



Beacon Hill Summit Reopens to Vehicles to Improve Accessibility

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VICTORIA, BC — The City is reopening the road to the Beacon Hill summit to improve accessibility for seniors and people with disabilities. On Saturday, November 28, the Beacon Hill Loop that connects Circle Drive to the highest point in the park will reopen to vehicles after a temporary closure in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Last spring, the City made temporary vehicle access changes in Beacon Hill Park to increase opportunities for physical distancing while enjoying the park and staying active. Council directed staff to seek input from accessibility organizations including the Accessibility Working Group and report back after the summer to consider any changes to the COVID traffic plan within the park.

Based on the results of that targeted engagement, and feedback received from residents, the City will reopen the Beacon Hill Loop while maintaining some of the other temporary closures as we continue to navigate the pandemic.

“We heard loud and clear that seniors and people with disabilities take great joy from being able to visit the summit of the park,” said Mayor Lisa Helps. “By reopening the road, we are able to improve accessibility and enjoyment of the park for all, while continuing to provide opportunities for physical distancing and staying active.”

The accessible parking areas that were added in the spring will remain in place. Road access remains open to emergency and service vehicles only on Arbutus Way, Bridge Way and Chestnut Row. Parking lots remain open at Heywood Road, Circle Drive and Nursery Road, and street parking remains available along Douglas Street, Cook Street and Dallas Road.

ATTACHMENT: Map of vehicle access in Beacon Hill Park

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