



## **Council Member Motion For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 3, 2025**

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**To:** Committee of the Whole

**Date:** March 25, 2025

**From:** Councillor Krista Loughton

**Subject:** Doric Connector Completion

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### **BACKGROUND**

The Doric Connector is a proposed pathway in Burnside Gorge to serve a residential area west of Cecelia Ravine. This neighbourhood, referred to as the Gorge Sub-Area in the Burnside Gorge Neighbourhood Plan, is full of primarily ground-oriented housing characterized by short, isolated streets flanked by two main arterial roads – Burnside and Gorge – which serve as the only connections.

The Doric Connector was first proposed in the Burnside Gorge Neighbourhood Plan of 1992 as a family-friendly pedestrian route, particularly for children travelling to and from school. Unfortunately, the pathway is still not complete. However, a section of the connector was constructed in 2022 via a development on Washington Avenue. The path starts on Washington Avenue but ends before reaching Carroll Street, which renders it unusable.

The Burnside Gorge Community Association and residents in the neighbourhood have advocated loudly for a pedestrian pathway that connects to Cecelia Ravine Park, the Galloping Goose Trail, and the Burnside Gorge Community Centre without requiring residents, particularly children, to walk along busy arterial roads to access these destinations. Once complete, the Doric Connector will extend from Washington Avenue to Balfour Avenue, creating a safer dedicated pedestrian path, which will also promote community cohesion in the neighbourhood.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council directs staff to continue construction of the Doric Connector from Washington Ave to Carroll Street (Phase 1), using the south Statutory Right-of-Way on 3095 Carroll Street with funds from the Local Amenities Reserve up to \$350,000, including contingency.
2. That Council directs staff to report back with a timeline to complete Phase 1 and plans to finish Phase 2, including the treatment/markings along Doric Street for the Carroll Street to Balfour Avenue segment of the Doric Connector.

Respectfully submitted,

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