

Engineering Services Street Activities Branch

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December 22, 2021

Dear Resident and/or Business Owner:

# **RE: Blood Alley Square Project**

This is an update on the final design and construction plans for the Blood Alley Square Redesign project.

Blood Alley Square is a public open space in the heart of Gastown, adjacent to Trounce Alley, located between Abbott St and Carrall St. The Square is a designated municipal heritage area within the Gastown National Historic Site of Canada.

## 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.

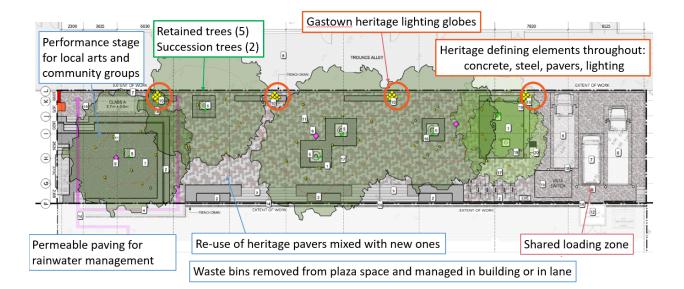
Between 2016 and 2019, the City under took a design process for Blood Alley Square and hosted a series of public engagement events at each stage, including open houses, stakeholder workshops and questionnaires. Public feedback from residents, area businesses, and community organizations has informed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





## **Next Steps**

Construction for Blood Alley Square will begin in January 2022 and 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 overtime. We'll 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. If you are interested in participating in the stewardship of this square, or have input to share, please reach out to us directly at the email address below.

Over the next year, we will also be undertaking some targeted, short term repairs to the brick pavers in the area, as well as advancing a more significant repair plan for Gastown's streets.

For more information about the Blood Alley Square project, please visit <u>vancouver.ca/bloodalleysquare</u> or contact us at <u>bloodalleysquareredesign@vancouver.ca</u>

Yours truly,

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