



New Heritage Lamp Posts to Enhance Downtown

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VICTORIA, BC – This week, the City will begin installing 20 new heritage-style lamp posts on downtown sidewalks that resemble the original lighting in Victoria at the turn of the century. The new lights are a hybrid between a street light and Victoria's trademark blue cluster lamps and are designed to enhance Old Town and the downtown area.

What: Installation of New Heritage Lamp Posts Downtown
When: Thursday, December 17, 2009
Where: Government Street at Humboldt Street

Made of cast aluminum and standing close to eight metres (26 feet) in height, the new heritage lamp posts will replace the existing carriage lamps and street lights on Government Street between Belleville and Yates Streets. At the top of each new post will be an ornamental street light, with four cluster globe lamps below.

Ten green heritage lamp posts are scheduled to be installed north of Humboldt Street before the holidays, and another ten black lamp posts will replace existing street lights from Belleville to Humboldt Streets in January. The street lights that are removed will be placed in storage for future use. During installation, all sidewalks will remain open.

The new heritage lamp posts are part of the City's Downtown Beautification Strategy developed in 1995, which includes recent improvements such as new stylized bike racks, the installation of pagoda-style lamps in Chinatown, pagoda phone booths and a series of murals.

The project is funded by the City's beautification capital budget, in addition to a \$25,000 contribution by the Heritage Legacy Fund of British Columbia, an initiative of the Heritage Society of BC and The Land Conservancy that supports many local heritage projects around the province. For more information, visit: www.heritagelegacyfund.ca

An additional 10 new heritage lamp posts are planned to complete the project in the New Year.

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Image of an original lamp post is attached.

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