Dear Resident and/or Business Owner,

RE: NOTICE OF UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION & TRAFFIC PATTERN CHANGES ON YORK AVENUE

Last fall, crews began work on the completion of the Seaside Greenway and York Bikeway Project that is providing the missing link in the 28 km Seaside Greenway and creates a neighbourhood bikeway on York Avenue. On February 24, 2014 we started construction at the intersection of York Avenue and Yew Street and we are now preparing to begin work on the rest of York Avenue as part of the York Bikeway. Changes to York Avenue will make it more suitable for pedestrian and cyclist use and will provide people of all ages and abilities a safe, convenient and comfortable connection between the Burrard Bridge and Jericho Beach.

Upon completion of construction along York Avenue, several traffic pattern and parking changes will be made in the neighbourhood including converting York Avenue between Chestnut and Vine to alternating one-way streets. These traffic changes are outlined on the attached map and detailed below.

CONSTRUCTION AT THE YORK AVENUE AND YEW STREET INTERSECTION - COMPLETION APRIL 2014

Construction at this intersection will take approximately four weeks to complete and will be done by early spring. Work will generally take place between 7:00am and 3:00pm and will include paint, signs and the realignment of curbs. Throughout construction, we will work to keep two legs of the intersection open at all times (specifically Yew Street whenever possible) and will provide advance signage on streets close to the intersection to advise drivers that businesses are open, and suggest alternate routes. In order to complete certain work, there will be some temporary on-street parking restrictions and motor vehicle traffic may be detoured to alternate routes for limited periods of time. These temporary changes are necessary to allow crews enough work space to safely construct the curbs. Whenever possible, we will reopen the intersection at the end of the workday and minimize the temporary on-street parking impacts.

CONSTRUCTION ON YORK AVENUE BETWEEN CHESTNUT STREET AND YEW STREET - COMPLETION APRIL 2014

Preliminary work on York between Chestnut and Yew will start the week of March 10, 2014, however, the majority of the work will take place during spring break (March 17-28, 2014) and afterwards. The timing for construction on this section of York was in determined following several meetings with the Henry Hudson Elementary Parent Advisory Committee and School Administration where we heard that completing the bulk of work over spring break would have the least impact on students, parents and school operations.

Work along this section will include:

- Realignment of curbs at the York/Cypress and York/Maple intersections.
- Construction of medians and separated bikeways on York Avenue between Chestnut and Maple, and Cypress between York and Cornwall.
- Changes to traffic signs, paint, and parking meters to accommodate the new traffic pattern along York.
- Street lighting improvements on York at the intersection of York/Yew and near Henry Hudson Elementary School.
During construction, York between Chestnut and Maple may be closed to through traffic or reduced to one-way traffic to allow crews to safely complete the construction work. Cypress and Maple will remain open to north-south through-traffic whenever possible. Advance signage notifying drivers of temporary closures or other significant traffic impacts will be provided whenever possible.

NEW TRAFFIC PATTERN AND PARKING ARRANGEMENTS ON YORK AVENUE

The completion of construction work along York Avenue will result in a new traffic pattern and changes to parking in the neighbourhood.

The new traffic pattern is outlined on the attached map and includes the following key changes:

- York will become a one-way street from Vine to Chestnut with:
  - Eastbound traffic only from Vine to Yew and Arbutus to Maple.
  - Westbound traffic only from Yew to Arbutus and Maple to Chestnut.
- Parking will be modified to suit the new traffic pattern and bikeway construction, including:
  - Minor residential permit and unregulated parking changes near intersections to accommodate the new curb construction and one-way traffic.
  - Relocation of metered parking from the south side to the north side of York between Cypress and Chestnut.
  - Replacement of time limited and residential permit parking on the south side of York between Maple and Cypress with combined “No Parking 8pm to 5pm School Days” and “Residential Permit Parking All Other Times” on the north side.
  - Removal of all on-street parking on Cypress between Cornwall and York.
  - Relocation of metered parking from the west side to the east side on Chestnut between 1st and York.

We plan to complete all of the traffic and parking changes between March 17 and April 15, 2014. As blocks are converted to one-way, we will provide advance notice of the upcoming traffic pattern change with signage. On the day of the traffic pattern change, we will install a temporary no-parking zone on one side of the street during daytime hours to allow vehicles to park in the correct direction upon completion of the change.

Access will be maintained to your home and business at all times during construction. We will work closely with those affected and provide as much information as possible as construction progresses. Traffic impacts will be minimized as much as possible, however please plan for some delays and travel carefully through the work zone.

As construction progresses and as any additional traffic control measures are required, notification updates will be provided to local residents and businesses. If you have any questions or concerns about construction related issues or the overall project, you can contact us at:

Phone: 3-1-1 (7:00am-10:00pm)
Email: pointgrey.cornwall@vancouver.ca
Visit: www.vancouver.ca/pointgreycornwall or www.vancouver.ca/roadwork

Thank you for your patience during construction as these important sustainable transportation improvements are made.

Sincerely,

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Traffic Pattern Changes on York Avenue upon completion of construction – APRIL 2014