

## In Your Neighbourhood

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### Call for Artists: Concrete Canvas Rock Bay Murals

Concrete Canvas - Rock Bay Murals is a new, one-time art project for emerging muralists and mid-career artists wanting to try their hand at making murals! The project seeks to transform an industrial part of Victoria into an outdoor gallery for street art and creative expression.

This project will see the creation of 10+ murals within the Rock Bay community on private or public property this summer.

The call is open to emerging and mid-career artists in the Capital Region.

Murals will enhance the identity and character of Rock Bay and support cultural tourism and economic development strategies. The project is funded by the City's Public Art Reserve Fund for the 2018 –2019 fiscal year. View the [application guidelines here](#). Submission Deadline: Thursday, June 7, 2018 at 4 p.m. Pacific Standard Time.

### Fort Street Protected Bike Lanes Opening in late May

With the coming of warm weather, comes an increase in cyclists in the city. To keep cyclists safer from vehicle traffic, the Fort Street protected bikes lanes will officially open coinciding with Bike to Work Week in the last week of May. In addition to the Pandora bike lanes, and the new multi-modal lane on the Johnson Street bridge, cycling downtown is becoming safer for everyone. Come downtown and check it out.

### Lunchtime Lectures at City Hall



#### Cities in the 21st Century: Lunch Time Lectures at City Hall

- The City hosts a monthly lunch time lecture series, exploring city-making in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. What does Victoria look like in 30 to 40 years? How do we get there? Lunch Time Lectures at City Hall provide doses of inspiration from near and far and will examine how, together, city hall, residents and businesses can seize the opportunities and challenges of being a leading-edge city in the 21st century.

- **Monday, June 4 - Local Action Moves the World, with Beate Weber-Schuerholz**

The United Nations' 2016 New Urban Agenda requests States to prevent further damage to the world's ecology, economy, climate and social stability. Without cities taking the lead, nations will not be able to meet their sustainability goals. Cities have the potential to proactively live up to this challenge.

The Heidelberg example demonstrates that involving all municipal departments and sectors such as planning, infrastructure, construction, utilities, economic development, mobility, education and public relations could move the World. This can only be achieved by including and mobilizing citizens, local enterprises, science and NGOs. [For more information on the lecture series and upcoming talks click here.](#)

### Now Accepting Applications for Short-Term Rental Business Licenses

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



### BYO Bag Victoria Video Contest

Love making videos? Want to help reduce plastic bag litter and waste in your community? Create a video to encourage the use of reusable bags in our community and win up to \$1000! One Youth category and one All

Agers category, plus a People's Choice Award. Submit your video by May 30, 2018. Learn more at [victoria.ca/reusablebags](http://victoria.ca/reusablebags)

### ConnectVictoria App

Download the ConnectVictoria app and stay in touch with your City. Search jobs, latest news, events and more from the app. Report potholes and other issues right from your phone. Available for both Android and iOS. [Learn more](#)

### Vic-Alert

Vic-Alert, the City of Victoria's free emergency notification service, now has one phone number for voice call alerts: 778.400.4845. Save this Vic-Alert # in your cell phone's Favourites and bypass the Do Not Disturb function so that you can receive emergency voice call alerts at any time – even when you're asleep. [www.VictoriaReady.ca](http://www.VictoriaReady.ca)



### 2018 Financial Plan and 2018 Tax Rate

Council adopted the 2018 Budget and Five Year Financial Plan and set the 2018 Tax Rate. You can read the City's Financial Plan [here](#) and read more about the 2018 tax rate bylaw [here](#).

### Mayors' Joint Report on Citizens' Assembly on Amalgamation

On January 22, the Mayors of Victoria and Saanich wrote to the Honourable Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, requesting a meeting to seek the Province's assistance to begin dialogue on establishing and funding a Citizens' Assembly to study amalgamation of the two municipalities. Following that meeting, Council last night unanimously passed a motion that Victoria and Saanich hold a joint Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss what question both local governments will place on the October 20, 2018 municipal election ballot to ask voters if they want the municipalities to explore amalgamation



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through a Citizens' Assembly and other studies. In its discussion of the motion, Council emphasized that this process is about gathering information, and does not presume any outcome. The date for the joint Committee meeting is still to be set. You can read more [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](#).