City Hall Construction Work Now Underway

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VICTORIA, BC – Planned construction to seismically upgrade the historic City Hall, upgrade the elevator to improve access to all areas of the building, and improve public service areas are now underway.

Acting on the recommendations in the City’s recently approved Economic Development Strategy, a new business centre will be introduced on the second floor, designed to improve information and services for businesses and developers doing business in the Capital City.

The work is expected to continue for approximately 12 months. All second floor City Hall functions will be moved to temporary locations while the work is being performed.

Impacts to the public include:

- A temporary Development Services and Permits and Inspections counter will be located across Centennial Square at 1689 Government Street (next to Starbucks in the CRD building)
- A temporary Engineering counter will be set up soon in the first floor foyer of City Hall at the Douglas Street entrance
- Access to City Hall will be limited to the Pandora Street and Centennial Square entrances
- Construction “hoarding” will be erected around large parts of City Hall

In an effort to minimize barriers to customers during this period of disruption, temporary “one hour free” parking spots will be created around City Hall, on Pandora Avenue between Douglas Street and the City Hall loading zone, as well as on Government Street, between the service access to the MacPherson Playhouse and Fisgard Street.

Residents are reminded that many services accessed at City Hall can be completed online at the recently redeveloped www.victoria.ca, including paying for and disputing parking tickets, paying utility bills, and accessing tender documents.

More information on City Hall construction can be found at www.victoria.ca/city-hall-project.

Map of service counter locations attached

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