

In Your Neighbourhood

Victoria Housing Fund Application for 210 Gorge Road East

Council has approved a Victoria Housing Fund grant to the Victoria Cool Aid Society in the amount of \$600,000 to assist in the construction of 50 non-market rental apartment units, with a total of 60 bedrooms for low-to-moderate income residents, located at 210 Gorge Road East, subject to the following conditions:

1. The grant will be disbursed to the applicant once the Housing Fund Grant Agreement is executed by the applicant and the Housing Agreement Bylaw has been adopted by Council.
2. The Victoria Cool Aid Society enters into a Housing Fund Grant Agreement with terms, to the satisfaction of the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development; and in a form to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor.
3. The Victoria Cool Aid Society enters into a Housing Agreement securing the housing units at affordable rental levels for low-to-moderate incomes in perpetuity, consistent with the Victoria Housing Fund Guidelines, and with terms to the satisfaction of the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development, and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

Construction Site Notices

Residents in some neighbourhoods have had difficulty finding out where to direct their questions or concerns about construction activities in their areas.

Beginning on May 14, 2018, the City included a [bylaw requirement](#) for a “Notice of Construction Poster” with each issued building permit. The poster provides information to neighbours including the building permit number, address, project scope and contact information. These posters are to be visible from the street and remain in place while the permit is active.



Notice of Construction

Project Address: 1234 PANDORA STREET

Project Scope: NEW - MULTI FAMILY 6 STOREY'S

Site Contact:

Contractor Company Name: DEVELOPER CORP.

Representative: JANE SMITH Phone: (250) 818-8986 Email: JANE@DEVELOPER.CO.CA

Home Owner Building Permit #: BP012345

When starting a residential construction project, you may need to submit a Notice of Project to WorkSafeBC. Please visit worksafebc.com/builders for more information, or call 250.881.3418. Please post this notice so that it is visible from the street.

 victoria.ca 250.361.0342 worksafebc.com 250.881.3418

Please contact Ryan Morhart, the Manager & Chief Building Official Permits & Inspections, at 250.361.0241 if you have questions about the new notification requirement.

Budget Consultation Transportation Comments

Information submitted on transportation issues during neighbourhood association budget information sessions has been submitted to the Engineering and Public Works. The information is will be considered as part of evaluation work being completed in the near future.

CRD Conveyance Line

The CRD Wastewater Treatment Project staff attended the monthly community association meeting in May. They are still in the process of selecting our contractor for the work on the Residual Solids Conveyance Line (RSCL), and they do not have final construction plans or timelines. They remain scheduled to start work this fall and committed to hosting another open house in Victoria before the work commences.

Centennial Square Action Plan

Council has directed staff to develop a draft action plan to guide future programming and design improvements. We need your ideas and input on how to transform Centennial Square into a destination that offers something for everyone. Engagement events have been held during events in the square throughout July. You can still

complete an [online survey](#) by Monday, August 6. Draft concept plans will be shared with the public for feedback this fall prior to the draft action plan being presented to Victoria City Council for consideration. Please visit the [project webpage](#) for much more information.

Parks and Open Spaces Plan

On July 12, Council received an [update](#) and [2017/2018 Annual Report](#) on the Parks and Open Spaces Master Plan, the Urban Forest Master Plan and the Growing in the City initiative. Residents will find these documents informative with regards to projects in their neighbourhoods and with regards to the City's budget planning process, which was recently discussed with neighbourhood associations.

Summertime in the Square

Summer is here and with it, a number of free outdoor activities and concerts in Centennial Square and the Cameron Bandshell in Beacon Hill Park. In addition to the lunchtime concerts and the Thursday evening live music, people can enjoy "crafternoons," board games, singing and dance lessons in Centennial Square. The Cameron Bandshell offers weekend concerts in the park, evening folk music, some children's programming and Argentine Tango lessons. For timing and other details, check out [CityVibe](#).

Love Food Hate Waste

The City of Victoria is proud to be a founding partner in a national program to reduce food waste in Canada. The Love Food Hate Waste campaign aims to change Canadians' behaviours around food and dramatically reduce the significant amount of food wasted across the country every day.

Did you know?

- Canadians are among the worst of the developed nations when it comes to food waste, with about 47 percent of food waste occurring in the home.
- 63% of household food waste in Canada is avoidable.
- An average household throws away \$1,100 of edible food per year.
- For Canada as a whole that amounts to almost 2.2 million tons of edible food wasted each year, costing Canadians in excess of \$17 million and contributing to Canada's greenhouse gas emissions.

The campaign offers practical and easy tips for keeping and storing fresh food, using up existing ingredients and better planning to avoid over-purchasing food. The campaign is based on a successful model in the United Kingdom, where avoidable household food waste was cut by 21 percent in its first five years, saving UK consumers £13 billion.

Let's stop wasting food. Learn more [here](#).

\$1 Million Dollars for Crystal Pool

The City of Victoria has been awarded \$1 Million from the Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities towards the Crystal Pool and Wellness Centre Replacement Project. As part of Jumpstart's Play Finds A Way movement, a \$50-million fundraising commitment to removing accessibility barriers to sport and play, Jumpstart Accessibility Grants support capital costs of construction and renovations to improve physical accessibility to and inclusivity in recreation facilities. Eligible organizations include municipalities and public recreation centres and facilities, schools and community organizations with publically accessible facilities, and public recreation spaces owned and operated by private foundations. This investment will be applied to features such as lifts for pool tanks, fully accessible change areas, as well as adaptive sport and fitness equipment.