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Subject: [Blood Alley Square Redesign & Construction Update](#)

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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:

- Construction for Blood Alley Square will begin in mid-December 2021, in coordination with the adjacent development at 33 W Cordova St.
- Nearby residents and businesses will be notified shortly of this upcoming construction
- We have recently connected with key project stakeholders to share the final design of the square, and construction schedule, and the overall feedback was positive

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

Best,
Paul

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The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

MEMORANDUM

December 1, 2021

TO: Mayor and Council

CC: Paul Mochrie, City Manager
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FROM: Lon LaClaire
General Manager, Engineering Services

SUBJECT: Blood Alley Square Redesign & Construction Update

RTS #: N/A

This memo provides an update on the Blood Alley Square Redesign project.

We have now finalized the design and construction schedule for Blood Alley Square and will be shortly notifying nearby residents and businesses. Construction on the Square will begin in mid-December, in coordination with the adjacent development at 33 W Cordova St.

Background

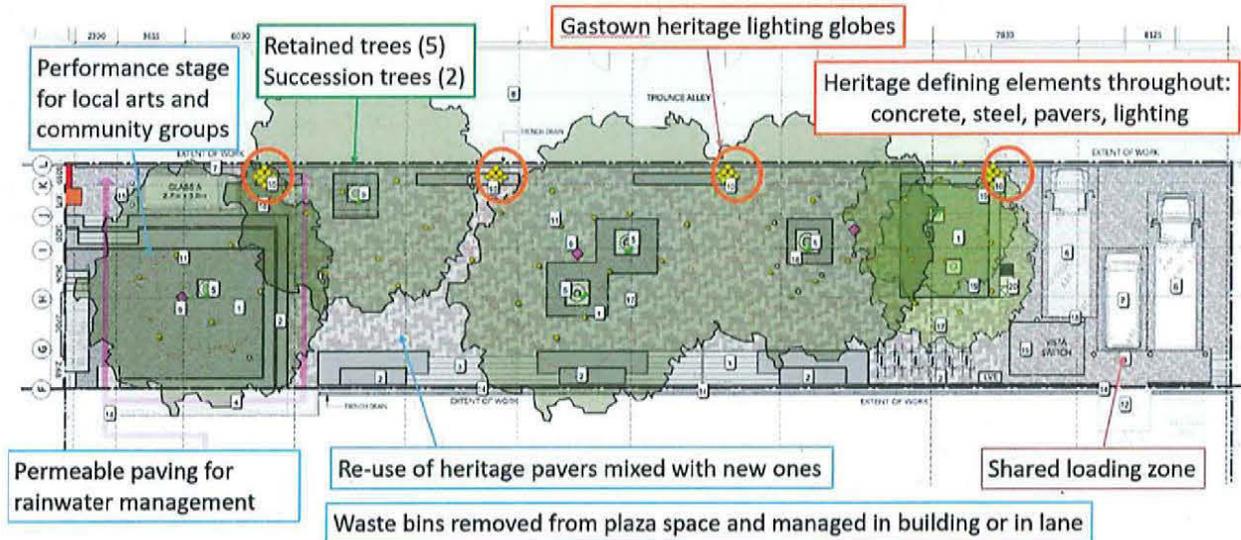
In 2014 Council approved the Downtown Eastside Plan, which identified Blood Alley Square as a key community asset, a priority for rehabilitation, and a public space in need of community stewardship.

Between 2016 and 2019, the City undertook a design process for Blood Alley Square and hosted a series of public engagement events at each stage, including open houses, stakeholder workshops and questionnaires. Public feedback from residents, area businesses, and community organizations has informed the design of the Square and will continue to inform the approach to its stewardship.

Highlights of what we heard:

- Conserve existing trees and planters and prepare a tree succession plan
- Create a stronger connection between the Square and W Cordova St
- Create a space that is inclusive and welcoming to all people in the neighbourhood, as well as visitors to Gastown
- Improve waste management to ensure the space is comfortable and clean

Final design for Blood Alley Square



Recent work and next steps

In the past few months, we have connected with key stakeholders such as the Gastown Historic Area Planning Committee, Accessible City Subcommittee, and Gastown BIA to share the final design of the square and the overall feedback was positive. Shortly, we will also reach out to notify residents and businesses in the area.

Construction for Blood Alley Square will begin in mid-December. To minimize construction impacts in the area, the construction will be coordinated with the adjacent development at 33 W Cordova St.

In advance of the completion of the Square, we will develop a stewardship plan for Blood Alley Square in collaboration with community partners. This plan will guide the daily management, maintenance, and programming of the Square, and will continue to evolve over time. We will also work to coordinate the stewardship plan for Blood Alley Square with the stewardship of the plaza along Carrall St at Maple Tree Square. Staff will be reaching out to area stakeholders and community partners to develop this plan. There is also an opportunity for local residents and businesses to get involved, if they are interested in participating in the stewardship of these public spaces.

Finally, staff are also developing a comprehensive plan to repair Gastown's streets. This plan will provide an opportunity to better integrate Blood Alley Square within Gastown's network of streets, lanes and public spaces. In the next year, we will also be completing some targeted,

short-term repairs to the brick pavers in the area. Staff will follow up shortly with a memo that provides more details about this work.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lon LaClaire', with a stylized, cursive script.

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