

In Your Neighbourhood

Municipal Election

General Voting Day is on Saturday, October 20, 2018 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Learn more about what you need to bring, advance voting opportunities, Mayoral and Council candidates and more at www.victoria.ca/election



Here is a list of meetings for candidates:

Friday October 5 10:00 am – 11:00 am	Councillor Candidates Forum	James Bay New Horizons Centre 234 Menzies Street
Friday October 5 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.	Mayoral Candidates Forum	Victoria West Community Centre 521 Craigflower Road
Sunday October 7 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Councillor Candidates Forum	Oaklands Community Centre 1-2827 Belmont Avenue
Monday October 8 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Mayoral Candidates Forum	Oaklands Community Centre 1-2827 Belmont Avenue
Tuesday October 9 7:00 pm (doors open at 6:30)	Solving Homelessness & Affordable Housing – Mayoral Candidates Forum	Sponsored by Our Place Society First Met United Church, 932 Balmoral Road
Wednesday October 10 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Mayoral Candidates Forum	Sponsored by the Downtown Residents Association Victoria Events Centre, 1415 Broad Street
Wednesday October 10 6:00-8:30 pm	Councillor Candidates Forum on Housing	Sponsored by LandlordBC, Generation Squeeze and Talk to Aryze The Atrium, 800 Yates Street
Friday October 12 1:00 - 4:30 pm	Councillor Candidates' "Trade Fair"	Sponsored by Fernwood Community Association Belfry Theatre, 1291 Gladstone Avenue
Saturday October 13 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	All Candidates Forum	Sponsored by Downtown Residents Association 1515 Douglas Street (Across from City Hall)
Saturday October 14 4:15 – 6:15pm	Candidates' Debate	Sponsored by The Record and Fernwood Community Association Fernwood Community Centre, 1240 Gladstone Avenue
Sunday October 14 6:30 pm	Councillor Candidates Forum	Sponsored by Fairfield Gonzales Community Association Sir James Douglas Elementary School, 401 Moss Street



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Tuesday October 16 7:00 – 9:00 pm	School Trustee “Trade Fair”	Paul Phillips Recital Hall Fernwood Community Association, 1923 Fernwood Road
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Some important dates with regards to the election are:

- October 10 Early Voting – 8am-8pm at City Hall
- October 15 Early Voting – 8am-8pm at City Hall
- October 20: Election Day

For more information, check out our [Election webpages](#).

Crystal Pool

On September 6, Council received a staff [report](#) regarding parking at the proposed new Crystal Pool. Council resolved to:

1. Direct staff to consult with stakeholders and residents from the North Park neighbourhood on neighbourhood street parking options associated with a distributed parking approach; and
2. Approve \$40,000 to be funded from 2018 Contingencies, to complete an investigation of underground parking options in Central Park and/or modular parking on the Save on Food Memorial Arena Parking lot.

On October 4, Mayor Helps and Councillor Loveday will present a report and make a recommendation:

- That Council direct staff to work in partnership with the North Park neighbourhood and the broader community to co-develop a plan for a consultation process for Central Park including mitigation of the impacts of pool construction on park users, plans for the future of Central Park, and land use issues related to the new pool and that this consultation planning take place this fall as staff are out in the neighbourhood engaging on parking options.

Storage for Homeless’ Belongings

At their October 4 meeting, Council will receive a [report](#) and Council member motion proposing to release funds set aside for Our Place Society to build and manage a storage space for those experiencing homelessness.

Last Call for Neighbourhood Grants

If you have any projects or activities you are dreaming up and would like a grant of up to \$5,000, the intake period is open until October 15. Take a look at our [website](#) for more information and give me a call to discuss your ideas.

Inclusionary Housing and Density Bonus

At their September 6 Committee meeting, Council received a [staff report](#) and approved the draft Inclusionary Housing and Density Bonus Policy to take effect no later than March 31, 2019.

Amendments included:

- A cash contribution of \$200,000 per affordable housing unit may be considered in lieu of the delivery of on-site affordable rental units, where projects deliver less than 20 net new strata units
- Staff are directed to undertake further consultation with stakeholders



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- Adopt the updated affordable housing targets and levels of affordability to guide community amenity contribution negotiations and incorporate these in the Victoria Housing Strategy
- Direct staff to further explore pre-zoning by consulting with stakeholders, including the Community Association Land Use Committees, Victoria Civic Heritage Trust and other interested community stakeholders
- That staff report back twelve (12) months following adoption of the policy with information on: (a) the impacts on new developments; (b) total amenities received, identified by value and type; and (c) recommendations for any potential revisions to the policy
- That the Development Summit this year be called the Housing Summit
- Flag for further discussion and research whether the 3 bedroom allocation at 5% is sufficient

Tenant Assistance Policy

Beginning September 1, a new [Tenant Assistance Policy](#) provides guidelines for tenant assistance when renters are required to move because their building is being redeveloped. The Tenant Assistance Policy is one of several initiatives the City of Victoria is undertaking as part of its [Housing Strategy](#). For more information about the policy, contact City of Victoria Community Planning at housing@victoria.ca or 250.361.0382.

Cannabis Consumption Sites

At their September 6 meeting, Council approved a motion:

- That staff be directed to investigate, beginning in the first quarter of 2019, regulations in other jurisdictions governing consumption sites for cannabis use.
- That this review take into consideration the City and County of Denver, Colorado's Cannabis Consumption Pilot Program, as well as the regulatory context in the City of Victoria arising from regional, provincial and federal regulations.
- That staff report back to Council on the advisability of initiating a Pilot Program or introducing regulations for consumption sites for cannabis use.

Volunteer Victoria Workshops

Here are some other training opportunities from Volunteer Victoria that may interest you.

- Assessing Risks in Non-Profit Organizations - [Oct 10th](#)
- Building Better Boards - [Oct 16th](#)
- Conversations & Conflict - [Oct 18th](#)
- Project Management 101 - [Oct 23rd](#)
- The Volunteer Management Hybrid Conference - [Oct 23rd](#)
- Executive Directors Network - [Oct 11th](#)
- Coaching Conversations - [Book one here](#)

Check out their website for all workshops Not seeing a workshop that you would really like them to offer? Send Tracey Gibson an email at tracey@volunteervictoria.bc.ca or give them a call at 250-386-2269.

Council Meetings

Council meetings are limited this month due to the municipal election. Committee of the Whole meets October 4th at 9am. Council meets on October 4th beginning at 6:30pm. Residents can attend both meetings or watch them [here](#).