

In Your Neighbourhood

Central Park Housing

On June 14, Council approved recommendations for staff to report back on additional uses of Central Park in conjunction with the new pool facility. The numerous recommendations included provision of:

- Affordable housing (on the site currently set aside for a surface parking lot) to include underground parking and a community space on the ground floor that would be able to accommodate at a minimum,
- A welcome centre for newcomers to Canada (should this be identified by stakeholders as a need, child care facility,
- A community kitchen, and
- Additional (uses) that may not be able to be accommodated in the Crystal Pool project for sport and non-sport programming for youth, seniors and other underserved groups.



(See complete resolution attached)

Our Place Hours Extension

On June 28, Council approved a [resolution](#) to provide \$25,000 to assist with the extension of operating hours for Our Place. The facility has recently reverted to shorter summer hours, which has increased the level of congregation in the neighbourhood and associated behaviour issues. The resolution also called for discussion with Island Health and BC Housing to identify longer term solutions.

953 Balmoral

On June 7, Council reviewed a [staff report](#) recommending declining the development application at this site due to the proposed use of the site and optimizing density in the area. They recommended postponement of a decision, providing two months for the applicant to respond to staff concerns.

Development Process Improvements

Council has directed staff to report back on a [proposed amendment](#) to the Community Association Land Use Committee (CALUC) process to involve a third-party facilitator to assist with neighbourhood consultation of proposed developments. Staff will engage with CALUCs and report back to Council with recommendations on appropriate conditions for such assistance to ensure that this is not an added, unnecessary step for most development.

Affordable Housing and Community Amenity Contribution Policy

Council has [directed staff](#) to ensure that, by 2026, the new Community Amenity Contribution and Inclusionary Housing Policy is structured to deliver:

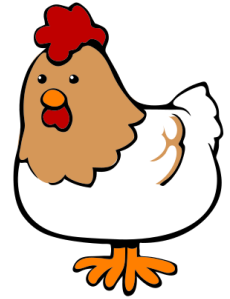
- At least 800 units of affordable housing that rent at between \$500 and \$875 per month, and
- At least 450 units of affordable rental housing for families that rent at between \$875 and \$1375 per month.

Great Neighbourhood Grants

On June 14, Council approved [staff recommendations](#) to support 21 applications, including two grants for projects in North Park: the neighbourhood association's Membership Drive and Neighbourhood Festival projects and a citizen-led mosaic projected ("Words") on Princess Street.

Bylaw for Animal Responsibility

Council adopted the Animal Responsibility Bylaw in April of 2018. On June 14, Council reviewed a [report](#) and directed staff to revise and expand the bylaw, including an [amendment](#) to extend the definition for keeping female chickens to include other poultry or fowl.



Council Meetings

Committee of the Whole meets [June 28](#) and July 5, 12, 19 and 26 at 9am. Council meets on the 28 and July 14 and 28 beginning at 6:30pm. Residents can attend both meetings or watch them [here](#).

Attachment I. Central Park Additional Uses – Council Resolution

1. Housing, Community Space and Underground Parking Adjacent to Crystal Pool

Main Motion as amended:

That Council direct staff to report back at the next quarterly update on the implications and timeline for implementing the following recommendations.

Direct staff to:

1. Report back on the implications on engaging with the neighbourhood on the potential on the affordable housing, etc., where the surface lot for the pool would be.
2. Work with residents of North Park and other interested stakeholders community to develop and issue an RFEOI or RFP for:
 - a. Provision of affordable housing (on the site currently set aside for a surface parking lot) to include underground parking and a community space on the ground floor that would be able to accommodate at a minimum, a welcome centre for newcomers to Canada (should this be identified by stakeholders as a need, child care facility, community kitchen, and additional that may not be able to be accommodated in the Crystal Pool project for sport and non-sport programming for youth, seniors and other underserved groups.
 - b. Operation one or more of the community centre, child care, and welcome centre.
3. Design and report back to Council on the process for engaging the community (North Park, Harris Green, Downtown residents and immigrant and indigenous communities from across the city/region) about the community centre/welcome centre space.
4. Apply for funding through Partners for Places (<https://www.fundersnetwork.org/partners-for-places/>) to undertake the process outlined in #2, with potential for matching funding from the United Way of Greater Victoria.
5. Design and report back to Council as part of the 2019 financial planning process on the process for engaging the neighbouring community and citywide residents about the Park Master Plan for Central park, including budget and timing. And direct staff to develop and communicate a plan through consultation with current park users, to ensure their continuing enjoyment and access to the park during construction of Crystal Pool.
6. Report back on the public approval process for having either surface parking or affordable housing in Central Park adjacent to the new Crystal Pool.