

Greater Victoria handyDART Centre Neighbourhood Working Group



April 2021



Agenda

1. General project update
2. Overview of *What We Heard* during recent public consultation period
3. Next steps
4. One year check-in



General project update

- Public engagement
- Permitting process – EDP #1
 - Safe Salmon program
 - Streamkeepers / Stewards
 - First Nations
- CRD Galloping Goose alignment / trailhead
- Traffic study and mitigation measures
- Noise impact study
- Building design – functional components



Permitting and next steps

- Town of View Royal Environmental development permit ensures all site procedures meet or exceed municipal standards.
- The creek enhancement proposal triggers federal and provincial permitting requirements.
 - *Fisheries Act*/Authorization from DFO and a *Water Sustainability Act* permit from Ministry of Env and Climate Change strategy.
 - Heritage permits to ensure safe practices on site should any archaeological material be encountered.
- Permits will take several months and include Indigenous consultation
- Permit applications submitted in Spring
- Construction planned for winter 2021/spring 2022, early works on stream realignment in summer of 2021. Looking at sequencing options.



Awareness-raising in March- April

- Variety of communications tools including:
 - Information provided to properties within 500m
 - Website and social media
 - Print ads and posters
 - Letters to various stakeholder groups
 - Media stories on CFAX, Blackpress papers, Vibrant Victoria



Public input – March 20 – April 6

- 156 surveys completed (less than previous survey)
 - 76% were View Royal residents (higher proportion than last survey)
 - 53% were Transit users
 - 4% HandyDART users
 - 88% were Galloping Goose users

4 emails and one stakeholder letter received

Results and *What We Heard* report to be shared with NWG, and Town and posted on website



Overview

- Survey participants agreed with the proposed measures for 3 of the 4 questions, with the majority feeling that the design improved the specific conditions.
- One question generated a polar response, noting a slight majority (3%) disagreement
- The creek enhancements, sustainability and active transportation elements were well-received
- A high number of undecided – perhaps due to not enough detail or lack of confidence
- Of those who commented, most disagreed with the question and associated comments expressed disagreement with this site for this purpose.



Overview

- The highest specific concerns about what is proposed appear to be associated with traffic, fueling station and measures in place to manage stormwater/pollution of creek.
- Few concerns about proposed stream enhancement, although a handful of comments questioning how adapting existing landscape is better for the habitat
- Several miscellaneous comments about views, green/natural state, noise, berms, lighting.
- Building location mentioned only a handful of times. Some question whether it would be better to view buses or building



How do you feel the preliminary site plan integrates with the neighbourhood?

38% agree or strongly agree and 41% disagree or strongly disagree. 21% undecided

96 Comments:

- *Not here (40)*
- *Concern about fueling station onsite/location proximity to the Creek/timing of electric fleet (15)*
- *Concern or want for more understanding around traffic in the area (12)*
- *Views of buses (7)*

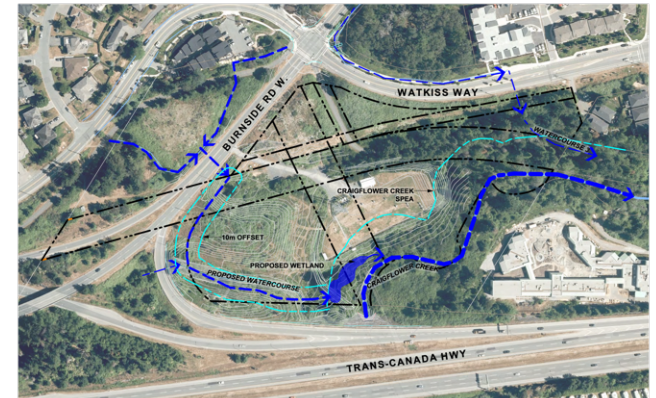


Do you feel the preliminary design achieves a level of environmental sustainability you'd like to see in your neighbourhood?

49% agree or strongly agree and 37% disagree or strongly disagree

89 Comments:

- *Not here (32)*
- *Questions or concern about stormwater management, pollution (9)*



BC TRANSIT HandyDART
PROPOSED STREAM PLAN
1:1500



Do you feel the proposed measures will help enhance and preserve the creek, greenspace and habitat?

46% agree or strongly agree and 36% disagree or strongly disagree

80 Comments:

- *Not here (27)*
- *Consult stewards/scientists (5)*
- *Do what you say/accountability (5)*
- *Sediment traps (5)*



Do you feel the proposed measures will help enhance the walking and cycling experience in the area?

43% agree or strongly agree and 30% disagree or strongly disagree – 27% undecided

63 Comments:

- *Leave Galloping Goose as is (15)*
- *Not here (8)*
- *Concerns about increase in traffic (8)*
- *Miscellaneous amenities (e.g. toilets, bench, map, signage, cycling amenities, water fountain)*



Anything else? (Open-ended)

85 Comments:

- *Not here (32)*
- *Traffic management (15)*
- *Support (8)*



Responding to what was heard

- *More information about:*
 - *Stormwater management and mitigation*
 - *Timeline for electric buses*
 - *Traffic management plan – traffic study and proposed measures*
 - *Galloping Goose Trail – alignment and trailhead*
 - *Noise impact study*
 - *Neighbourhood integration – “what will we see”*
 - *Benefit to community*



Next steps

- Share public input with Town, Province, and public
- Technical team considers public input
- Prepare permit applications for Environmental Development permit #1
- Prepare detailed 50% design
 - Neighbourhood working group meeting May 2021
 - Public engagement phase #3
- Refine design and prepare for Environmental Development permit #2



A year in review – check-in

- First meeting was February 2020 at Eagle Creek Quality Foods
- COVID-19 pandemic shift to virtual
- Small onsite visits with members of the NWG and GWI through summer 2020
- Two phases of public engagement complete
- What we heard and what has been done matrix
 - *What's working?*
 - *Is there anything you'd like to see done differently?*
 - *Is there information you feel is missing?*



Thank you / Questions

