

# Complete Streets Pilot Project: 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Fitzgerald to Menzies



## Federal Gas Tax funding for “Complete Streets Pilot Project” on 5<sup>th</sup> Street

Project will result in major upgrades on 5<sup>th</sup> Street between Menzies & Fitzgerald Avenues

**Friday, February 12, 2016**

Significant infrastructure improvements are coming to your area, with a central focus on accessibility for all modes of transportation. The Government of Canada announced on Friday, February 12, 2016 that the City of Courtenay has been awarded \$3.253 million to construct a Complete Streets Pilot Project on 5<sup>th</sup> Street between Fitzgerald and Menzies Avenues.

### Project details

The project will include a substantial overhaul of above-ground and below-ground infrastructure on 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Once completed, the project will significantly improve walking and cycling routes on this corridor, and create an attractive gateway to the downtown core. Along with new trees and other landscaping, other proposed improvements include innovative stormwater management through the installation of rain gardens throughout the corridor.

### What is a Complete Street?

“A Complete Street is designed for all ages, abilities, and modes of travel. On Complete Streets, safe and comfortable access for pedestrians, bicycles, transit users and the mobility-impaired is not an afterthought, but an integral planning feature.” *Complete Streets for Canada*

### How much will this cost?

100 percent of the \$3.253 million project cost will be covered through the federal Gas Tax Fund, under the Strategic Priorities - Local Roads, Bridges and Active Transportation category.



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## What does this mean for area residents?

The City of Courtenay and project contractors will work closely with residents to minimize impacts to the neighbourhood from construction as much as possible. Once completed, the project will significantly enhance the appearance of the neighbourhood and accommodate all modes of transportation.

## What are the next steps?

Conceptual design work is underway. Public open houses and other consultation opportunities will be announced in the coming weeks. Construction is estimated to be completed by September 2018.



## Questions?

For more information about this project, kindly contact City of Courtenay Engineering at 250-334-4441 or email [engineering@courtenay.ca](mailto:engineering@courtenay.ca) . A project webpage has been established at [www.courtenay.ca/completestreet](http://www.courtenay.ca/completestreet)

