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Multi-purpose facelift for landscaping near Tidemark Theatre and Library

Landscaping between the Tidemark Theatre and the Campbell River Library is getting a multi-purpose facelift.

Starting this week, the City of Campbell River is pruning and replanting landscaping beds as well as upgrading the irrigation system in the courtyard between the two facilities.

The new landscape design was developed by the City's two horticulturalists and incorporates crime prevention environmental design standards. The Downtown Business Improvement Association and Stacey Larson of Ladybug Greenhouse also had input into the new look that will keep the area lush and green throughout the year and brighten it up with color in late spring and throughout summer. The new design will also visually tie in this area with Spirit Square and includes brighter lighting.

"While access to the Tidemark and the library will continue, people can expect to see some areas of the courtyard cordoned off while work is in progress," explains Ross Milnthorp, the City's general manager of parks, recreation and culture.

"We thank all the downtown businesses and their customers for their support and patience while we make these improvements," Milnthorp adds.

City staff have met with people working in these facilities and representatives from the Downtown BIA and are timing the noisiest work early in the morning to minimize disruption for people nearby.

No additional operating funding will be required to maintain the upgraded landscaping.

The project is expected to be completed by Sept. 24/11.

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