

In Your Neighbourhood

Attention Residents! The Great Neighbourhood Grant Intake is Open!



Is your organization considering putting in a Great Neighbourhood Grant application for the 2018 Spring Intake? The deadline to receive applications is still a little ways away (April 15), but the deadline for the pre-application meeting is currently March 30 (which is the end of next week). There's \$120,000 available again this year for some creative placemaking projects and community development activities. Please see our [website](#) for details.

City Projects Happening in Your Neighbourhood

- Rock Bay Mural Project – call for artists in mid-April, installations in August
- Cecelia Ravine Park new playground and amenities – construction to begin in August
- Douglas Street Bus Lane Construction from Tolmie to Hillside – currently under construction to August
- Beta Street paving from Alpha to Delta – beginning in March
- Pleasant Street paving from Bay to John – beginning in April
- Gorge Road paving from Balfour to Harriet – beginning in April
- Crosswalk upgrades Bridge at Hillside – completed end of February
- Crosswalk upgrades Burnside at Washington – completed end of January
- Beta Street water main replacement Alpha to Delta – currently under construction
- Government Street water main replacement Bay to Hillside – beginning in May

Rock Bay Mural Program

As part of our Art in Public Places Program, and with the help of the Artist in Residence, Luke Ramsey, the City of Victoria is planning an exciting new mural project titled 'Concrete Canvas' for this August. This project will see the creation of 10+ murals within the Rock Bay Community. It is a one-time project that is funded by the Public Art Reserve Fund for the 2018 – 2019 fiscal year. This project will see the creation of multiple murals within the Rock Bay Community. Following the direction outlined in the Burnside Gorge Neighbourhood Plan these murals will be installed on private or public property. Adding murals into the community will enhance the identity and character of Rock Bay, while directly supporting cultural tourism and economic development strategies.

Vic-Alert - How to Receive Voice Call Alerts in Middle of the Night

Vic-Alert is the City of Victoria's free emergency notification service, which allows you to receive emergency alerts by voice call, text and email.

Vic-Alert now has one phone number that you can save to your mobile phone's favourites and bypass its do not disturb function, enabling you to receive voice call alerts in the middle of the night. Never sleep through an emergency call alert again!

[Learn more](#) -- and sign up for Vic-Alert if you haven't already.

Johnson Street Bridge Opening Celebration

The new Johnson Street Bridge will open to the public on Saturday, March 31.

We hope you can join us for this historic event and be a part of a new chapter for The City of Victoria.

For more details visit our [Facebook page](#) or the [Johnson Street Bridge website](#)

Crystal Pool Funding

The City of Victoria has received conditional approval of \$6 million in Federal Gas Tax funding to support the [Crystal Pool and Wellness Centre Replacement Project](#). The approval will contribute towards the total project cost of \$69.4 million, should the balance of the remaining funding be acquired within one year. The

City of Victoria has already committed \$10 million to the project and is actively seeking further funding through federal-provincial infrastructure programs and other prospective partners.



Info Session: Be Tsunami Smart

In British Columbia, Tsunami Preparedness Week is recognized annually the second full week of April. The City of Victoria invites you to attend the FREE *Be Tsunami Smart Information Session* on Monday, April 9 to kick off Tsunami Preparedness Week.

Although tsunamis are rare, it's important to understand what a tsunami is, the impact of a tsunami on Victoria, and what to do in the event of a tsunami warning.

Information Session: Be Tsunami Smart

Monday, April 9, 2018

6 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.

City of Victoria Antechamber

Schedule:

6 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.: Welcome and Introductions



March 2018 Update

Burnside Gorge

6:15 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.: Earthquakes - What to Expect
Alison Bird, Earthquake Seismologist, Geological Survey of Canada

Alison Bird has over 20 years' experience studying geoscience hazards. Learn what to expect from earthquakes in the Capital Region, how to prepare for them, and how they can trigger a tsunami.

6:50 p.m. – 7:20 p.m.: Tsunamis 101
Dr. Tania L. Insua, PhD, Ocean Analytics Program Manager
Ocean Networks Canada

Dr. Insua will walk you through "Tsunamis 101" to learn the basics of tsunami science, how they are detected, measured, and modelled for the Capital Region, and what you can do to be prepared for one.

7:20 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.: Q&A moderated by:
Tanya Patterson, Emergency Program Coordinator, City of Victoria
Rajpreet Sall, Emergency Management Community Liaison, City of Victoria

Register for this FREE event at emvic@victoria.ca or call 250.920.3373.

View the [event notice](#).

Learn more on [how to be prepared for a tsunami](#).

Council Meetings

Committee of the Whole meets April 5, 12, 19 and 26 at 9am. Council meets April 12 and 26, beginning at 6:30pm. Residents can attend both meetings or watch them [here](#).