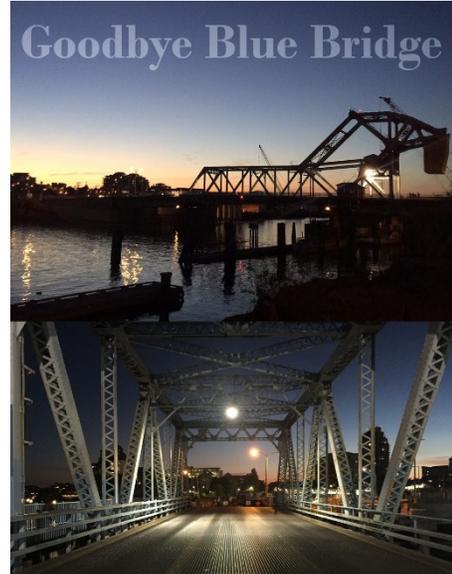


In Your Neighbourhood

Hello New, Goodbye Blue

The new Johnson Street Bridge opened to traffic Saturday, March 31, following an official opening and community celebration event. In addition to opening the new bridge, the pedestrian bridge spanning Esquimalt Road connecting the Galloping Goose and E&N trails was also opened for public use. The new pedestrian walkway (south side) of the new bridge will remain closed until deconstruction of the old bridge is complete. Work continues for the next several months to complete the project. Work shifts immediately to removing the old bridge span and completing the interim treatments for public spaces at both the east and west approaches to the bridge, public plazas and a new waterfront park in Victoria West. The public can expect periodic lane closures on the new bridge and traffic detours during the final phase of construction until the project is fully completed later this summer. Additional closures of the new bridge will be required when the Dynamic Beast crane barge removes the old Johnson Street Bridge. Check out the video of the [Johnson Street Bridge time lapse](#) to see the whole process take place.



Neighbourhood Block Party

On March 14, the City hosted a “Neighbourhood Block Party” at the Da Vince Centre in Vic West. After a keynote address on the importance of getting to know our neighbours, participants sat down together to identify places they love, community gathering space and active streets in their neighbourhoods. The resulting map will be made available for further exploration of ideas for projects in the neighbourhood.

Great Neighbourhood Grants

The first intake has now closed, one grant application was received from the Burnside Gorge neighbourhood. The Neighbourhood Team will forward a staff report of recommended projects to Council for approval in early June in hopes to have money allocated for successful projects in early July.

Have Your Say: Victoria’s Draft Climate Leadership Plan

The Climate Leadership Plan is Victoria’s road map for the transition to a prosperous, affordable, sustainable and low-carbon future. It includes short and long-term strategies and actions to help the community get to an 80% reduction in Green House Gas emissions by 2050, while transitioning to 100% renewable energy. The City will be hosting a number of community workshops in the coming weeks to allow you to share your ideas and feedback on the plan.



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Community Workshop, Wednesday, April 25, 5 – 7:30 p.m. Victoria Conference Centre, 720 Douglas Street. A light dinner will be provided. Register [here](#) by Wednesday, April 18

Business Workshop, Wednesday, May 2, 7:30- 9:00 a.m. Victoria Conference Centre, 720 Douglas Street. Learn about what the Climate Leadership Plan means for your business and how you can be involved. A light breakfast will be provided. Register [here](#) by Sunday, April 28

CRD Resilient Regions Breakfast, Wednesday, April 11, 8 – 9:30 a.m. Downtown Victoria. Once you register, you will receive the exact location. Register [here](#)

Low-Waste Living, Wednesday, April 18, 5:30 – 7 p.m. Antechamber, City Hall. Register [here](#) To learn more and to share your feedback online visit Victoria.ca/climateaction

Neighbour Day – Sunday, May 6

Sunday May 6, 2018 is Neighbour Day, an opportunity to open our doors and engage with our neighbours in fun and creative ways. It is dedicated to creating safe, resilient neighbourhood communities by increasing inclusion and reducing isolation through neighbour-to-neighbour connections. When neighbours know each other, people are more engaged in their neighbourhoods, they share a sense of belonging and residents are safer.



This year in celebration of Neighbour Day, the Neighbourhood Team will be “popping up” in three different village centres to survey residents with a fun, five question quiz about how well they know their neighbours. Participants will then be offered a native seed packet to share with their neighbour in the spirit of Neighbour Day. Local Neighbourhood Associations will be invited to participate at each location.

Update – Crystal Pool and Wellness Centre Replacement Project

Projected Timeline



The Crystal Pool and Wellness Centre Replacement Project is currently in the pre-construction, stakeholder engagement and design phase. Feedback from the community, along with best practices and trends in aquatic and recreation centre design, will advance the building and site design toward construction-ready documents later this year. You can learn more and share your feedback [here](#). Read the Council update [here](#).

Now Accepting Applications for Short-Term Rental Business Licences

New regulations allow short-term rentals for eligible operators subject to a Business Licence and compliance with operating requirements. Eligible operators **must have** a Short-Term Rental Business Licence.



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You are eligible if:

- Your short term rental is your **principal residence** – the whole home on occasion (for example, when you are on vacation), or up to two bedrooms in your home with shared kitchen and living spaces. This does not include a self contained suite, except for when a renter (with owner's permission) rents out a suite (their principal residence) on occasion. For more information, view [Schedule D - Home Occupations \[PDF - 49 KB\]](#).
- You own a **legally non-conforming unit where transient accommodation was a permitted use**, otherwise known as a "grandfathered" property. Changes to the Zoning Bylaw now prohibit short-term rentals in residential units where "transient accommodation" was a permitted use in zoning. However, properties may be considered legally non-conforming under this use if they have been operating a short-term rental in a transient accommodation zone prior to the zoning changes, and comply with strata regulations and operating requirements.

[Learn more about the new regulations.](#)

Honorary Citizen Award Nominations

Do you know someone that makes our community a better place? Nominate them for an Honorary Citizen Award! Honorary Citizen Awards celebrate those who have performed outstanding service for the betterment of our community, and personal achievements. Nominees must be a current or former resident of the local First Nations or the Capital Region. [Past recipients](#) of the Honorary Citizen Awards are not eligible for nomination. Nominations are now open. Submission deadline is 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 25, 2018.

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Council Meetings

Committee of the Whole meets April 26, 9am. Council meets April 26, beginning at 6:30pm. Residents can attend both meetings or watch them [here](#).