

BEECH STREET RENEWAL

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THE LATEST NEWS ON THE BEECH STREET RENEWAL PROJECT: Welcome to the second community bulletin for the Beech Street Renewal Project, provided by the City of Campbell River. Questions/Comments? We invite you to contact us regarding any queries or feedback you may have.



Beech Street is set to receive improvements that will improve services in the area.

SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR BEECH STREET CONSTRUCTION

A new schedule is now available for the Beech Street Renewal Project – one that moves construction work in the area to Spring 2023.

Council agreed on July 11 to reschedule the project, following the results of a tendering process that brought in an estimate far exceeding the budget identified for the work. With that direction the Project Team will adjust their course, revisit engineering on the project and aim to post a new tender in the fall of 2022. If successful, the City would work to start construction in the area as soon as weather allows in the Spring of 2023.

While this decision delays the delivering of the upgrades at Beech Street, it also ensures that city resources are being used responsibly. The project team expects to next update the community when the next tender is completed, and construction work is successfully awarded to a contractor.

For a full breakdown of what's included in the Beech Street Renewal Project, see Pg. 2. To follow along for more updates in the months to come, visit campbellriver.ca/beece-street-renewal

TIMELINE AT A GLANCE



SUMMER 2021

Design of upgrades begins



SPRING 2022

Design complete



SPRING/SUMMER 2022

Tender for construction services unsuccessful



SUMMER 2022

Review of project to revise tender



FALL 2022

New tender for construction services posted



SPRING 2023

Road construction begins

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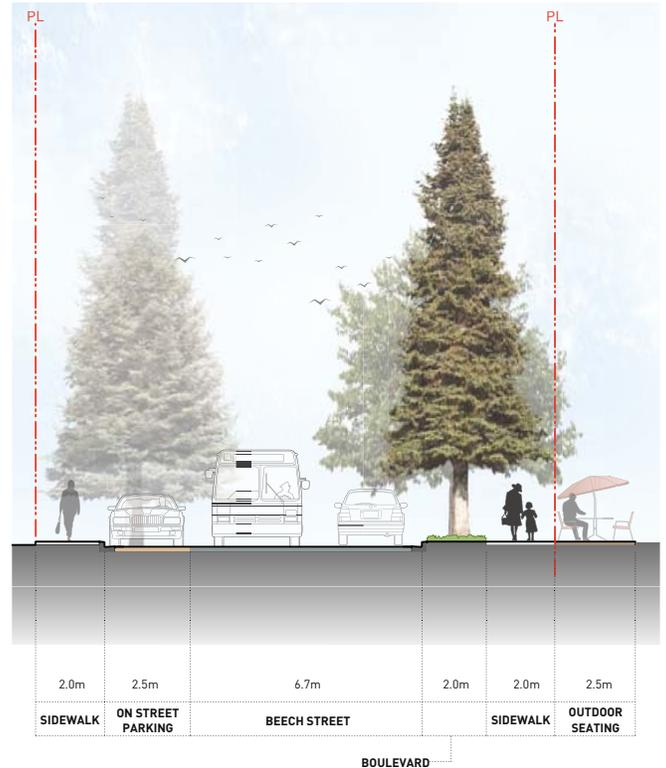
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COMPONENTS OF AN UPGRADE

The Beech Street Renewal Project will be a comprehensive upgrade to the stretch of road between Alder Street and 10th Avenue. Plans for upgrades throughout the area were made in the Refresh Downtown Strategy complete in 2017, which details improvements to be made in the downtown core as opportunities arise. The Strategy incorporated public feedback and input from technical advisors to establish priorities and aesthetic standards for the area.

THE UPGRADES WILL INCLUDE:

-  **Infrastructure updates:** New underground services will be installed, including water, sewer and storm mains.
-  **New roadways:** The road surface will be constructed to meet Urban Local Commercial Standards, including cycling lanes on the
-  **Pedestrian-friendly upgrades:** To improve the area for pedestrians and other active transportation methods, lighting, north and south side sidewalks, mid-block crosswalks will be constructed
-  **Aesthetics:** New surface finishes will be installed matching the adjacent Downtown Revitalization Project, including new lighting, tree planting in boulevards, and rain garden landscaping)



The portion of Beech Street between Alder and 10th will look significantly different.

YOUR QUESTIONS – ANSWERED!

Have a question about the project? Send us a note – we'll reply, and you might see it included in future newsletters here!

QUESTION: Will there be enough parking downtown when the lot on Beech Street is developed, and southside road parking is removed?

RESPONSE: The City regularly monitors parking capacity in the downtown area and currently, on average, finds that 63 per cent of the parking spots are in use – meaning of the 1,441 spots in the downtown area, there are approximately 500 spots regularly available within a short walk. Based on this information, it's believed that the removal of the 70 parking spots related to the Beech Street Renewal Project and private development of 325 Beech Street can be accommodated.

We'll talk again soon!

The project team is committed to keeping the community informed and prepared for the work to come. We look forward to being in touch.