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Subject: Memo - Status Update - Permanent Plaza Program

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Good evening Mayor and Council,

Please see the attached memo from Jimmy Zammar. A short summary of the memo is as follows:

- The permanent plaza program is transitioning from detailed engineering design to construction procurement for the construction of four permanent plazas.
- As the first of two steps to procure a construction contractor, staff will be issuing a Request for Expressions of Interest ("RFEOI") in the next week to shortlist qualified civil contractors.
- Construction of the plazas is expected to commence in early 2025, with project completion targeted by the end of the 2025.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jimmy Zammar at 604-871-6880 or jimmy.zammar@vancouver.ca.

Best,
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MEMORANDUM

September 27, 2024

TO: Mayor and Council

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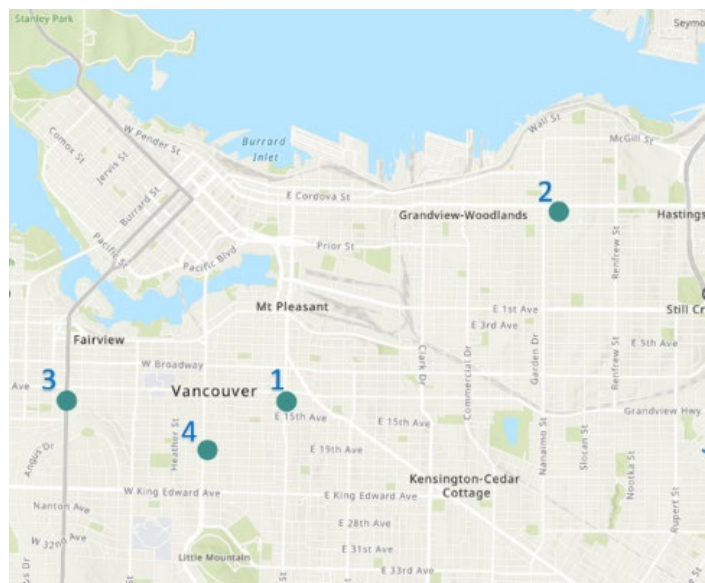
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This memo provides a status update on the Permanent Plaza Program (“Permanent Plazas”).

In the next week staff will be issuing a Request for Expressions of Interest (“RFEOI”), as the first of two steps to procure a construction contractor to construct four permanent plazas, located at:

1. Main Street & 14th Avenue
2. Kamloops Street & Hastings Street
3. Granville Street & 14th Avenue
4. Cambie Street & 18th Avenue



Background

These plazas, initially established as temporary plaza pilot sites over the past several years, have been chosen for permanent conversion based on several factors listed below:

- Duration of temporary layout and positive community support;
- Strong stewardship by business and community;
- Infrastructure needs to support ongoing plaza events and community uses;
- Favorable constructability given layout, existing utilities, and transportation considerations; and
- Alignment with local and overarching city-wide policies.

Each permanent plaza is specifically designed for placemaking, events, mobility, access to water and washrooms, and to enhance daily community use.

The construction requires expertise in several disciplines: streets design and transportation, landscape, architectural concrete, electrical, water, green infrastructure, and sewers and drainage.

This work is funded through the 2023-26 Capital Plan and the Growing Communities Fund.

Recent work and next steps

We are in the final stages of completing the detailed design, and are commencing a two-step process to procure a construction contractor with dates listed below:

1. RFEOI issuance – September 27, 2024; and
2. Invitation to Tender (“ITT”) issuance – November 5, 2024

Construction of the plazas is expected to commence in early 2025, with project completion targeted by the end of the 2025.

Please contact me directly if you have any questions.



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