

## Temple Street Upgrade Project Now Underway

The project design phase for improvements to Temple Street (Phase 1) has officially begun with the award of the preliminary design to Koers & Associates Engineering Ltd.

The City of Parksville's 2012-2016 Financial Plan includes funding for an upgrade to Temple Street between 60 metres west of Phillips Road to Bay Avenue. This project was identified in previous master transportation plans and subsequently placed on the City's capital improvement plan.

Temple Street will be upgraded with the completion of a pedestrian link and the upgrade or replacement of underground utilities from approximately 60 metres west of Phillips Road to Bay Avenue, a distance of about 2.1 kilometres. The project will significantly improve the safety for vehicular traffic and pedestrians and promote walking and cycling along this corridor.

Over the next four weeks, the public may experience minimal disruptions along Temple Street.

Levelton Consultants Ltd will conduct bore hole drilling to assess the subgrade for road rebuilding and storm water retention suitability. This work is planned for the week of August 13 and is expected to create minimal traffic disruption however; occasional disruptions should be expected with equipment in the road right-of-way. Traffic flagging crews will be present.

Boulevard Transportation Group will deploy traffic counting equipment in the form of tube counters along several locations for one week durations over the next month. There should be negligible impact to the public and traffic resulting from this work. Current traffic counts will be used to determine adequate traffic control measures along the corridor, including but not limited to the existing mini-traffic circles.

In January 2013, the City will host an open house to present preliminary design options to the public.

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**For more information:**

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