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Good evening, everyone.

As the heavy construction season winds down, our teams are preparing for winter. They have stepped up asphalting and pothole repairs, and have been completing as many fixes to water and sewer services as possible before the arrival of winter. Inspections of the fire-hydrants has been also completed and we are awaiting a full report on what repairs need to be completed.

Work on Ainslie Road is expected to finish this week. Despite some periods of rain, the project has remained on schedule.

I'm happy to report that the street sweeper is also back in service, just in time for the late-fall leaves. I know many residents noticed its absence in the past few weeks, so it is good to have it back on the road.

Preparations continue to get our vehicles and equipment ready for winter. The tender process is now underway to acquire two new heavy-duty vehicles to bring some much needed rejuvenation to our fleet.

Looking further ahead, soil sampling has been completed on Ballantyne North and Strathearn North. Initial planning has also begun for the Courtney–Ronald staircase. This work will help inform future infrastructure budgets.

Aside from the famous pilot project at the level crossing, work continues on the longer-term revitalization of Westminster Avenue. Rue Principales and our revitalization committee are helping shape a vision for the commercial corridor. Just today, I participated in two focus-group meetings: one on commercial offerings and potential , and another one on Westminster's role in community life in town.

There is a public survey on the town's website that is another important part of the revitalization process. If you are a resident or merchant and have not yet participated, I encourage you to take a few minutes to fill it out and share your thoughts. We want to hear from as many residents as possible.

Efforts to bring the merchants' association back to life are also beginning to bear fruit. We are starting with small steps, but steps in the right direction.

This Saturday, October 31, participating businesses along Westminster will hand out Halloween treats to children in costume, between noon and 3 p.m. The event will include a blue-pumpkin initiative, with nut-free treats to being handed out. We also encourage pet

parents to bring out their furry children , hopefully in costume ,as some merchants will have also have pet treats available.

This is a simple initiative, but it is exactly the kind of collaboration we would like to see more of among our merchants.

Revitalizing Westminster is not just about studies and construction. It is also about helping our existing merchants work together, bringing people onto the street, and building a stronger sense of community by increasing our commercial offerings in the heart of our town.

Thank you.