

In Your Neighbourhood

PUBLIC HEARING: 210 Gorge Road East – Rezoning and Development Permit with Variances Application

A proposed development for the construction of a six-storey rental and supportive housing building has been referred back to staff to achieve better alignment with the local area plan, consider opportunities for ground-level commercial and increased parking, and better align the unit types with the regional Housing First program implementation. [Click here to learn more.](#)

Approach to Updating Industrial Zoning in Rock Bay

Council directed staff to develop new industrial zones to align with land use policies for Rock Bay as outlined in the Burnside Gorge Neighbourhood Plan. Staff will engage with the public and report to Council with draft Rock Bay industrial zones and feedback collected through public engagement. [Click here to learn more.](#)

Safeguarding Against Organized Crime and Money Laundering

Council has agreed to write the Office of the Attorney General and the BC Lottery Corporation (BCLC) requesting an update on the results of the Dirty Money Investigation and to seek assurances that the issues of organized crime and money laundering will not occur in any potential new casinos in the City of Victoria. In addition, any applications to build or operate a casino in the City will be referred to the Victoria Police Department for comment.

Tree Appreciation Day

Sunday, November 4, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Cameron Bandshell, Beacon Hill Park

Bring family and friends to join us for Tree Appreciation Day, an annual event, being held this year at Beacon Hill Park. Tree Appreciation Day recognizes the importance of trees in the urban environment. This year's Tree Appreciation Day will focus on education and active learning for participants. Parks staff will host activities and learnings stations at the Cameron Bandshell and also guide participants in tree tours throughout Beacon Hill Park.

Vancouver Island Intercommunity Business Licensing Proposal

Council directed staff to bring forward a bylaw establishing the City's participation in a Vancouver Island Inter-Community Business Licensing (ICBL) program. Starting in early 2019, the City of Victoria will be one of up to 24 municipalities collaborating in this initiative which will make obtaining a business licence easier and less costly for some types of businesses looking to operate in multiple municipalities on Vancouver Island. [Click here to learn more.](#)

Request for Audit of Johnson Street Bridge Project

Council will request the Auditor General for Local Government to undertake an audit of the Johnson Street Bridge Project.

Summit Park Engagement

Summit Park is a 4.48-hectare community park with the largest remaining stand of Garry oak ecosystems in the City of Victoria. The small playground at Summit Park was installed in 1975, and will be replaced next year. Share your feedback about this playground renewal by [filling in a survey](#) **between October 5**

and October 26. Your feedback will help us determine what kinds of play equipment would be most well-used in this playground.

Centennial Square Engagement

Throughout September, a stakeholder working group participated in an “Ideas Jam” workshop and open house event for improving Centennial Square. Common themes identified by the community through early engagement in July included how to make the Square feel more welcoming and safe, family friendly, and a desire to see more year-round activity and programming. These themes were explored with a design team and resulted in some emerging ideas. Check out some of the ideas and let us know what you think! Written feedback, questions and ideas can be submitted to

engage@victoria.ca from now until November 1st. The feedback will inform refined concept options, and a draft preferred concept, programming recommendations and priorities that will be shared with the community in late 2018 for further input. A draft action plan for Centennial Square will be considered by Council in early 2019. For more information, visit the project webpage www.victoria.ca/CentennialSquare



Crystal Pool and Wellness Centre Replacement Project and Central Park

Council directed staff to report back with information on the costs and benefits for a number of new options for siting the new Crystal Pool and Wellness Centre facility. Council also directed staff to work with the North Park Neighbourhood Association and others to develop an engagement process for Central Park. Staff will report back to Council on the implications and timing associated with completing this work. [Click here to learn more.](#)

Proposed Inclusionary Housing and Density Bonus Policy

Council approved an amended draft policy to encourage affordable rental housing in new strata housing development projects where bonus density is requested. Staff will conduct further consultation with stakeholders to inform further revisions to the policy. New affordable housing targets and levels of affordability based on most recent available information will be updated in the Victoria Housing Strategy. The draft policy will take effect no later than March 31, 2019. Staff will report back to Council within 12 months following adoption of the policy with information on impacts to new development, benefits the community has received, and recommendations for revisions to the policy. [Learn more here.](#)

Council Meeting Voting Dashboard

Council approved the implementation of a voting dashboard for Council meetings that will show individual voting and attendance for Council decisions. The new dashboard will be implemented in the first quarter of 2019. [Click here to learn more.](#)

Council Meetings

After Oct 4th, there will not be any more meetings for Committee of the Whole or Council. Thursday, November 1, 2018 will be the inaugural meeting for the new Council. Residents can attend both meetings or watch them [here.](#)