

Community Design Workshops – July 10

The City has been working with McElhanney Ltd to plan upgrades to aging underground water, storm, and sanitary sewer lines along Memorial Avenue, as well as improvements to the streetscape with the aim to maintain the historic street trees and enhance their health.

Two community design workshops on July 10 are the next phase in the extensive community engagement for this project. The workshops will take participants through a step-by-step process to understand the opportunities and constraints of the project, refine design ideas and develop preferred streetscape design options. Public input provided to the City at the workshops will assist the project team to develop a conceptual design for Memorial Avenue.

Workshops will be held at the Parksville Community Centre on Wednesday, July 10 at 1 pm OR 6 pm. Residents may pre-register at www.memorialave.ca to reserve a space or drop in at either the 1 pm or 6 pm workshop.

Memorial Avenue and the trees which line the street have grown into an important living monument of civic participation and contribution. Known as one of Parksville's most beautiful and historic streets, the 34 century-old elm trees which line the street were donated by a local women's organization to memorialize fallen veterans from around the Parksville area. Preserving the trees and their legacy is a priority of the project.

A short survey collecting input on the Memorial Avenue project will be available until July 3 at www.survey.memorialave.ca or from a link on the City's website. The online survey will collect public input on community values, how people use Memorial Avenue and opportunities for the future street design. Hard copies of the survey are available from City Hall.

The project team has created an exciting and detailed website, www.memorialave.ca, with extensive history about Memorial Avenue, a project story map and technical information about the health of the street trees and road conditions.

The project schedule aims to complete the streetscape design in fall 2019 along with an engagement report detailing the consultation process and the public input collected. Construction is preliminary planned to begin spring 2020. Questions about the project may be sent to memorialave@parksville.ca

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