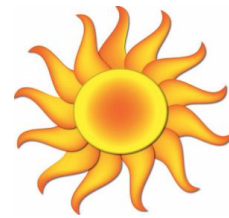




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In Your Neighbourhood

Welcoming City Strategy

Building on public input during the first round of engagement, the community now has the opportunity to provide feedback on potential ideas for the Welcoming City Strategy in an online survey. The online survey organizes potential ideas for the Strategy into seven categories aligned with the Welcoming Standard, which include: Government Leadership, Equitable Access, Civic Engagement, Connected Communities, Education, Economic Development and Safe Communities.



The community is invited to provide feedback on ideas that will inform the actions in the Welcoming City Strategy by completing an online survey **by July 11**.

<https://engage.victoria.ca/help-make-victoria-a-welcoming-city>

Village and Corridors Plan

On July 15, Council will consider a report on the Village and Corridors Plan. The second round of engagement for Phase 1 has concluded. The results, together with technical studies and analyses, have provided key directions for the study area and three neighbourhoods. These directions will form the basis for draft neighbourhood plans, design guidelines, and bylaw amendments, which can now be developed and presented to the public in a proposed third and final round of engagement. You can find the report and supporting documents in the meeting agenda:

<https://pub-victoria.escribemeetings.com/Meeting.aspx?Id=35f0b651-dbe7-4858-b228-0b0380991853&Agenda=Agenda&lang=English&Item=14&Tab=attachments>

Honorary Citizens

Do you know someone who makes our community a better place? Nominate them for the City’s Honorary Citizen Award, which celebrates those who have performed outstanding personal achievements and service for the betterment of our community.

Nominees must demonstrate outstanding contributions in one or more categories including arts and culture, business, environment, heritage, health and sports. Ten recipients will be selected for the award. Nomination packages must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, July 25, 2021. For more information, go to:

<https://www.victoria.ca/EN/main/city/honorary-citizen-award.html>

Government Street Refresh

The community is invited to help shape the *Government Street Refresh* design concept to ensure this street continues to be a vibrant, historic and animated public space for the next 50 years. **Until July**

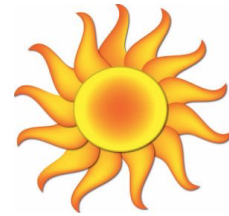


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11, the public can fill out a short online survey and submit their written ideas, illustrations, images and videos online on how to make Government Street one of the best streets in Canada at engage.victoria.ca.

Budget Planning

At their July 8 Committee meeting, Council will receive a report from Mayor Helps proposing that Council dedicate time at the meeting to revisit its Strategic Plan and identify top priorities for implementation in 2020. The report acknowledges that there is not sufficient time in the current Council's term to fulfill all its objectives and that it would be preferable to consider top priorities early in the budget planning process.



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Royal Athletic Program Funding

Council has recommended approving an award a \$9,985 grant to the North Park Neighborhood Association at their July 8 Council meeting. The funding will cover the cost of hosting programs and events at Royal Athletic Park in 2021. Council also encouraged the NPNA to engage with the VIRCS, the Intercultural Association and the Muslim Association Mosque with regards to community programming.

<https://pub-victoria.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=68974>

Central Library Renewal

Council has approved a proposed project plan for a Central Library Feasibility Study. The first step toward redevelopment of the Central Library will be to complete the feasibility study to evaluate the library operation's functional requirements and the technical and financial implications of redeveloping the existing site or a new location. An output of the study will be an assessment of the options and relative value of each. Upon completion, staff will report to Council and confirm direction on the preferred redevelopment methodology.

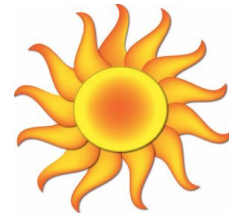
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Participatory Budgeting

A second online information session for prospective applicants for Participatory Budgeting grants will be held on **Saturday July 10 from 10am to noon**. You can also view the June 24 session online. The community-based Participatory Budgeting Steering Committee is seeking proposals for \$50,000 to be invested for projects that enhance and enrich neighbourhood spaces throughout Victoria. Participatory Budgeting gives the entire community the opportunity to vote on how to invest a portion of the City budget in projects that matter to the



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people who live here. You can learn about Participatory Budgeting at www.victoria.ca/EN/main/residents/city-grants/participatory-budgeting.html.

Council Meetings

Committee of the Whole meets on July 8, 15, 22 and 29 at 9:00am with Council evening meetings on July 15 and 29 at 6:30pm.