



NORTH PARK



Crystal Pool

Due to the new restrictions issued by the Provincial Health Officer, the fitness centre and fitness classes have been cancelled until January 18th. The pool remains open but now requires proof of vaccination for everyone 12 and older and that everyone over 5 years old wear a mask in common areas. The Kids Winter Break program will continue to the extended date of Friday, January 7.

<https://www.victoria.ca/EN/main/residents/facilities/crystal-pool.html>

Streets and Traffic Bylaw Amendment

On January 6, Council approved an amendment (#11) to the Streets and Traffic Bylaw that enables the direction of Engineering and Public Works to regulate traffic types on sections of streets to support the prioritization of pedestrian traffic. The change was intended to accommodate changes in use introduced through the City's COVID response program that allowed non-vehicle use of streets. This may provide more flexibility in neighbourhoods where residents desire design options to increase pedestrianization and street traffic conditions are appropriate.

<https://pub-victoria.escribemeetings.com/Meeting.aspx?Id=445e4484-7f30-46d0-b65b-3751d8aacb78&Agenda=Agenda&lang=English&Item=18&Tab=attachments>

Advancing Affordable Housing

On January 13, Council will receive a staff report recommending first stages of approval for amendments to the Zoning Regulation Bylaw and Zoning Bylaw that would increase the maximum density affordable housing projects to the maximum density identified in the Official Community Plan, and amendments to the Land Use Procedures Bylaw to delegate Development Permits with or without Variances as well as Development Variance Permits for affordable housing developments to staff. The proposed changes are being presented in response to a Council request in May 2021 and included consideration of submissions from affordable housing providers and the Victoria Community Association Network.

<https://pub-victoria.escribemeetings.com/Meeting.aspx?Id=ee9bda5d-5a0f-4628-8b28-7ed2f947df34&Agenda=Agenda&lang=English&Item=15&Tab=attachments>

Royal Athletic Park Fees

On January 6, Council approved first reading of the 2022 Parks and Recreation Fee Bylaw. A motion was also approved directing staff to bring a proposed amendment to the bylaw prior to final readings that would provide that the NPNA is exempted from the payment of fees convened in the Royal Athletic Park. The amended bylaw will come into effect in early spring.



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2022 City Financial Plan

Council received community input on the Financial Plan at their meeting on December 9, 2021. Further discussions of the budget will be broadcast online and have been scheduled for January 10, 14, 17 and 24 from 9:00am to 4:00pm. To view the draft Financial Plan and for further information on the budget preparation process, please visit the City website.

<https://www.victoria.ca/EN/main/city/city-budget.html>

Neighbourhood Boundaries Public Hearing

A non-statutory public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 6:30pm. This will be the final opportunity for residents to provide input on two proposed neighbourhood boundary changes and a land use decision before Council considers them for adoption. You can submit your written or video comments, or register to speak at the hearing by contacting publichearings@victoria.ca by 2:00pm on the day of the hearing.

The hearing will specifically focus on the following motions:

- Joining a portion of the Jubilee neighbourhood to the Oaklands neighbourhood
- Joining a portion of the Fairfield neighbourhood to Downtown

For more information, visit: Victoria.ca/publichearings.



Community Virtuals

Meet us online for the upcoming Community Virtuals lunch and learn series. All sessions are on Wednesdays from noon to 1:30pm.

- Neighbourhood Led Action Plan – a guide for making improvements to your neighbourhood (February 16)
- My Great Neighbourhood Grants – learn more about the grant program as we launch the 2022 program in April (March 16)
- Neighbourhood Traffic Calming – find out how the City considers traffic calming and opportunities for community involvement (April 20)

Registration is free at victoria.ca/communityvirtuals

Placemaking Toolkit

The City's new Placemaking Toolkit is will be presented to Council on January 13. The toolkit is intended to provide education and information on the placemaking process, as well as guidance and inspiration for putting projects together. The toolkit includes a catalogue of elements that placemaking champions may choose to use in their projects.

<https://pub-victoria.escribemeetings.com/Meeting.aspx?Id=ee9bda5d-5a0f-4628-8b28-7ed2f947df34&Agenda=Agenda&lang=English&Item=14&Tab=attachments>



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Participatory Budget Awards

The community has spoken! The theme for this year was “neighbourhood spaces” with over 1,300 residents registering their votes. Winners of the 2021 community voting process were:

- Waddington Alley Mural - \$6,500
- Outdoor Community Hub at Docksider Green - \$2,500
- BIPOC Artist Billboard in Old Town - \$5,000
- Curbside Colour (street murals) - \$15,750
- Pop-Up Documentaries - \$20,000
- (Movie) Picture Nights in Oakland - \$4,830

Many thanks to the volunteer steering committee for all their work shepherding the process along.

<https://www.victoria.ca/EN/meta/news/news-archives/2021-news/community-votes-are-in-top-six-neighbour-spaces-projects-to-receive-54-000.html>

Strategic Plan Grants

Community organizations can now submit applications for projects or programs that support the actions and outcomes of the City’s Strategic Plan, build community resilience and advance Council’s stated values on equity. In 2021, Council provided more than \$470,000 in Strategic Plan Grants to 53 community organizations for a range of projects, such as a community food-sharing program, Indigenous reconciliation circles, mental health counselling for newcomers, a youth suicide prevention program, and housing support for women impacted by domestic violence.



A free virtual workshop will be held **on** Wednesday, January 12 and Wednesday, January 19 from 9:00am – noon. The workshop will provide a detailed overview of the grant application process and an opportunity to ask questions. To sign up to participate, email grants@victoria.ca. The application process ends on January 31, 2022.

<https://www.victoria.ca/EN/meta/news/news-archives/2022-archive/now-accepting-applications-for-strategic-plan-grants.html>

WHAT’S UP AT COUNCIL?

Special Committee of the Whole	Committee of the Whole (COTW) 9:00 am	Council Meeting 6:30 pm
9:00am to 4:00pm	Council 1:00pm	
January 10, 14, 17, 24	January 6, 13, 20, 27	January 13, 27



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