

### DESIGNING FOR ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSION

One of the primary considerations that went into the design of Main Street was accessibility and a commitment to create barrier-free access for all users of the space. The urban design choices intended to create inclusive travel include increasing the number of barrier-free parking stalls, introducing curb extensions and mid-block crosswalks to make travel distance safer and shorter, and widening sidewalks enough to accommodate two people in wheelchairs comfortably passing each other. The added barrier-free parking stalls will meet industry standards by including nearby ramps for a seamless transition from vehicle to sidewalk. The handicap stalls prior to construction are, by today's standards, considered to be reserved, not actually accessible, and will also be upgraded to meet these standards as well. Other design aspects include tactile pads (photographed below) and herringbone-patterned crosswalks to assist those with visual impairments. To view the complete accessible design package, visit our project webpage - [coaldale.ca/main-street-revitalization](http://coaldale.ca/main-street-revitalization).

HOW MANY PARKING STALLS MEET THE BARRIER-FREE DESIGN STANDARDS ON 20TH AVE?

Before construction: 0

After construction: 9\*

\*Additional stalls will be available in future on-street parking spots and parking lots.



#### Fun Fact:

The tactile pads are made from cast iron, a material that goes through a natural process called *patina*. Patina is an oxidizing process that causes the cast iron to rust over typically for the first 12-24 months of its life cycle before permanently turning black. This increases the longevity of the tactile pads by removing the necessity for a protective seal that would ultimately deteriorate and need to be replaced every few years. The rust on cast iron is non-invasive and in no way harms the structural integrity of the pad or sidewalk.

### WIEBE'S DELICATESSEN

#### BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Saucy Ladies products are now made in store at Wiebe's Delicatessen. This includes the cabbage rolls, a variety of 6 different flavoured perogies, and a variety of 16 different types of the jarred products. Thanks to everyone supporting local!

**Location:** 1707 20 Ave

**Phone:** 403-345-3098

**Hours:** Mon-Fri- 9am-5pm. Saturday- 9am-3pm. Sunday - Closed.



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### MAIN STREET PROJECT RECAP

The downtown revitalization project has been one of the **most supported and requested projects** from residents and businesses for the last 5+ years. **Upgrading the aging sanitary infrastructure** and **paving the well-used road** along 20th Avenue between 20th Street & 17th Street was identified as a top priority and budgeted for within the **2019-2021 Capital Plan**. In addition to these **necessary upgrades**, an excellent opportunity presented itself to **enhance the streetscape** and provide a number of value-added improvements along Main Street.

The current project budget sits at around **\$3.4 million**, which is substantially less than the original projected cost. Ultimately, these upgrades and enhancements will be pivotal to ensuring this special part of our community is as **visually pleasing and enjoyable** as possible for all users of the space.

### TIMELINE UPDATES - AMENDING THE FINER DETAILS

As the project progresses, different approaches have been taken to accelerate the construction timeline. Despite approximately 2 weeks of weather-related delays, the overall timeline and end date have generally remained the same. However, some of the finer details and minor steps in between have changed based on ongoing information updates that require quick decision-making. Here are a few updates to the anticipated construction timeline:

- The first lift of asphalt at the 18th street intersection is expected to be paved the week of August 24
- The section of 20th Ave between 17th street and 18th street is expected to be open to traffic during the week of August 31
  - The 17th intersection running north-south will remain closed so the concrete being placed for the crosswalks running east-west can cure
- The final paving and project completion is scheduled for late September/early October

#### WHY DOES THE TIMELINE KEEP CHANGING?

With any construction project, the Tollestrup construction crew is working hard to complete the project as quickly as possible with minimal interruptions to our Main Street businesses. With large-scale projects, there are a number of details that are difficult to predict early on and many decisions that lead to changes in the anticipated schedule. These decisions are made largely to increase the efficiency and decrease the length of construction. The Town of Coaldale and Tollestrup Construction Inc. are committed to maintaining frequent and proactive communication to businesses, stakeholders, and residents to make sure new information is released to the public as quickly as possible.

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