
Subject: Project update – Woodlands Wall

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Community Heritage Commission members,

Thank you for meeting with us last summer regarding the Woodlands Wall Heritage Application. As you may be aware, the City of New Westminster issued a Heritage Alteration Permit last fall. Construction of the Pattullo Bridge Replacement is progressing and crews will begin dismantling a portion of the Woodlands wall starting in mid-April. Crews will start with the removal of the wrought iron. We anticipate that this will take approximately one to two weeks, followed by the removal of the concrete portion of the wall that we anticipate may take a bit longer. Crews understand that the wrought iron has designated heritage value and it will be stored carefully until the rebuild. We will reach out again in advance of the start of the rebuild.

We also wanted to give you an update on the status of the interpretation panels proposed for the revitalized plaza at the corner of McBride Boulevard and E. Columbia Street. We have created a Working Group that includes Woodlands representatives, community groups (Inclusion BC, Community Living Society, Family Support Institute, BC Self Advocacy Foundation, Kinsight Community Society), and members of the Pattullo Bridge Replacement Project team. The Working Group has met twice this year and discussions have focused on getting ideas and input on the development of the form and content of the interpretation panels. The next meeting is scheduled for mid-April.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
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