



June 2019 Update

Burnside Gorge

In Your Neighbourhood

Neighbourhood Grants

At their June 20 committee meeting, Council approved a staff [report](#) recommending approval of Great Neighbourhood Grants. These included one grant in the Burnside Gorge neighbourhood:

- Rock Bay Mural Mapping project

The decision must still be ratified by Council on the June 27th meeting.

Town Hall @ City Hall on Accessibility

Thursday, July 4, 2019

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (Doors open at 6 p.m.)

Victoria City Hall, Council Chambers

NOTE: This is a scent-free event.

Our second Town Hall will focus on the topic of accessibility in our community and will form part of the next phase of engagement for the development of the City's Accessibility Framework.

The event will also be an opportunity to pilot some of the City's accessible participatory features such as virtual participation and pre-recorded video submissions.

The allotted speaking time of five minutes may be adjusted to accommodate all participants in attendance.

Any presentation material is to be submitted in a Microsoft PowerPoint file (no larger than 10MB for email purposes) by noon on Thursday, July 4 to engage@victoria.ca.

Free childminding will be available for children ages six months and older for two hours. [Learn more.](#)

Growing in the City

On June 6, Council received a [progress update](#) on Growing in the City (GITC) Programs. Since 2016, the City has increased its resources and implemented several actions to assist community-led food systems projects. These include introducing new granting streams, hiring a Food Systems Coordinator and providing in-kind support to community gardens. In consultation with community groups improvements were recommended and approved by Council. These include:

- Expanding City grant eligibility
- Piloting a City-built allotment garden
- Piloting City-sponsored distribution of gardening materials
- Investigation of the re-introduction of the "Sharing Backyards" program
- Supporting access to agricultural water rates
- Establishing food system targets and outcomes

Topaz Park Improvement Plan and Victoria High School Sport Field Project

The Topaz Park Improvement Plan will be amended to replace the existing artificial turf field with a new similar size field located on the final site of one of the paired fields proposed under the existing plan.

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In addition, \$430,000 in capital funding for the 2019 Financial Plan previously approved for the Topaz Park turf field expansion will be allocated to detailed design work for the replacement of the Topaz Park field and the Victoria High School sport field project, proceeding in a manner that preserves the existing memorial bleachers.

Crystal Pool Project, Application of Equity and Affordability Policies

Council has asked staff to develop a plan to revisit the objectives, scope and schedule of activities for the Crystal Pool project that aligns with the new Strategic Plan, including application of the evaluative tools described below, for Council consideration:

- i. Ensure no net loss of green space in the neighbouring area.
- ii. Apply an equity lens to siting, design, amenity selection, engagement, procurement, and evaluation, to inform decisions about and investment in community
- iii. Apply an affordability lens to assess total cost of ownership, siting, amenity selection, operating costs, costs to taxpayers and users
- iv. Invite potential partners and neighbourhood representatives to collaborate to align and help achieve these equity, accessibility and affordability objectives

Council also directed staff to report back on potential locations in the North Park and Hillside / Quadra neighbourhoods for the Crystal Pool.

In addition, Council asked staff to embed distributional, procedural, structural and inter-generational equity into the City's corporate policies guiding hiring, staff training and professional development, procurement and civic engagement.

Inclusionary Housing Policy

At their June 13 committee meeting, Council will consider a staff report recommending adoption of the Inclusionary Housing Policy and a request for Council determination of:

1. the project size threshold at 40 or 60 units
2. the proportion of cash-in-lieu CACs allocated to municipal reserve funds that support:
 - a. affordable housing at: 70% or 50%
 - b. local amenities at: 30% or 50%

Late Night Policy

Work is beginning on a city alcohol policy. The City of Victoria does not currently have a consolidated liquor policy. In June 2018, the Late Night Advisory Committee recommended to Council that the development of a policy would help provide guidance for the evaluation of liquor-related decision-making (e.g. liquor licence referrals) and managing the late night economy. The work will be completed with the assistance of the [Responsible Hospitality Institute](#) (RHI), world leaders in best practices for managing and developing late night economies including Edmonton where they shaped that city's successful approach to the late night management. An interim report will be complete by late summer with project completion in the fall.



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Summer Camps

Another summer of fun and adventure is planned for kids and teens! Find out about the many types, times and locations of summer camps offered through Crystal Pool and Fitness Centre. Included this year are kayaking, sailing, horseback riding, computers, farming, robotics, soccer and even surfing. Click [here](#) for the camp flyer.

Council Meetings

Committee of the Whole meets on June 27 at 9am. Council meets on June 27 beginning at 6:30pm. Residents can watch recordings of the meetings [here](#).

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