Media Release

Pilot Road Changes in Beacon Hill Park Now in Place

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VICTORIA, BC – Changes in traffic direction and road closures are being piloted over the next three months in Beacon Hill Park to reduce traffic and make the park more pedestrian and bicycle friendly.

The public can expect to see temporary bollards, new signage, lane painting and curbing to direct traffic flow. The key changes in the park include creating a new multi-use path along the incoming Circle Drive lane off Dallas Road; redirecting traffic along Chestnut Row from Arbutus Way; the installation of a new turn-around at the public washrooms on Bridge Way; closure of Heywood Way to traffic (past the Cricket Pitch); and new designated seniors and family on-street parking.

All of the parking lots remain open and street parking in front of the Petting Zoo, Cricket Pitch, and Watering Can is accessible. A map, information about the pilot road changes, and the survey are available at www.victoria.ca/pilotroadchanges

During the pilot, the community has the opportunity to learn more and provide feedback at an information booth in the park on select weekends in August; or can complete a short survey online. Print surveys are available at the Beacon Hill Park Maintenance Yard located at the end of Nursery Road, and at Victoria City Hall.

The pilot runs until the end of October. If there is community support for the proposed changes, the temporary bollards will eventually be replaced by permanent curbing, increased green space and multi-use trails.

Motorist Access to Beacon Hill Park for City United! Concert (Monday, August 6)
To accommodate the City United! Concert at the Cameron Bandshell on Monday, August 6, Arbutus Way at Southgate Street will close to traffic at 6 p.m. to avoid congestion in the park.

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