**North Park Neighbourhood Association**

**July 2025 Monthly Meeting -Theme Transportation and Recreation**

**DATE:** July 8th, 2025

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Community Room at [1025 Mason Street](https://www.google.com/maps/place/1025+Mason+St,+Victoria,+BC/@48.4281379,-123.3555533,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x548f7487d3503787:0xe69cecbed1c177c9!8m2!3d48.4281379!4d-123.3555533)

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Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88416867584>

Phone in: 778-907-2071 (Meeting ID: 884 1686 7584)

| **6:30 pm Territorial acknowledgement, Opening Remarks and Introductions - NPNA** | | |
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| *The North Park Neighbourhood Association acknowledges the homelands of the Lekwungen Speaking Peoples, known today as the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations, on whose lands we are living, working, and collaborating.* | | |
| **Attendance / Introductions** | | |
| Board members present: Kaitie Fillion, Darren Marr,  Guests: Bri Godsman (NPNA), Jessica Murray (NPNA)  Other:  This month’s meeting is more casual-events and updates in and around the neighbourhood- unfortunately a few of our guest speakers and city staff couldn’t make it. We will revisit transportation with Capital Bike and North Park Bike shop at a later meeting. | | |
| **6:35 Substance-** | | |
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| **6:40 pm City of Victoria Update - Gary Pemberton (absent)** | | |
| **1.** **MyCity Online**  Step 1) Create a free MyCity Online profile to set up your City accounts and view them online.  Step 2) Sign up for e-billing to receive utility bills, property tax notices plus business licence and dog licence renewal invoices by email. E-billing is convenient and eco-friendly, enabling you to access statements online anytime, reducing paper waste and avoiding any mail delays.  On this page, you can access:  • Development Tracker Subscriptions  • Submit a Pre-Application Community Consultation Application  • Pre-Application Meeting for Development Concept  • Plan Search Requests  • Reserve Street Parking for Your Move  • Apply for a Electric Vehicle Street Charging Licence  • Apply for Board of Variance  • Apply for a Business License  • Apply for plumbing permits  • Apply for construction noise exemption permits  • Contractors only: Apply for blasting permits  • Contractors only: Apply for electrical permits  • Contractors only: Apply for utility permits  • Contractors only: Apply for borehole permits  • Contractors only: Apply for Street Occupancy Permit  **2.** **Beyond the Curb**  Let's keep recyclables out of the landfill! Victoria’s new Beyond the Curb pilot program makes it easier to recycle flexible plastics, foam packaging and small electronics and appliances. Drop-off is free, and staff will be on-site at each location to guide residents on what’s accepted and how to participate.  Locations and Schedule - Email us at zerowaste@victoria.ca to request a printable schedule.  Beyond the Curb Hub - 1234 Yates Street  Saturdays and Sundays, May – December  9 a.m. – 3 p.m.  \*This is the only location that accepts small electronic and appliances.  **Community markets**  James Bay Market  949 Superior Street  Saturdays, May 24 to October 4  9 a.m. – 3 p.m.  Moss Street Market  1330 Fairfield Road  Saturdays, May 24 to October  10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  Oaklands Sunset Market  1-2827 Belmont Avenue (Oaklands Community Centre)  Wednesdays, July 9 - Aug 27  4:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.  \*These locations do not accept small electronics and appliances.  **3.** **My Great Neighbourhood Grants**  The Neighbourhoods team has approved 25 grants so far this year with 3 grant going to the North Park Neighbourhood. We have approx. $30K left for the year and as the deadline in October approaches, we are forecasting to be fully subscribed before that. Please let me know if you are interested in applying to discuss your idea as soon as possible.  \_  **4.** **Borrow a Thermal Camera for DIY Retrofits**  The City is helping residents boost home energy efficiency with new thermal cameras available at the Victoria Tool Library. These easy-to-use cameras let you see where outside air is getting into your home. [Victoria Tool Library – We're building something good](https://victoriatoollibrary.org/)  Each camera comes with an instruction guide and handy tips for DIY draft-proofing. By making your home more efficient, you’ll save on energy bills and reduce your carbon footprint. You can also borrow a thermal camera from the Greater Victoria Public Library. | | |
| **6:45 pm Land Use Update: Jessica Murray (NPNA)** | | |
| **1625 Quadra Street** **Project Overview**: The Victoria Cannabis Buyers Club (VCBC) has submitted a rezoning application on May 22nd to permit a cannabis retail store that will provide low-cost cannabis for medicinal purposes. The proposal includes a safe on-site consumption lounge with seating for approximately 18 people.**1555 Vancouver Street**   * **Project Overview:** Warmland Cannabis submitted a rezoning application on May 13th to permit an 820 sq. ft. cannabis retail store adjacent to the Save-On-Foods on Pandora Avenue.   **930/934 Balmoral Road and 1701 Quadra Street**   * **Project Overview:** The Property Development Council of the United Church of Canada and Aryze Developments are partnering to propose the redevelopment of the site into a new faith, arts, and culture space, along with a six-storey, mixed-use rental building. The proposal includes 129 rental homes—a mix of market and affordable units—and ground-floor commercial space.  **926/930 Pandora Avenue Redevelopment**  * **Project Overview:** BC Housing, the City of Victoria, and the Capital Region Housing Corporation (CRHC) are partnering to build 205 new affordable rental and supportive homes at 926/930 Pandora Avenue. The proposed 20-storey building will also feature a large community space with childcare facilities on the ground floor.   **938 Mason Street (Wellness House)**   * **Project Overview:** The ACEH, in collaboration with BC Housing, is developing 30 to 35 studio and two-bedroom units to provide wrap-around services tailored to the Indigenous Street Family. These services will include culturally appropriate social, health, and land-based healing supports to assist individuals on their journey of healing and recovery from substance use. | | |
| **7:00 pm: North Park Events and Updates - Bri Godsman (NPNA)** | | |
| **Thanks to the My Great neighbourhood grant we are able to activate the Hub courtyard with free events and fun this summer, all supplies provided as well as light refreshments.**  **Upcoming Craft Circles! 1701 quadra Street, in the courtyard next to vinyl Envy.**  **Friday July 11th- 4-6pm -Splatter Painting**  Unleash your inner artist, and enjoy intuitive abstract art in the hub courtyard.  **Sunday July 20th -2-4pm- Marker Tie Dye**  We will be using alcohol markers to create tie dye designs, bring an old article of clothing you’d like to give new life.  **Free Kids Soccer Sessions at Royal Athletic Park.**  The NPNA and the BCMA are bringing back free drop in soccer for kids this summer! Supplies and snacks will be provided. Ages 5-13.  **July 12th**  **July 19th**  **July 26th**  **August 2nd**  Select Saturdays between 10am and 12pm!  **August 4th- 10am-2pm -BC Day Pancake Breakfast and Neighbourhood walk. 1701 quadra Street, in the courtyard next to vinyl Envy.**  Join us for a free Pancake Breakfast on Monday August 4th from 10am-12pm we will have music, games and crafts for all ages!  The breakfast will be followed by a neighbourhood walk led by members of the NPNA board, we’ll talk about bike lanes, bus stops, safety and more and point out all our favourite spots in North Park!  **Wednesday August 27th- 6-7pm Naloxone Training- in our office, enter through 1701 quadra Street, in the courtyard next to vinyl Envy.**  Leading up to overdose awareness day, we will have another Naloxone training in our office taught by Substance. Come learn how to administer life saving Naloxone, everyone will leave with a kit | | |
| **7:15 pm Questions/Action Items** | | |
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