



NORTH PARK

Welcoming City Strategy

On October 21, Council received the Welcoming City Strategy and Action Plan. The purpose of this initiative was to co-create a roadmap for a stronger, more inclusive community, and bridge the gaps between newcomers and long-time residents. A two-phased public engagement approach using the **By Us, For Us** model was conducted to enlist expertise and lived experiences of both long-term residents and newcomers to inform the recommendations.

The Action Plan includes 22 recommended actions for targeted short (1-2 years), medium (2-3 years) and long-term (3-5 years) timelines. Implementation steps are based on ease of execution, resource requirements, the need for collaborative development with community partner organizations, and necessary measures for success and subject to further refinement.

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October Community Virtual

The next topic for the Community Virtuals Lunch and Learn series will be on addressing trash in the City. Every day, over 120 tonnes of materials are disposed and sent to the landfill. The Zero Waste Victoria strategy was adopted in 2020 to tackle our challenges, with a target of 50% reduction in landfill disposal by 2040. Learn more about how residents and visitors can make a difference in the City's waste reduction efforts.

Join us on Wednesday, November 17, noon – 1:30 p.m. Register for free tickets at nothingwasted.eventbrite.ca



2022 City Financial Plan

On October 21, Council began its review of the City's draft Financial Plan for 2022-2026. The staff report provides a clear and concise overview of City expenditures and goals to be achieved. An equity lens modelled after the City of Toronto's Equity Responsive Budgeting (ERB) approach was applied to the 2022 Financial Plan. Four departments completed equity assessments for new or changed service and programs. Staff commented that the assessment tool was a useful way to learn and apply the four dimensions of equity (structural, procedural, distributional and intergenerational). They noted challenges in determining projects' impact on specific equity-seeking groups and suggested a closer connection to community-determined priorities and needs in the future.

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City Building Blocks

Join our Community Planning staff and Mayor Helps in the new City Building Blocks lunch and learn series. The next session will be "Affordable Housing and Co-location" (November 10 from 11:30am - 12:30pm). Go here for more information and to register:

www.victoria.ca/EN/meta/news/news-archives/2021-news/you-re-invited-city-building-blocks-lunch-learns.html



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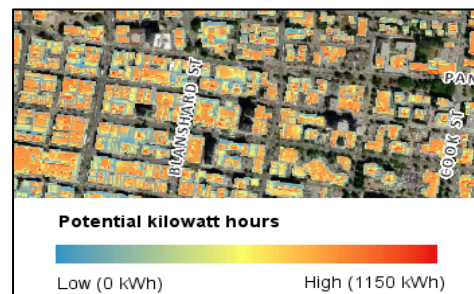
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Solar Power Assessment Tool

Check out the new tool for assessing the solar power potential of your house. The tool is easy to use and provides you with a quick analysis of your roof's power generation and answers fundamental questions about how this could serve your energy needs. <https://solarrooftop.victoria.ca/prod/public/>



Build Back Victoria Update

On October 14, Council adopted recommendations for the Build Back Victoria program whereby businesses struggling under COVID 19 measures are provided with opportunities to access public space. These included that new applications connected to a liquor license only be considered until October 31, 2021 and that all *existing* Build Back Victoria permit holders be rolled over until October 31, 2022. Staff were also directed to incorporate lessons learned from Build Back Victoria.

Governance Review

The consultant undertaking Council's Strategic Plan action item for Undertaking a Governance Review is beginning the first phase of the project. This will be to determine the scope of the Governance Review. It will consist of interviews with Mayor and Council, a group interview with senior staff, and a focus group(s) of representatives ~30 stakeholder groups. This includes senior centres, CALUCs and VCAN.

Council approved MNP's proposed selection criteria for the public stakeholder group with some additions to the list of organizations. This stakeholder engagement is solely for the purposes of determining the scope; additional consultation will be undertaken as part of the second phase.



The intention is to determine specific representatives for the focus group, convene the group and prepare the final project charter for Council by the end of December.

WHAT'S UP AT COUNCIL

	Committee of the Whole (COTW) 9:00 a.m.	Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.
	November 4, 18 & 25	November 4 & 25



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