



September 2, 2021

To: Hillhurst/Sunnyside Community Association
From: Vania Chivers and Shawn Pillai, Project Engineers, Water Resources
Re: Construction Update - Northwest Inner-City Community Drainage Improvement Projects

Further to our correspondence in May, the purpose of this memo is to provide the Hillhurst Sunnyside Community Association with an update on storm water drainage system improvements happening in and around your community.

Community Drainage Improvements

With support from the Government of Alberta's Municipal Stimulus Program, over the next three years we are investing in infrastructure improvements in the northwest inner-city communities.

In Hillhurst/Sunnyside, the infrastructure improvements include upgrading catchbasins and installing new or upsizing existing pipes to increase stormwater capacity.

Portions of projects are scheduled to start in September 2021 and will be completed in phases with all projects wrapped up by the end of 2023.

Table with 2 columns: Projects starting September 2021 and Projects starting in spring 2022. Lists specific street names and areas like West Hillhurst, Kensington area, and Upper Plateau Separation.

Anticipated Construction Impacts

It's going to be a busy construction season and we understand that the volume of construction projects in Sunnyside/Hillhurst may be overwhelming to residents and businesses.

In general, while construction is underway some of the anticipated impacts to local residents and businesses may include: temporarily disruptions to how residents and visitors get around (i.e. road and pathway closures and detours, transit stop relocations, sidewalk closures), construction activity and noise, temporary utility disruptions, limited tree removal and possible changes to garbage pick-up



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locations. Construction is weather dependent, but will generally take place Monday to Saturday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

We're committed to working closely with residents, business owners, the Kensington BRZ and community groups throughout the project delivery to minimize disruptions. We will keep communities up to date with our plans and construction schedules as timelines and details evolve.

We will be using a variety of media to share updates with the community and impacted residents. You can also contact 311 or visit calgary.ca/sunnysidecdi for more information.

Project Contacts

The project contacts are as follows:

- Overall Northwest Inner-City Program and Kensington CDI project– Vania Chivers
- Managing the Contractor – Hugo Arias
- 10th ST NW CDI Project and Upper Plateau Separation Project – Shawn Pillai

Upper Plateau Separation

We are still in process of awarding the construction contract for the Upper Plateau Separation project. Once the contract is awarded, we will communicate the schedule to you. This project will see the installation of a larger, dedicated pipe to move stormwater from the communities on top of the hill directly to the river, bypassing Sunnyside and helping prevent flooding in the area.

To complete construction of the new pipe, a total of approximately 100 trees will need to be removed in phases between June 2021 and summer 2022. This includes select trees in the Rosedale Off- Leash Dog Park, near the outfall area along the Bow River and in the northeast corner of Riley Park.

Trees are important to the community and removing a tree is always a last resort. Through the design process we have preserved as many trees as possible and some of the trees selected for removal are already sick or dying.

To compensate for the tree loss, we will be replanting a greater number of trees in the closest suitable location to help restore the urban canopy. We will use a variety of shrubs and tree species that are native and well suited to Calgary's climate.

Rosedale off-leash park

As you probably know, the first phase of tree removals at the Rosedale off-leash park is complete. The park will be replanted with 72 trees along with a variety of shrubs that will provide habitat for local wildlife and improve the overall natural environment.

If you have any questions about this work or to schedule a meeting with your Board this fall, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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Attachment 1: Northwest Inner-City Community Drainage Improvement Projects

