



Design Commercial Construction Update

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THE NEWS

Free 2 hour parking downtown begins today, October 1st! Parking meters have been removed and signage has been updated. Help spread the word to your customers!

Drop-in sessions continue in the large meeting room of the downtown library (second floor) on Wednesdays from 10:30am to Noon. Come by anytime during these hours to discuss the project, have a look at the designs, or to provide suggestions.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Why has construction slowed down last week?

A: During the exploratory drilling, some old mine voids were discovered that are a cause for concern for the safety of the construction crew. Work has temporarily shifted to other areas; our geotechnical engineers are working diligently with the project team, analyzing the drilling data, and formulating a strategy to stabilize the voids. Once we have a better understanding of how these voids may impact the project, we will let you know.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Douglas Seam mine workings which are partially located under Commercial Street are the oldest in the City. Maps of the mines date back as far as 1854.

The Douglas Seam was part of the No. 1 Mine which, when it closed in 1938, was the oldest operating mine in the province.

Over time, the mine voids will sometimes migrate upwards through a process called "stoping" where the roof of the abandon mine collapses causing the void to move closer to the surface.



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