



**NORTH PARK**

**Boundary Report**

Council received a staff report documenting community feedback on proposed boundary changes on September 23. Council did not advance any further action for relocation of North Park boundaries.

**October Community Virtual**

The next topic for the Community Virtuals Lunch and Learn series will be on the City's Local Champions training program. Are you a community leader-in-waiting and interested in developing your latent leadership talent? Local Champions provides a series of skill-building workshops for a group of individuals who want to increase their capacity to make a difference in their community. Join us on Wednesday, October 20, noon – 1:30 p.m. as we discuss what it's like to become a Local Champion. Register for free tickets at [victoria.ca/communityvirtuals](http://victoria.ca/communityvirtuals)

**Mobile Crisis Team**

On October 7 Council received a presentation from the Canadian Mental Health Association describing the concept of a community-led mobile crisis team. Establishing such a team would be intended to provide a more effective response to crisis situations that are best addressed by mental health specialists rather than police officers. Council supported planning for development of a response continuum that would support this approach.

Police	Co-Response	Civilian-Led
<p><b>Mental Health Liaison Officers</b> monitor case managed individuals and support review panel and extended leave processes.</p>	<p><b>Assertive Outreach Team (AOT)</b> pairs a MHSU service provider with an officer in a police car to provide outreach services. Program focuses on short term stabilization and risk mitigation, compared to the long-term planning and intervention of ACT teams.</p>	<p><b>Assertive Community Treatment (ACT)</b> are mobile units that partner MHSU services in local health authorities with community partners, including police. Teams provide rehabilitation, healthcare assessment and treatment on an ongoing basis.</p>
		<p><b>Community Outreach and Assertive Services Team (COAST)</b> combines social workers, nurses, psychiatrists, community support and peer support to assist people in moving towards recovery and facilitate independence.</p>
		<p><b>Mobile Crisis Teams</b> staffed by non-clinical mental health specialists provide support and connection to a range of services such as housing, treatment, benefits, employment, etc</p>

**Cultural Infrastructure Grants**

On October 7, Council received a staff report on the inaugural Cultural Infrastructure Grant (CIG) Program. The CIG program supports local not-for-profit organizations to purchase equipment, fund upgrades, conduct planning studies and acquire new cultural spaces. Council approved \$125,000 in one-time funding in 2021 for the Cultural Infrastructure Grant program. The program received 25 applications with funding requests of \$401,813. Due to limited funds, 15 applicants were partially funded, representing a 60% applicant success rate.

Staff recommended increased funding for an ongoing annual grant program and revisions to the grant program guidelines based on feedback on the 2021 program. Key suggested revisions include increasing maximum funding amounts for three grant categories, a peer-based evaluation methodology and meeting key eligibility criteria.

**City Building Blocks**

Join our Community Planning staff and Mayor Helps in the new City Building Blocks lunch and learn series. Upcoming sessions include Missing Middle Housing (October 12 from noon – 1:00pm) and Affordable Housing and Co-location



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

### Cycling Safety Campaign

In partnership with the CRD Traffic Safety Commission, the City is launching a safety campaign for All Ages and Abilities (AAA) cycling routes. The educational campaign will run over the next several months and focus on promoting positive and respectful behaviour among all road users. Residents can also sign up for free bike rides to learn more about the rules of the road on neighbourhood bikeways and multi-use pathways. For more information and where to sign up for guided group rides visit [victoria.ca/GoVictoria](http://victoria.ca/GoVictoria).



Public skating and lessons are back at Memorial Centre! Skate and helmet rentals are available

### Trees in the City

Victoria's urban forest is comprised of approximately 150,000 trees in our parks, natural areas, boulevards, residential gardens and backyards. The City manages approximately one quarter of the urban forest inventory, while the remaining 75 per cent is located on private and other public land. If you and your neighbours want to learn more about trees, and plant some on your own property, the City is offering a small grant up to \$1000 through the *My Great Neighbourhood Grant* program. Read the one-page information sheet [here](#) and then reach out to your neighbourhood liaison to talk about an application. [MGNG Trees in Cities 2021.pdf \(victoria.ca\)](#) Late autumn (October/November) is the perfect time to plant trees so get talking to your neighbours.

## WHAT'S UP AT COUNCIL

	<b>Committee of the Whole (COTW) 9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.</b>
	October 7, 14, 21 & 28	October 14 & 28


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