

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Work on Commercial Street is set to begin; businesses remain open and accessible**

*Commercial Street upgrades begin September 3; some street parking is closed, but there are plenty of parking options nearby*

#### **Summary**

After three years of public engagement, design and planning, the first phase of construction for the Design Commercial Project is about to begin. Construction crews begin work on Tuesday, September 3, and work is expected to carry through until early May, 2025.

The first phase of work will see traffic shut down on a section of Commercial Street (Wharf Street to Church Street), but pedestrian access will be maintained. Downtown patrons and visitors are encouraged to continue to access the street's wonderfully unique blend of shops, restaurants, services and more; businesses will remain open and accessible.

While street parking in the construction zone will not be available, there are some great parkades in the area. For a look at the different City parking lots and parkades available and within a short walking distance to Commercial Street, take a look at [the City's Downtown Parking Map](#)

For up-to-date project details, visit [www.nanaimo.ca/goto/ProjectCommercial](http://www.nanaimo.ca/goto/ProjectCommercial)

*Strategic Link:* Improvements to the downtown core support Nanaimo's economic health by increasing pride of place and stimulating the economy.

#### **Key Points**

- The first phase of construction for the Design Commercial Project is about to begin. Construction crews begin work on Tuesday, September 3, and work is expected to carry through until early May, 2025.
- The first phase of work will see traffic shut down on a section of Commercial Street (Wharf Street to Church Street), but pedestrian access to businesses will be maintained.
- While street parking in the construction zone will not be available, there are some great parkades in the area and many are just a block from Commercial Street.

#### **Quotes**

"If a vibrant downtown is often considered the heart of a community, then the Design Commercial Project is the defibrillator that will bring a new rhythm to Downtown Nanaimo. This project will recreate Commercial Street as an inviting, people-first space, but the work ahead will at times seem long. Please remember to support our great downtown businesses through this time of construction and revitalization."

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Mayor  
City of Nanaimo

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