



VANCOUVER
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MEMO TO : Park Board Commissioners

FROM : Shauna Wilton
Deputy General Manager, Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT : **FortisBC Gas Main Replacement at Riverfront Park – Board Briefing Memo**

Dear Commissioners,

The purpose of this memo is to inform you about the upcoming replacement of a FortisBC gas main near Riverfront Park on East Kent Avenue. The objective of the project is to protect this critical transmission line in the event of an earthquake. The work will be completed in phases and will involve excavation, new pipe installation, and land restoration. The project is expected to start in July 2020 and targeted for completion by end of December 2020.

The City of Vancouver Engineering Utilities Management Branch has been working closely with staff to minimize the impact of this project on both park land and park users. However, the project will require the closure of the pedestrian and cycling path linking Riverfront and Gladstone parks during construction from July to October 2020. A comprehensive traffic management plan will be implemented during this period to provide safe detour routes for both pedestrians and cyclists (see Appendix A for site detour plan). A temporary driveway will also be constructed at the east end of East Kent Avenue and on park land to allow access to the shipping facility during the project. Park users and adjacent residents will be informed of construction activities, timing, and detours through locally posted information signage, mail-outs, and a project webpage.

Some of the construction activities will result in temporary removal of lighting and other park features, as well as removal of a number of trees. Impacted trees have been reviewed by the Urban Forestry team and a plan for replanting is being developed for the project area. All other areas within the park and streets will be restored to the satisfaction of the Park Development group prior to completion of the project.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shauna Wilton'.

Shauna Wilton
Deputy General Manager - Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation

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Copy to: PB Senior Leadership Team
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APPENDIX A

Pedestrian and Cyclist Detour Plan (In effect July to October 2020)

