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Douglas Fir Trail Project

November Newsletter

Hello subscribers!

We are approaching the end of the year and want to thank you for tuning into our newsletter November edition.

We would like to share some progress photos, design stage updates, winter trail closure reminders and what is to come in 2027. Read more below.

Rooted in progress & design stage updates 🌲

The slope stabilization project is currently under construction and has reached an important milestone with the substantial completion of the soil nail wall. This wall is designed to retain the slope and minimize the risk of slope failure. Crews are now moving onto the construction of a water management feature which will further help stabilizing the slope.

Construction will need to extend into next spring/summer as some specific scope of work cannot be completed in the cold weather months. To minimize the duration of next year's work, the project will continue working through the winter months on the access bridge structure located on the Bow River Pathway at the bottom of the slope. The platform of the bridge requires strengthening to support future construction, including potential trail repairs, subject to funding approval by City Council in late November 2026.

Images from left to right: soil nail wall and water management feature location





Trail repair and monitoring

The project team is conducting a technical assessment of slope conditions to inform next steps. As part of the trail repair project, we have identified two areas where we will monitor the slope over time. This will help our experts better understand how the slope is changing and whether additional stabilization work may be needed in the future. Over the long term, understanding slope changes will help ensure the trail and its adjacent infrastructures, such as the train tracks, are safe for all users.

The proposed trail repair and slope monitoring scopes will require some minor vegetation and tree removal. Currently, we do not know the extent of the removal and we are working with environmental experts to minimize impacts along with developing a comprehensive restoration plan for the affected areas. These trail repairs and monitoring scopes are waiting for funding from City Council and a decision is anticipated at the

end of November after deliberations. We will share details once they become available.

Winter trail access ❄️

Earlier this year, we reduced closures and opened more of the trail for public access. These changes will remain in place through the winter months. We also removed fencing where possible, to help reduce the visual impact on Douglas Fir Trail.

If you are visiting near the trail area, please follow posted signs, stay on designated open trails and avoid entering closed areas or the construction zone. Respecting these closures helps keep trail users and construction crews safe while protecting sensitive natural areas.

Engagement - Thank you & onto 2027 🗓️

In our August 2026 newsletter, it was shared that our next round of engagement will take place in November 2026. With the holiday season quickly approaching, we have moved this next round of engagement to Q1 2027. Watch for information on our project page for upcoming engagement activities.

Thank you again for those who participated in our Phase 1 Summer 2026 engagement. You can view or download the full results under the Related Information section on our project webpage by clicking here.



Looking ahead 👀

Watch for a year-end newsletter in December sharing insights from the upcoming 2027-2030 budget discussions and what is to come in Q1 2027.

We again want to thank you for your continued support and engagement with this project!

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