

New Sewer Hides 'Time Capsule'!



Traffic cones today, new sewer pipes for the next century – and then a surprise!

Nanaimo Street is on its way to becoming safer and more comfortable, especially if you are on foot or travelling by bike.

Replacing and separating the sanitary sewer and rainwater drains is on schedule for completion before the end of March 2020. The new sewers should last 100 years and will allow for neighbourhood growth. They will also prevent untreated water ending up in natural waterways.

The pipes will have one final purpose: serving as a time capsule. Some pipes were painted by community members before city crews buried them underground. A hundred years from now when they need replacing again, future community members will have an interesting connection to today's.

The underground work has provided an opportunity to look at how Nanaimo Street is serving residents' overall needs. According to Godfrey Tait, communications manager with Engineering at the City of Vancouver, surface level improvements will begin shortly after the sewer work is complete in March and will include bike lanes, green infrastructure medians and safety upgrades such as bulges, green painted bike lane crossings and tactile surface indicator tiles for the visually impaired.

The upgrades will also include a semi-permanent, surface level "sewerscape" art installation. One of the largest pipes used in the infrastructure project will be nestled into a green space along Nanaimo at Charles Street. The 140 cm diameter pipe will be lined with a fine wood and will become a focal point for gathering as well as a visually interesting and fun piece of street furniture.

Throughout all stages of what is one of the city's biggest current projects, at least one lane of traffic in each direction will be maintained and, where necessary, police and traffic control personnel will be on site to ensure everyone remains safe.

All work should be completed by mid-2020. Updates can be found on the City of Vancouver website at: <https://vancouver.ca/streets-transportation/nanaimo-street-upgrades.aspx>

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Halloween Safety Tips

This Halloween, have fun AND stay safe!

Trick or Treating:

- Carry a cell phone (if possible) and flashlight.
- Go with an adult, or let your parent or guardian know what friends you are going with, and where.
- Stay in well-lit, familiar neighbourhoods.
- Wear something reflective, so drivers can see you.
- Your costume should be flame-resistant and not obstruct your vision. Better still, use makeup.
- Bring candy home for inspection before eating any.
- Only go to houses with a light on. NEVER go inside.
- Stay on the sidewalks and obey traffic signals.
- Don't pet animals that you do not know.

Fireworks:

- To buy and use fireworks in Vancouver you must have a permit and be at least 19 years old.
- Permits are free, but you must pass a fireworks safety test. Apply at: covapp.vancouver.ca/fireworkspermit/
- Fireworks can be sold from Oct. 25 to 31.
- You can set them off only on private property and only on Halloween -- Thursday, Oct. 31.



Have a Happy Halloween!

Halloween Events

Can't make it to a pumpkin patch in the country this Halloween?

Let the farm come to you!

Frog Hollow Neighbourhood

House is presenting its 19th annual "Pumpkin Patch in the City" on Saturday, Oct. 19, from 10am to 4pm at 2131 Renfrew St.

Free admission to:

- Arts Harvest Exhibition
- Story-telling
- Halloween Crafts
- Entertainment
- Face Painting

Small price (cash only) for:

- Haunted House (10 years and up)
- Bouncy Castle
- Carnival Games
- Cake-walk
- Food
- Pumpkins
- Popcorn
- Balloon Animals

FREE EVENT

TRICK OR TREAT
ON HASTINGS STREET

JOIN US ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26TH 12-3PM FOR OUR ANNUAL TRICK OR TREAT ON HASTINGS STREET EVENT!

TRICK OR TREAT ON HASTINGS STREET & SWING BY OUR OFFICE AT 2620 E HASTINGS TO CHECK OUT OUR SPOOKTACULAR HAUNTED HOUSE!

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