortisBC's work on East 1st Avenue.
- East 1st Avenue will reopen on August 31, 2018 with some work continuing near Highway 1 and the City of Burnaby.
- During this period, traffic calming measures will be retained to manage shortcutting while traffic patterns stabilize.
- Staff will also gather data on these traffic calming measures to evaluate whether or not they address ongoing concerns about shortcutting and vehicle speeds in the Grandview-Woodland and Hastings-Sunrise neighbourhoods.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lon LaClaire, Director of Transportation, at 604.873.7336 or lon.laclaire@vancouver.ca.

Best,
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MEMORANDUM

August 30, 2018

TO: Mayor and Council

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FROM: Jerry Dobrovolny
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SUBJECT: E 1st Avenue Update and Traffic Calming

The purpose of this memo is to provide an update on FortisBC's work along E 1st Avenue.

Background

Over the past few months, the City of Vancouver has worked closely with FortisBC as they upgrade gas lines underneath E 1st Avenue. To complete this work as safely and quickly as possible, FortisBC required traffic closures and restrictions along large portions of E 1st Avenue from Boundary Road to Clark Drive. The traffic restrictions began on May 26, 2018.

Most of E 1st Avenue is set to reopen to traffic by August 31, 2018; however, a small portion of E 1st Avenue below the Highway 1 overpass will remain under construction until the first week of October 2018.

During the project, the City has worked with FortisBC to install traffic calming measures throughout the Hastings-Sunrise and Grandview-Woodland neighbourhoods to reduce shortcutting traffic on local streets. Residents have generally responded favourably to these temporary measures, expressing that the restrictions are working to reduce the shortcutting due to construction on the streets where they have been installed.

What We've Heard

During FortisBC's construction, the City has managed inquiries through 3-1-1 and a dedicated project inbox available on the main project webpage at www.vancouver.ca/firstavenue. Ninety-two percent of the inquiries and comments received through these two sources were traffic related, with many specifically requesting the installation of physical measures to calm local neighbourhood traffic.

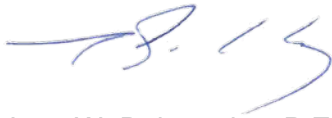
On July 24, 2018, following the E 1st Avenue closures, the City received a letter from the Grandview-Woodland Area Council with concerns about increased traffic volumes on residential streets. Staff understand from residents that shortcutting traffic and vehicle speeds are an ongoing concern in certain areas of both the Hastings-Sunrise and Grandview-Woodland neighbourhoods.

Next Steps

While E 1st Avenue from Clark Drive to Nanaimo Street will soon be reopened to traffic, and FortisBC is nearing completion of their gas line upgrades in Vancouver, work will continue on E 1st Avenue near Highway 1 and in Burnaby that will have traffic impacts in Vancouver. It will also take time for traffic patterns to stabilize. Staff are working with FortisBC to retain the current traffic calming measures as required to manage shortcutting traffic. During this time, staff will gather data to evaluate whether or not these measures may help with ongoing issues in the affected neighbourhoods.

Should you require further information, please contact Lon LaClaire, Director of Transportation, at 604.873.7336 or lon.laclaire@vancouver.ca.

Sincerely,



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