

FOR THE RECORD

A recent letter to the editor grossly inflates costs for the inlaid granite stonework in the St. Ann's block upgrade project. The letter writer did not provide a source for this misinformation and alleged costs are between \$400,000 and \$500,000. In fact, the total value for all of the granite (495 square metres) used in the downtown upgrade cost \$109,030. This amount is approximately \$75,000 more than if standard concrete sidewalk panels had been used in place of the stone. Funding for this project was, in part, from the Federal Gas Tax (Community Works Fund), the City's gaming reserve, the Parks Parcel Tax and a frontage improvement contribution from Seymour Pacific.

The granite feature was included in the design presented to the community – a design that intentionally creates a unique and attractive people place that will help support downtown businesses.

Along with being an integral beautification aspect of the upgrade project, the granite provides a visual and tactile signal to pedestrians regarding intersections and crosswalks – enhancing both the appeal and safety of this area.

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