



## Replacement of Westsong Walkway Railing Begins Today

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VICTORIA, BC — Work begins today to replace a section of the Westsong Walkway railing between Barnard Park and Mary Street in the Victoria West neighbourhood. Installed approximately 30 years ago in a location susceptible to ocean spray, the railing's steel posts are prone to rust and corrosion.

The new railing's galvanized steel posts will be more resistant to salt water and vandalism. For safety and added strength, the posts will be linked by six cable rails designed to be "transparent" and not block the harbour view. Approximately one metre in height, the new railing will feature a pipe top rail to provide pedestrians with a peaceful, scenic place to lean, rest or chat.

The path will remain open to pedestrians during construction. To be replaced in 20-post sections, the new railing is expected to be completed in early April.

The 2.31 km scenic walkway follows Victoria's shoreline of the Inner Harbour from the Johnson Street Bridge to the Esquimalt border. The section of the railing between Catherine Street and the Johnson Street Bridge was installed during the 1990's using a different method and remains in good condition.

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