



NORTH PARK

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Governance Review

Council has approved proposed scope for the City's Governance Review to Council. The objective of the review is to seek "efficient, effective and inclusive governance". The next phase of the project will involve further community engagement, a review of current process documents and best practices, and a report to Council with recommendations by July 24, 2022.

<https://pub-victoria.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=76420>

Council Meeting / Decision-Making Processes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agendas and schedule Virtual participation Decision-making information Decision-making processes 	Role of Mayor and Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Role and responsibilities Participation on committees Time commitment Remuneration, incl expense & constituency fund 	Advisory Committees and Task Forces <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Structure, mandate and delegated authority Function, administrative support and processes, including flow of information 	Public Access and Input to Council Decision-Making <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Equitable access, Public participation in decision-making processes Virtual participation 	Transparency & Accountability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decision-making processes Public reporting on implementation of plans and progress Reporting on response to public input
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Fitness at Crystal Pool Reopens

Fitness facilities at Crystal Pool and Fitness Centre are open for individual activities and group classes with limited capacity. Due to capacity limits required under current COVID restrictions, group fitness classes must be booked in advance. The pool and other facility amenities continue to be open and do not require advance booking. Check the website for schedules, programs, and registration information. victoria.ca/recreation.

New Youth Poet Laureate

The City of Victoria and the Greater Victoria Public Library are pleased to announce Eli Mushumanski as Victoria's new Youth Poet Laureate. The Youth Poet Laureate is a one-year term position for 2022. In addition to the year-long mentorship, the position receives a \$1,750 honorarium and \$2,000 of project funding.



Community Garden Grants

On February 10, Council will receive a staff report recommending the adoption of a proposed Growing in the City (GITC) Grant Policy which will integrate all food and gardening grants currently providing over \$200,000 in support to the community. The proposed policy streamlines all high-level food systems' grant information, including the GITC grant policy's objectives, grant definitions,



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and review process, while also linking to the specific details of each grant's terms of reference, such as the eligibility criteria and application process.

<https://pub-victoria.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=77026>

Family Day at Royal Athletic Park

The City of Victoria is hosting a free BC Family Day event at Royal Athletic Park! Activities include family friendly music, activity stations, mini-field soccer, bouncy castle and bocce.

Monday, February 21, 2022 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Royal Athletic Park, 1014 Caledonia Ave.



Construction in Neighbourhoods

Residents can find information about large construction projects in their neighbourhoods on the City's online map. Engineering and Public Works projects always involve consideration for resident notification. Typically, the larger the scope and longer the duration of the project, the more engagement is undertaken before and during the project. Because of the volume of works that the City undertakes either directly or through contractors, broad public notification cannot be undertaken for all projects. There may be emergency works that are required, or tasks may be small in scope, of relatively short duration and of limited impact. In these cases, staff visit the site and notify all residents and business owners who they believe will be directly impacted by the work (e.g. service interruption, access to property).

<https://vicmap.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=3fe72a5ff05a40828456a10d2234bfc2>

Public Skating

Enjoy public skating this winter at the Save-On-Foods Memorial Centre. All ages and abilities are welcome and skate rentals are available. Skate where the Victoria Royals play! View the February public skating schedule online. Proof of vaccination is required. Learn more at victoria.ca/arena.



Spring Gardening Workshops

Registration opens February 1 for new Growing in the City workshops. The Grow Your Own Food webinar on March 2 is a crash course in veggie growing for beginners who want to start growing their own fresh produce and experienced gardeners who want tips and tricks for success. The Seedling Starting webinar on March 17 will teach you which seeds need to be started indoors, how to start your seeds, how to care for your baby plants, how and when to harden them off and transplant for maximum harvest. Fruit Tree Pruning 101 on March 26 is an introduction fruit tree pruning in late winter and early spring. Learn more and register at victoria.ca/recreation.



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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.

WHAT'S UP AT COUNCIL?

Special Committee of the Whole 9:00am to 4:00pm	Committee of the Whole (COTW) 9:00 am Council 1:00pm	Council Meeting 6:30 pm
February 3, 10, 17, 24	February 3, 10, 17, 24	February 10, 24


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