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SUBJECT |GEORGIA GREENWAY PHASE 1 COMPLETION|

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report

To advise Council of the completion of Phase 1 of the Georgia Greenway Project.

Recommendation

That the report titled “Georgia Greenway Phase 1 Completion” dated 2019-Apr-29 be received for information.

DISCUSSION

The Georgia Greenway is a proposed 3.1km active transportation corridor through Harewood that promotes greater pedestrian and cycling activity. Once fully complete, it will link a number of key destinations across the community including schools, parks, sport fields, and commercial areas.

Phase 1 of the Georgia Greenway is a new 0.5km multi-use trail through Harewood Centennial Park connecting Sixth Street and Seventh Street, including a bridge crossing over the Chase River. The initiative was one of five key capital projects adopted by City Council as part of the 2016-2019 Strategic Plan Update.

Phase 1 of the Georgia Greenway includes:

- a new multi-use trail between Sixth Street and Seventh Street, through Harewood Centennial Park,
- a new pedestrian and cycling bridge over the Chase River,
- new LED lighting along the trailway,
- new sidewalk between Bruce Avenue and Georgia Avenue, and
- safety enhancements at the intersection crossings of Georgia Avenue and Sixth Street; and Georgia Avenue and Seventh Street

The Georgia Greenway is supported by several planning documents such as Harewood Neighbourhood Plan, Official Community Plan, Harewood Centennial Park Master Plan, and Nanaimo Transportation Master Plan.

On April 27th, Phase 1 of the Georgia Greenway was officially opened for public use.

Riparian restoration along the Chase River is being co-ordinated with other planned Harewood Centennial Park improvements and will be completed in the fall when conditions are more favourable for new plantings.

Phase 1 of the Georgia Greenway provides students, park users, pedestrians and cyclists a dedicated route through Harewood Centennial Park which provides greater accessibility, connectivity and safety.

Phase 1 of the Georgia Greenway was completed within the project budget of \$1,341,823.

Through completing projects like the Georgia Greenway, the City takes another step towards creating a more livable and environmentally sustainable community where walking and cycling are key components of the transportation system.

SUMMARY POINTS

- Phase 1 of the Georgia Greenway is complete and open for public use.
- The project was completed with the project budget of \$1,341,823.
- Riparian restoration along the Chase River will be completed in the fall.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Georgia Greenway Phase 1 Construction Photos.

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