

Arbutus Corridor Update Notice

*Arbutus Corridor rail removal completing ahead of schedule &
Temporary pathway installation under way*

**City of Vancouver
Community Gardens
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Dear Gardeners,

Good news! The removal of train rails and ties along the Arbutus Corridor was substantially completed this week, ahead of schedule! The Canadian Pacific Railway Ltd (CP) was responsible for all rail removal with the exception of street crossings, as part of the City's land purchase agreement announced in March 2016. A total of 17 km of rail and 16,000 ties were removed. The City is responsible for removing the rails at street crossings, which will be completed at a later date.

Starting this week, the City will begin installing a temporary asphalt pathway to allow continued use of the space for recreation until construction of the future Arbutus Greenway gets underway. The temporary pathway, which will be shared by pedestrians and cyclists, etc. will be installed in sections; **the first phase of the asphalt pavement will run from Fir Street to 41st Avenue, and is expected to be completed by the end of Summer 2016.**

The pathway will eventually extend all the way south from 41st Avenue to Marpole. The City will advise residents when the pathway is open for recreational use. Permitted use of the temporary pathway will include walking, cycling, rollerblades, and push scooters. No motorized vehicles or scooters will be allowed. Pathway installation work will take place during City construction hours: **7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sundays and holidays.** The public is asked to continue to use caution near construction areas, obey all signage and to use extra caution when crossing roadways. The temporary pathway installation will not impact permitted gardens along the pathway, however, you may wish to **avoid the active construction areas.**

In addition to installing the temporary pathway on the Arbutus Corridor, there will be upcoming installations of delineation fencing to be located along community gardens from **Fir St to Maple St, and from W. 50th to 57th Ave on East Boulevard.** This is to help clarify the separation between the public use space on the temporary pathway and semi-public space of the gardens. Stay tuned for updates on this!

The Arbutus Greenway project office is expected to be fully staffed and operational by the end of summer 2016. Public consultation on the plans for the new public transportation greenway is expected to begin in the fall. For more information about the plans for the Arbutus Greenway, [watch a video tour](#) of the greenway route as it is today, or sign up for email updates by visiting the City's website: vancouver.ca/arbutus-greenway.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and understanding during this process. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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