



# January 2020 Update North Park



## In Your Neighbourhood

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### Local Area Planning Working Group

At their January 9 Council meeting, Council approved members of the Fernwood/North Park/Hillside Quadra Local Area Planning Working Group, which includes Sarah Murray and Ericka Amador from the North Park Neighbourhood Association.

### Wellburn's Redevelopment

On December 12, Council reviewed a [staff report](#) on the redevelopment of the site at 1050 Pandora and approved the rezoning recommendations. Council included a further requirement that the applicant commit to measures outlined in the developer's summary of a flood occurring at the building in November. Clarification regarding the [compensation for tenants](#) requiring relocation was provided by the applicant at the [Council meeting](#). A public hearing will be scheduled once conditions are met.

### Equity Lens

Council will be presented with a [staff report](#) outlining options for advancing an equity lens for the City at its January 16 committee meeting. The report provides options for resourcing the development of an equity framework based on [Council feedback](#) provided at their October workshop on the topic and community input. In order to make progress relatively quickly, staff recommend contracting a consultant to support the process in 2020.

### Councillor Election

On January 16, Council will receive a [staff report](#) proposing personnel appointments and budget (\$170,000) for conducting a by-election to fill the vacant Council position. The proposed date for the election is Saturday April 4, 2020.

### VCAN Workshop

On November 16, the City hosted a workshop on directions for relationships between neighbourhoods and the City. The *Working Smarter Together* workshop included presentations from Toronto, Seattle and Edmonton, each providing examples of approaches to working effectively with neighbourhoods. Observations and suggestions from table discussions were recorded and shared with neighbourhood associations. This information will be used in determining next steps and the approach for an upcoming neighbourhood summit in February.

### Crystal Pool

On January 9th, Council considered a [staff report](#) and opted to pursue the facility design already developed for the pool at either the current site or at 940 Caledonia (Royal Athletic Park parking lot). A community meeting is to be held once the sites have been evaluated and one has been selected. The results will then be reported to Council in order to confirm next steps to secure funding for the project. An alternative option was to

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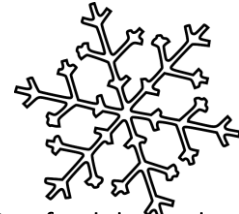
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initiate a feasibility study for the design and location of a new pool including \$725,000 to fund the study and a [Project Advisory Group](#) to provide advice and recommendation with regards to project options.

## Newcomers and Reconciliation

This third conversation in the series will focus on what reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples means to newcomers to Canada and will ask participants to consider their own responsibilities around reconciliation. The session will be held at Crystal Garden (713 Douglas Street) on Monday January 20 at 6:00pm and will be guided by Carey Newman and Victoria City Councillor Sharmarke Dubow. Each conversation is webcast and will be available online for future viewing. To learn more and register for the event, please go to the [City webpage](#).



## Participatory Budgeting Citizens' Group

Interested in helping your community decide how to invest a portion of the City's budget? The City of Victoria is seeking 15 volunteers to serve on the 2020 Participatory Budgeting Steering Committee.

The Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria will host this year's Participatory Budgeting Steering Committee, which will focus on empowering the community to allocate up to \$50,000 in funding for projects that benefit newcomers in the City of Victoria. The Committee develops and oversees the community-led budgeting process to engage and work with community members to develop ideas and proposals.

Drop in to learn more at a "Meet and Greet Information Session," Thursday, Jan. 30 from 4:30 p.m. – 6 p.m. hosted at the ICA Inter-Cultural Association, 930 Balmoral Road. Applications are available at [victoria.ca/pbvic](http://victoria.ca/pbvic) and can be submitted until Friday, February 7.

## Climate Champions Program

Council has amended the Strategic Plan and providing \$50,000 in funding to "Create a Climate Champions Program." The Climate Champions program will create and facilitate a network of Champions in order to share ideas, undertake partnerships, and encourage fun and innovative action to reduce the community's greenhouse gas emissions. The focus of the program is on action, mobilization and behavior change in line with the largest emissions sources in the City's Climate Leadership Plan.



## Calling All Musicians and Community Programmers

The City is updating its rosters of local musicians and community programmers for outdoor summer concerts, events and activities at Centennial Square and Beacon Hill. To be considered for these rosters, local musicians and community programmers are invited to apply online and provide links to samples of their work by Wednesday, January 15, 2020. Preference will be given to those based in the Capital Region. For details visit [victoria.ca/artsandculture](http://victoria.ca/artsandculture).

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## Free Youth Bus Passes

Youth 18 years of age and younger residing in the municipality of Victoria are eligible a free monthly transit pass from the City of Victoria. Passes are available for pick up Monday through Friday from 8:00am – 4:30pm from the Public Service Centre at City Hall. For details visit our [Transit](#) webpage.

## City Council Meetings

Committee of the Whole meets on January [9](#), [16](#), 23 and 30 at 9:00am. Council meets on January [9](#) and 30 beginning at 6:30pm.

Council will also meet on [January 14](#) to further develop the [2020 Financial Plan](#).

You can also find out more about Council meetings by:

- Watching recordings of the meetings [here](#)
- Tuning into [bi-weekly videos](#) for what's coming up for discussion at City Council
- Reviewing the decisions made at Council on our [Council Highlights](#) page
- Finding out how Councillors voted on the City [Council Meeting Dashboard](#)

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