

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Avoiding the voids. Detours in place as cavities below Bastion Street are filled**

*For safety and efficiency, the Bastion and Commercial Street intersection closes to traffic during drilling and sub-surface grouting work*

#### **Summary**

Beginning Jan. 2, 2025 the Bastion and Commercial Street intersection will be closed to vehicle traffic as drilling and grouting work takes place to fill sub-surface voids within the Design Commercial: Phase One project area. The road closure will be in place until late February.

Investigative drilling conducted as part of the Design Commercial Project revealed voids which need to be remediated for the safety of the work crews, to protect underground utilities and to minimize the potential for future depressions forming in the roadway.

While the intersection will be closed to vehicle traffic, pedestrian access will be maintained at all times. Businesses remain open as usual and free two-hour parking is in place along the rest of Commercial Street, as well as on levels 2 & 3 of the Bastion Street Parkade.

Visit [Design Commercial: Downtown ReImagined Project](#) for more about the project.

*Strategic Link:* Council's commitment to capital projects ensures that the City can maintain and grow Nanaimo's infrastructure in ways that meet our community's evolving needs.

#### **Key Points**

- From Jan. 2 to late February, the Bastion and Commercial Street intersection will be closed to vehicle traffic as drilling and grouting work takes place to fill sub-surface voids within the Design Commercial: Phase One project area.
- Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times.
- Businesses remain open as usual and free two-hour parking is in place along the rest of Commercial Street, as well as on levels 2 & 3 of the Bastion Street Parkade.

#### **Quotes**

"'Construction' and 'detours' are admittedly some of the least favourite words in our City's vocabulary, and yet, it's impossible to keep up to our City's growing infrastructure needs without them. Thanks for your patience as we work to make Commercial Street and our downtown an inviting, people-first place to be."

Leonard Krog  
Mayor  
City of Nanaimo

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