

# Greater Victoria handyDART Centre Neighbourhood Working Group



December 2022



# Agenda

1. Time Lapse Progress
2. Contractors on-site
3. Update on Environmental Monitoring
4. Salmon Safe certification
5. EcoStar awards
6. New Street Trees
7. New bus Shelters
8. BC Hydro Monopole
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# Time Lapse – January 2022



# Time Lapse – March 2022



# Time Lapse – May 2022



# Time Lapse – August 2022



# Time Lapse – September 2022



# Time Lapse – October 2022





# Contractors

- Jacob Brothers moved off in October
- Hall remains, completing valve chamber work
- BC Hydro was prime contractor for one week during tower replacement.
- Award of construction contract in last stages - to be confirmed soon
- Onsite in late January, early February



# Environmental Monitoring

- No issues to date, until one 2 weeks ago
- Small fuel leak on gravel area
- Watercourses never at risk
- All protocols in place and notifications made
- Incident did not warrant formal reporting, however formal reporting completed.



# Salmon Safe Certified

- First project to be certified on Vancouver Island
- Announcement in September 2022
- Video: <https://youtu.be/eRpp11eSApl>

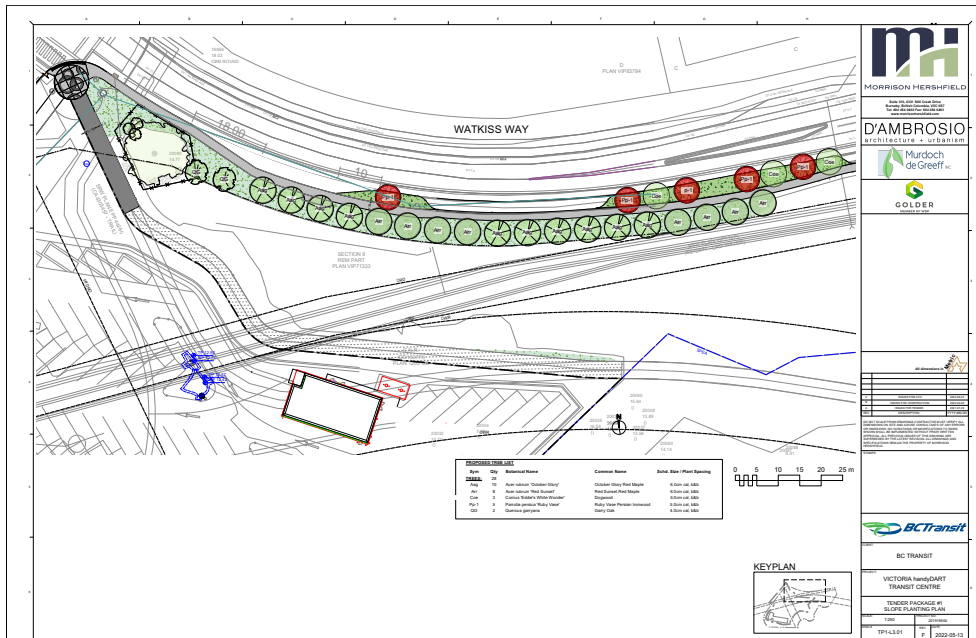


# EcoStar Awards

- Award for Leadership in Design and Construction
- Synergy Foundation
- November 2022



# New Street Trees on Watkiss Way



# Two New Bus Shelters

- Covered and illuminated bus shelters installed on Burnside Road and Watkiss Way.
- Existing stop on Watkiss Way
- West Burnside Road (near former Nest Café)
- New Burnside routes (January)
  - 39 to Westhills
  - 53 to Langford Exchange



# BC Hydro Monopole

- New base installed in September 2022
- New monopole installed and previous tower decommissioned in December
- Traffic impacts minimized



# Stream Restoration





# New Residents

- Terrestrial garter snake
- Heron
- Deer
- American Dipper



# Stream Planting Continues

- 2,000 native plants and trees planted in Fall 2022

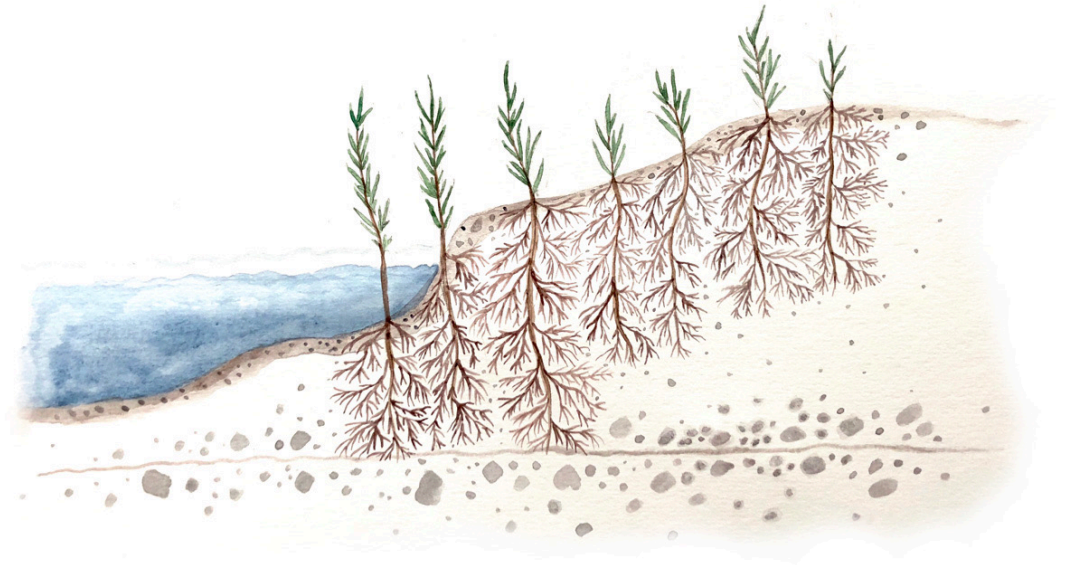


# Soil Bioengineering

- 400 / 1200 willow whips planted in streambank so far
- Whip planting (soil bioengineering) stabilizes slope and streambank failure and prevents erosion.
  - Roots and stems serve as structural and mechanical elements.
  - Live cuttings are embedded in the ground in various arrays to serve as soil reinforcements, hydraulic drains and barriers to earth movement.
  - Plants stabilize and prevent erosion by binding soil with root system and creating a natural vegetative cover.



# Soil Bioengineering



# Indigenous Consultation

- Site visit for stream naming and Call for Artists in New Year
- Learning series – Craigflower / Shoreline
- Potential future stocking of the stream
- BC Transit developing Indigenous Employment roadmap for the corporation



# Community outreach

- Learning opportunities
  - Local schools
  - Exploration with UVic / Camosun and City Studio South Island



# Community outreach

- Two Salmon Safe informational Tours offered in November
- Local governments, stewardship groups, planning firms



# Community outreach

- Site tour MLA Mitzi Dean and new View Royal Mayor Sid Tobias on November 17





# Community outreach

- Next up: What to expect during construction phase 2023-24
- Foundation piling first step in construction – noise impacts
- Outreach efforts being planned for January /February



# Craigflower Watershed Roadmap

- Potential to build on momentum to create a roadmap to build and sustain investment and enhancement of the Craigflower watershed, enhance collaboration and shared stewardship amongst First Nations, government, landowners, developers, stream stewards and the scientific/technical community.
- Recent work provides strong technical understanding of steps needed to build the roadmap, identify future coordinated restoration and enhancement, and leverage the active and robust engagement.



# What's Next

## COMPLETE 2022

Realigned Galloping Goose Trail  
New stream channel  
Utilities connected  
New Watkiss Way sidewalk and new street trees  
New bus shelters on Watkiss Way and Burnside Road  
Burnside Road widened  
Intersection improvements  
Riparian restoration on Burnside Road  
Wick drain installation  
New park space  
Retaining wall separating site from Creek riparian area

## December 2022

New BC Hydro monopole installed  
Valve chamber installed

## Early 2023

Construction contractors onsite  
Building construction begins



# Thank you / Questions

