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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see the attached Council memo from Taryn Scollard regarding Homer Street Upgrades - Heritage Pavements Conservation. A short summary of the memo is as follows:

- The Homer Street Upgrades project, an integrated project that includes various infrastructure upgrades and street restoration, includes the removal, rehabilitation and re-use of historic granite setts (pavers) originally installed in 1907.
- There is a 1995 Council Report that directs staff to report to Council for consideration prior to permanent removal/destruction of historic pavement materials, in response to replacement of historic pavement. The report includes a non-exhaustive list of pavements identified as holding heritage value and includes this section of Homer Street.
- City staff engaged a heritage consultant in 2020 to provide recommendations for prospective conservation work on historic pavements in general, and more specifically for Homer Street. Engineering staff and the consultant presented to Vancouver Heritage Commission Nov. 14, 2022 and received unanimous support for this work.
- The project will remove, salvage and integrate the granite setts permanently into the street design (as the parking lane treatment) and excess salvaged setts are planned to be included as part of the west boulevard, lane crossings and crosswalk lines in the Hastings and Cordova Street intersections.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Taryn Scollard at 604-873-7498 or [taryn.scollard@vancouver.ca](mailto:taryn.scollard@vancouver.ca).

Best,  
Paul

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## MEMORANDUM

January 26, 2023

TO: Mayor and Council

CC: Paul Mochrie, City Manager  
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FROM: Taryn Scollard  
Deputy General Manager – Safety & Operations, Engineering Services

SUBJECT: Homer Street Upgrades – Heritage Pavements Conservation

RTS #: N/A

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The purpose of this memo is to update Mayor and Council on the proposed rehabilitation and re-use of historic granite setts as part of the Homer Street Upgrades (HStU) project between Cordova Street and Pender Street – in accordance with Council's direction to staff in a 1995 report related to heritage pavement restoration.

Note that additional information related to the broader HStU project (which includes utilities and signal upgrades, tree planting and implementation of green infrastructure) is provided in the "Notice of Construction" memo to Mayor and Council dated January 18, 2023.

In 1995, staff were directed to report to Council for consideration prior to permanent removal of historic pavement materials. The report includes a non-exhaustive list of pavements identified as holding heritage value and includes this section of Homer Street (constructed in 1907). Presently, the granite material is partially exposed under a layer of asphalt and the roadway is in poor condition. Translink buses and other heavy vehicles skidding and/or slipping along the granite has been a major driver for the HStU project. Upon completion, the street will be

rehabilitated and salvaged granite setts will be re-installed in key areas including the east parking lane and boulevards.

In the planning phase of this project, City staff (Engineering and the City Heritage Planning team) engaged a heritage consultant to provide recommendations for prospective conservation work on historic pavements in general and more specifically for the Homer Street scope. The consultant made recommendations for the proposed conservation approach for the pavement itself, as well as the use of salvaged pavers in the landscape design.

The project will remove, salvage and integrate the granite setts permanently into the street design (as the parking lane treatment) and excess salvaged setts are planned to be included as part of the west boulevard, lane crossings and crosswalk lines in the Hastings and Cordova Street intersections.

Engineering staff presented to the Vancouver Heritage Commission on Nov. 14, 2022 and received unanimous support for the rehabilitation approach proposed for Homer Street.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Taryn Scollard', written in a cursive style.

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