



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](#)

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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

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-

Upcoming, BBQ on the block with aug 31 with QomQem, Solid
Indigenous Harm reduction and decolonizing drug checking, available on the website.
2 Research Reports, Not Just Fentanoyl, about synthetic opioids

- Less than 2% of substances not
- Nitazines in pressed pills- an unknown potency, stronger than fentanyl typically, in expected pressed pill, not expected benzodiazepines.
- Carfentanil has made a comeback, Substance is able to detect with mass spectrometer, if it is in combination with fentanyl
- Solid has given them the side door room, a space that is out of the more confidential space
- Solid put in a proposal to UVIC to have drug checking on campus
- Clicker number has been useful to help people- community mental health team



- **Victoria:** If you or someone you know in Victoria is experiencing a crisis, you can reach the CRCL Team at 250-818-2454.
- Services are available between 7:30am and 12:30am, 7 days/week.
- The CRCL Team includes both individuals with lived/living experience, and mental health professionals. It focuses on health, well-being, and community support.

When do people come in- people come in before they consume and after they consume- if it has adverse effects people will come in. Atleast $\frac{1}{3}$ are people testing for other people.

Substance has free snacks, water, and naloxone. A bottle of water is a nice way to wake people up.

Chemistry students doing $\frac{1}{2}$ day experiential,

Powow coming up, Substance as a community resource will be open during the day and support the event

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.

- If anyone wants to apply for another My Great Neighbourhood grant and work with the NPNA please do! We have already applied for our maximum amount of projects we can (Hub activation and Open Mic!) but we would love to work with you to support your project and house your grant.

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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](#)

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.
 - NPNA would like to make public comment open

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.
 - CALUC meeting was April 23, we have sent a summary of community feedback

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.
 - Got held up because there was a seagulls nest, they need to relocate
 - When the abandoned building went down, rats ended up all over the surrounding streets,
 - The old Girl Guide house has also been abandoned for a while and needs to come down

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.
 - Wasn't a CALUC required because it is a BC housing project
 - But they have been doing lots of community engagement- more so than a regular CALUC
 - For example, garbage and recycling, moved because it was right against someone's backyard, as well as smoking area moved due to resident concerns
 - Residential neighbours on Mason were hoping for a traditional setback, it is more than in the original plans but not as far away from the street as standard



- Mason street will have a major project on both sides of the street for the next 4 years
- CALUC committee, email list gives you an invite to every Land Use Committee meeting, meetings are held whenever there is a new development

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!

- Janes walk, Jane Jacobs- Urbanist
- Neighbourhood walk is a low barrier civic engagement option
- We've had lots of walks like this, urban tree walks,

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 Suzanne- Play Streets

Suzanne Anothony, lives right by Vic high,

A play street, came out of a block party. Shutting down the street for freedom of play

- Secured funding for honorarium, themes for the play streets. One theme is a kids maker fair, fun and games, potluck, once a month through the summer except august May, June, July,
- September ends with stone soup and smores.
- Themes around community, fun, food security, bike repair, mending, upcycling, crafting.
- You need a permit to shut down the street, everyone pitches in a little bit, it is very affordable. One loaf of bread can go a long way when everyone is bringing something.

This Sunday afternoon-1-3- Vic High- Camosun street (from Grant to Balmoral)

Neighbourhood small grants have been great for expanding the program renting tents, table.

Pollinator garden, everyone gets outside and digs in the garden

Penny question- Will we get the bulletin board fixed? Cubbins Castle and North Park agreement for advertising local events. Castle dug up all the native plants.

Penny still has the original document- no cooperation from group that owns the property-



Should we move to an outdoor bulletin board model without the glass, keep using it so it is accessible to community members.

Similar to what fernwood uses at fernwood square

Should we move the bulletin board- we should use the location we currently have and advocate for another.

We now have four committees associated with the NPNA, they are currently populated by NPNA board and staff but we will be putting calls out to community members, less commitment then joining the board.

BC Housing will be coming to the October community meeting.

Circle team at the next meeting, Public safety, community safety plan, could we ask Marianne to come?

Children and youth led play street?

How can we do youth and children engagement- youth can apply, they may need an adult sponsor.

We will add in the next newsletter- resources for connecting with a My Great Neighbourhood Grant.