



June 2018 Update

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In Your Neighbourhood

Neighbourhood Webpages

The City has refreshed its [neighbourhood webpages](#). Please take a look at the information and let us know if there is something you would like to see included or amended. We will begin posting the monthly updates in the near future.

Rezoning Application with Variances for 210 Gorge Road East

Council approved sending a proposed development at 210 Gorge Road East for the construction of 50 affordable rental apartments and 32 supportive rental apartments to public hearing. Learn more about the [proposed development here](#). The date for the public hearing will be posted on the [City of Victoria website](#) once confirmed.

Development Process Improvements

Council directed staff to report back with a proposed amendment to the Community Association Land Use Committee (CALUC) process to involve a third-party facilitator as an initial first step for some developments. Staff will engage with CALUCs and report back to Council along with recommendations on the appropriate threshold that would require such a meeting to ensure that this is not an added, unnecessary step for most development. [Read the Council motion here](#).

Affordable Housing Units Through Community Amenity Contribution Policy

Council has directed staff to ensure that the new CAC/Inclusionary Housing Policy is structured in such a way as to deliver, by 2026, at least 800 units of affordable housing that rent at between \$500 and \$875 per month and at least 450 units of affordable rental housing for families that rent at between \$875 and \$1375 per month.

Bike Lane Update

At their May 24 Committee of the Whole meeting, Council received a [report](#) recommending that Council approve

- Approve the 60% design for Wharf Street AAA cycle track, and direct staff to proceed to detailed design and construction tender.
- Approve the 60% design for Humboldt Street AAA cycle track, and direct staff to proceed to detailed design and construction tender.
- Direct staff to accelerate the Vancouver Street AAA cycle track project as a priority (between Park Avenue and Bay Street), in place of the 2016 Cook Street project, and engage with stakeholders on the design as outlined in this report.

Fort Street Orientation Rides

Interested in trying out the new Fort Street protected bike lanes? Throughout the month of June and all this summer the City is partnering with the Bike to Work Society to provide orientation rides that will highlight the new features along Fort Street and help people get familiar with the new bike lanes.

Sign up for one of the rides this June listed below or check back soon for more dates!

Thursday June 21, 12pm – 1pm

Tuesday June 26th, 5-6pm

Wednesday July 4th, 12-1pm

Sign up for an orientation ride here: <https://biketoworkvictoria.checkfront.com/reserve/>

Participatory Budgeting

On May 24, Council received a [report](#) recommending that Council direct staff to review and report back with information on the potential to engage a different organization from year to year to deliver the Participatory Budgeting Program for the City. This is proposed to focus on areas of youth, newcomers and neighbourhood spaces in each of the next three years.

Market Rental Study

At their Committee of the Whole [May 10](#) meeting, Council received a [Market Rental Revitalization Study](#), a report providing information and recommendations regarding the results of a Market Rental Revitalization Study that was designed to achieve four supporting actions outlined in the Victoria Housing Strategy under the action of "Protect Existing Rental Stock".

Council accepted the report and made several recommendations including:

- Incorporate the market rental building inventory into City systems such as VicMap for public access
- Continue the Development Monitoring project to provide better tracking and upkeep of the rental building inventory
- Bring forward a bylaw to implement the Rental Property Standards of Maintenance elements
- Report back to Council with a Rental Property Standards of Maintenance Bylaw resourcing and implementation plan for budgetary approval
- Adopt the Tenant Assistance Policy
- Refer consideration of a grant program to provide support to organisations that provide information, education and support to tenants on residential tenancy matters to the 2019 financial planning process.

Direction for the 2019 Financial Plan

Through the 2015-2018 Strategic Plan, Council has provided direction for a maximum tax increase of inflation plus 1%. The Province of BC is introducing a new payroll tax in 2019 which will eventually replace Medical Services Plan (MSP) premiums in 2020. The estimated impact of this tax and the MSP premiums to the City for 2019 is \$2.3 million. With this in mind, Council has asked staff to prepare a draft 2019

Financial Plan for Council's consideration that maintains existing services and service levels, and continues the in-progress initiatives within the Strategic Plan, with two options:

- One that keeps the tax increase to no more than inflation plus 1%, including police;
- A second option that keeps the tax increase to no more than inflation plus 1%, including police, plus an additional tax increase to accommodate the impact of the new health tax increase.

These options will be presented to Council in the late fall 2018.

[Read the Committee of the Whole Report](#)

Canada Day Victoria

Join us for *Canada Day Victoria*, a community celebration with an emphasis on the unique and local aspects of our Capital City! On Sunday, July 1, an impressive line-up of local performers, family-friendly activities, the ever-popular Coast Capital Savings Living Flag, and multicultural programming will be showcased, culminating in spectacular fireworks over Victoria's Inner Harbour. Check out all that's planned at www.canadaydayvictoria.ca

Summer Camps in the City

Check out the latest Active Living Guide for summer camps for ages 4-12. Playground camps, sailing, skateboarding, computer, horses, Hogwarts, camping, surfing, pirates, farming, soccer, swimming, claymation



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movie production, kayaking, martial arts and more. We have a whole summer of fun for different budgets and interests: Victoria.ca/recreation.

The BYO Bag Video Contest

People's Choice Award is open for voting. 24 videos encouraging the use of reusable bags were submitted for the BYO BAG Video Contest. The Jury has shortlisted 7 and now it's your time to vote for the People's Choice Award! The People's Choice winner will receive a \$500 prize. Anyone in the Capital Regional District is eligible to vote. Voting is open until midnight on Sunday, June 24. Watch the videos and complete the survey [here](#) to vote for your favourite.

Join us at the BYO Bag Launch Event

The first place \$1,000 Youth award and All Ages \$1,000 award, as selected by the jury, and the People's Choice award will be announced at the [BYO Bag Launch event](#) on Wednesday, June 27, from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Join us for this announcement at a family-friendly event celebrating reducing plastic waste in Victoria. Enjoy a free concert with Vince Vaccaro, activity stations and cake! We hope to see you at the Fort Commons! Event details are here.

Learn more:

Starting on July 1, 2018 businesses in Victoria cannot provide customers with single-use plastic checkout bags other than for the purposes listed in the new bylaw. Learn more about the new bag bylaw [here](#).

Bylaw for Animal Responsibility

Council adopted the Animal Responsibility Bylaw. Council also directed staff to prepare an amendment to expand the definition for keeping female chickens to include other poultry or fowl. You can read more about the Animal Responsibility Bylaw [here](#).

Council Meetings

Committee of the Whole meets June 28 at 9am. Council meets on the 28 beginning at 6:30pm. Residents can attend both meetings or watch them [here](#).