



Sister City Relations Suspended

Council has suspended its twin city relationship with Khabarovsk, Russia until the cessation of recent Russian hostilities in Ukraine and the withdrawal of Russian forces. Council also asked the Mayor to write to the Khabarovsk Mayor and city council, advising them of this decision to suspend our twin city relationship, including the rationale behind the decision, and, recognizing their history of independence and commitment to their residents, urging them to publicly declare:

- Their opposition to President Putin's invasion of the sovereign country of Ukraine, calling for an immediate end to the war
- Their support for the sovereign state and people of Ukraine
- Their commitment to using every avenue possible – including their twin city relationships – to establish peace among people and nations.

<https://pub-victoria.escribemeetings.com/Meeting.aspx?Id=38969152-bf26-4154-8702-df5c0f487c8b&Agenda=Merged&lang=English&Item=18&Tab=attachments>

Government Street Redesign

The community is invited to provide comments on the Government Street Refresh draft concept design. The design proposes two new cultural plazas with landmarks to serve as gateways to the street – a Lekwungen plaza at Humboldt and a realignment of the Pandora intersection to create a new plaza for Chinatown.

Residents can participate in an online Open House on Wednesday, March 9 at noon and again at 6 p.m. Registration is not required. You can also take part in an online survey or provide feedback in an email to engage@victoria.ca until March 20.

<https://engage.victoria.ca/government-street-refresh>

Walking the Dog

On March 10, Council will consider a Council member motion for City staff to report back on the cost and feasibility of enclosing a portion of the east end of Harris Green at Chambers and Pandora for an off-leash dog run area as part of the 2023 budget process.

<https://pub-victoria.escribemeetings.com/Meeting.aspx?Id=69a7045e-1013-4a8d-9d3b-226219edb3db&Agenda=Agenda&lang=English&Item=19&Tab=attachments>



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Chinese Canadian Museum Victoria

The Chinese Canadian Museum and the Victoria Chinatown Museum Society have opened an exhibition space in Fan Tan Alley. The Chinatown museum will enable visitors to learn about the history and lived experiences of Victoria's Chinese community. The First Steps exhibit will focus on the starting points of Chinese Canadian settlers in Victoria, the oldest Chinatown in the country. The Gold Mountain Dream! examines the history of Chinese migrants in British Columbia during the 1850s in the search for gold.

<https://www.chinesecanadianmuseum.ca/exhibit/first-steps-gold-mountain-dream/?fbclid=IwAR2HpJZnV0kfjW373rxDfoJOJryfn0Ma377mC105WU2UTnV3EIsEfTg6R4>



Neighbourhood Led Action Plan Guide

The City has created a guidebook to help you create your own Neighbourhood Led Action Plan. The steps outlined in this guide bring residents, business owners, schools and other community organizations together to share ideas and collectively achieve neighbourhood goals. Working on a plan together can help to identify priorities, project champions and the resources required to complete community objectives. It's another way to improve quality of life in the neighbourhood.



<https://www.victoria.ca/EN/main/residents/neighbourhoods/tools-and-resources.html>

Base and Coordinator Grant Report

On February 24, Council approved a staff report and neighbourhood associations grant reports for the Neighbourhood Base (per capita) Grant and Neighbourhood Coordinator Grant programs. The report acknowledges that neighbourhood associations continue to fulfil the objectives of the funding programs and includes a recommended policy for the two funding streams.

<https://pub-victoria.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=77442>

Community Virtuals

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

- 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.



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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	
March 3, 10, 17, 24	March 3, 10, 17, 24	March 10, 24

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