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To: ["Direct to Mayor and Council"](#)

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Subject: EMBARGOED UNTIL 2PM THURSDAY: Upcoming information bulletin: Trounce Alley upgrades complete revitalization of Blood Alley Square

Dear Mayor and Council,

The City will be issuing the below information bulletin regarding the capital-funded completion of Trounce Alley rehabilitation, which marks the final step in Blood Alley Square revitalization.

Please keep this information bulletin **embargoed until it goes live from the City media email account at 2 pm on Thursday, May 7.**

Chris will reply to this email with the relevant Vancouver.ca link and social media links, once these are live.

Thanks,

Donny

Donny van Dyk (he/him)

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City of Vancouver

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Trounce Alley upgrades complete revitalization of Blood Alley Square

The renewal of Trounce Alley — one of Vancouver's first streets — is now complete, marking the final step in the revitalization of Blood Alley Square in Gastown. Residents and visitors can now enjoy this renewed public space throughout the year.

The Trounce Alley upgrades began in November 2025 and focused on rehabilitating the alley surface to align with and complement the design of the adjacent [Blood Alley Square](#), which was completed in 2024.

With Trounce Alley complete, Blood Alley Square now fully delivers on its revitalization vision. The renewed square includes a performance stage to support local arts and cultural programming, fixed seating for gathering as well as new globe lighting and new trees.

This work is part of the City's ongoing investment in public space improvements and essential infrastructure upgrades in Gastown, which will be guided by the recently approved [Gastown Public Spaces Plan](#) to support a more vibrant, accessible, and resilient neighbourhood.

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