



Downtown Invermere Revitalization Project

Starting in September 2021 with completion by the end of 2021

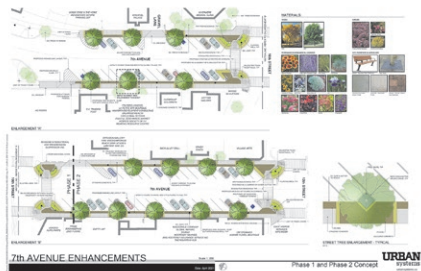


PROJECT OVERVIEW

The District of Invermere is very excited to announce that we have applied for and have successfully received two very significant grants which will fund continued Downtown Revitalization efforts in Invermere. The funding received is from two sources, Columbia Basin Trust – \$500,000 and the Province of British Columbia- \$700,000 as part of the Tourism Dependent Communities Initiative program which Invermere qualifies under.

DESIGN & CONCEPTS

Invermere’s Downtown revitalization has been an ongoing initiative which to date has included Pothole Park, 7th Avenue approach from Pothole Park to the commercial core and the Cenotaph plaza upgrades. This new development phase will extend the refresh of 7th Avenue from the AG Valley Foods/Inside Edge intersection to Cenotaph Park, (12th Street).



Key components will include increasing space and amenities with public seating areas, adding street trees for aesthetics, shading and GHG benefit, improving accessibility and pedestrian safety, curb replacement, select sidewalk replacement with refreshed paver inlays, upgraded electrical and street lighting, pedestrian scale directional and information signage, as well as new irrigation for our wonderful downtown flower gardens and baskets.

DURING CONSTRUCTION

*There has been development with the award of the Downtown Revitalization Project contract. Due to supply availability and a short timeframe to complete the work needed by July & August, this project will be pushed to the fall.

Construction on this project is now tentatively set to begin in September with completion of the project in 2021.

The intent is to limit the disruption to the commercial core for both the businesses, residents, and visitors. This project is tentatively set to begin in September with the project to be completed by the end of 2021.

The construction hours will vary with the task being undertaken but will generally fall between 8:00 am to 8:00pm, Monday to Sunday.

Pedestrian access: All efforts will be made to maintain pedestrian access on sidewalks, however, there will be periodic disruptions due to the upgrades and to maintain COVID-19 distancing protocols.

Roadway / Parking : Vehicle access on 7th Ave will remain open during construction and street parking will continue to be available on 7th Avenue. Short term parking closures will be required but are to be minimal in duration, most disruptions will occur during the curb removal and replacement works.

PROJECT TEAM

The District of Invermere engaged Urban Systems Ltd (USL) to prepare the revitalization design for this project which is essentially an extension of the previous projects completed in the downtown that this undertaking will connect. USL have a significant history working with the District and community and are the Landscape Architects and Engineer designers for the completed Pothole Park and 7th Avenue approach revitalization as well as the Cenotaph Plaza re-development. USL, with District of Invermere Staff oversight, will continue to implement the project build out to its design as well as managing the project to its completion.

CONTACT

For more information on the project visit [www.invermere.net/news/Downtown revitalization](http://www.invermere.net/news/Downtown_revitalization). You can also follow the District of Invermere on Facebook for all updates.

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