

February 2021 Update

North Park

In Your Neighbourhood

Community Virtuals

The next session in the <u>Community Virtuals</u> series in 2021 will be "The Power of Community Art" on Wednesday, February 17 from noon to 1:30pm. Our panel of artists include Paula Jardine, Cemi Kraig, Jesse Campbell and Raphael Divi, who collectively have a wealth of experience leading art projects that involve residents. This will be a great opportunity to get inspired and hear some tips on how to get your ideas happening!

Registration for this online discussion is free at www.victoria.ca/neighbourhoods.

CRD Climate News

If you or someone you know would like to become a Climate Champion and receive emails from the Climate Action Program in the future, please email Sustainability@Victoria.ca with information.

Neighbourhood Boundaries

Council discussed an update to Neighbourhood Association boundaries at their February 4th meeting. It was suggested that consideration be given to moving the eastern boundary of North Park to include both sides of Cook Street, thereby placing North Park Village entirely within the neighbourhood. Proposed changes would be brought to affected neighbourhood associations and the Victoria Community Association Network for input before Council determines any boundary changes.

Are You Alertable?

The City of Victoria is now using Alertable to send Vic-Alert emergency notifications for incidents such as tsunamis and gas leaks. In order for current subscribers to continue receiving emergency notifications, they must re-subscribe to

Vic-Alert. Signing up is easy and free at <u>Victoria.ca/VicAlert</u>. You can choose to receive emergency notifications by text message, phone, email, and/or the Alertable app.

Vancouver Street Bike Route













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Project is progressing as planned and the full length of the corridor from Tolmie Avenue to Dallas Road is expected to be complete by the end of March 2021. This will include all new paving and traffic control signals. The roundabout and improvements on Cook Street, just north of the village, are scheduled for completion in April and the new signal by George Jay School (Cook at Princess) will be operational this month.

You can find more information on this project at https://engage.victoria.ca/aaa-cycling-network, or sign up for regular updates to the AAA bike path by sending a request to engage@victoria.ca.

Hey Neighbour!

Aryze Developments and partnering organizations are continuing with plans for the Tiny Homes initiative on the eastern side of the Royal Athletic Park parking lot. The project is scheduled for opening at the end of March and

the required Temporary Use Permit application will be presented to Council for approval in coming weeks. A referral has been sent to the North Park Neighbourhood Association's Land Use Committee for Council's consideration at the meeting.

In a related motion, on February 4th Council amended their Strategic Plan to include a 2022 action to: "work with partner agencies to explore the creation of an emergency housing function".

Crystal Pool

Crystal Pool and Fitness Centre reopened on February 1 for swimming, equipment and programs. To address COVID19 concerns, access is limited and registration required via an online appointment. Masks are required when moving around inside the facility and showers are limited to a quick rinse. Lockers are not available – instead, baskets are provided for taking clothing items with you to your workout area.

City Council Meetings

Committee of the Whole meets on February 4, 11, 18 and 25 at 9:00am with Council meetings following Committee meetings. The Mayor has upcoming monthly virtual drop-ins scheduled February 9 (4:30-5:30) and March 9 (noon-1:00).





