



NORTH PARK

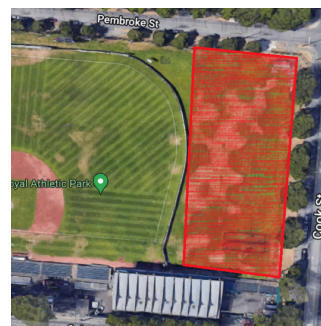
Contributing to Reconciliation

On March 24, Council approved a motion to establish an opportunity for property taxpayers to pay a voluntary additional amount with their tax payment to be directed to the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations (e.g. 5%, 10%) as a reconciliation contribution. Council previously approved a \$200,000 annual reconciliation grant from the City to the two First Nations on a trial basis for five years commencing in 2022. Voluntary contributions from taxpayers will be sent with the City's reconciliation grant each year.

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Off-Leash Dog Park

On April 14, Council will consider a Councillor-initiated motion that "...staff report back at the next Triannual Update on the implications and advisability of amending the Animal Responsibility Bylaw to proceed with a Pilot Project allowing leash-optional use of a designated portion of Royal Athletic Park from 6:00am - 10:00am and 5:00pm – 7:00pm daily, with the provision of temporary suspension for events and other park uses/users as needed."



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Community Virtuals

Meet us online for the final Community Virtuals lunch and learn session on Wednesday April 20 at noon. This session will focus on neighbourhood traffic calming – find out how the City considers traffic calming and opportunities for community involvement. Registration is free at victoria.ca/communityvirtuals.

Neighbourhood Small Grant

The Vancouver Foundation is offering \$500 grants for small projects proposed by informal groups of residents. Grants can be used for "...any project that will bring your community together, build community strength and resilience, or tackle social isolation. Some common types of Neighbourhood Small Grant projects include care package deliveries or teaching people a new skill, but there are also many unique projects that don't fall into these categories." For more information, go to <https://neighbourhoodsmallgrants.ca/about/>. The application window closes at the end of April 2022.



NeighbourHubs

NeighbourHubs are intended to create public spaces that foster community connection and provide emergency resources for neighbourhoods in Victoria. They can include features like seating, public art, and emergency supplies, offering a space to meet neighbours, and build support networks in the community.



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We would like to hear your ideas for designing NeighbourHubs in Victoria. Take the City survey at engage.victoria.ca/neighbourhubs by April 20 and let us know what you think makes a great NeighbourHub. To learn more, please go to [Victoria.ca/preparedneighbours](https://victoria.ca/preparedneighbours).

Garden Grants

Council has approved Growing in the City Volunteer Coordinator Grant and Service Grant Awards for this year. North Park Neighbourhood Association was awarded a Service Grant of \$1,500. The Service Grant will help the neighbourhood support the City's free food seedling and garden materials program, Get Growing, Victoria!, which occurs annually in April, during the seedling distributions throughout the summer, and in October to help winterize residential gardens. The distribution of food seedlings occurs over a three-week period in May-June and again in July, each year. Since 2020, Get Growing, Victoria! has supplied over 168,000 vegetable and herb seedlings and 344 cubic meters of material to Victoria residents.

This program is operated in partnership with a variety of community organizations who support the delivery of services associated with Get Growing, Victoria! – including hosting neighbourhood distribution days, providing additional gardening materials and support, and providing educational materials helpful for novice gardeners.

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Strengthening Communities Grant

On April 14, Council will consider a staff report recommending the City apply for a UBCM Strengthening Communities Grant to fund several social wellbeing initiatives. This includes an extension of the Tiny Homes project from its current closure date of September 2022 to the end of March 2023 (\$250,000), as well as the establishment of a "community caretaker" position for the 900 block of Pandora Avenue (\$125,000). The latter would function as a coordinator helping to identify required actions and strategies on the block and building relationships amongst the people and organizations present on the block. The trial period for the community caretaker would help inform possible continuation of the program should funding be available.

Committee of the Whole - April 14, 2022 ([escribemeetings.com](https://pub-victoria.escribemeetings.com))

Anawim House Expansion

Council will also be reviewing a request from Anawim House on Caledonia Street for \$72,500 from the Victoria Housing Reserve Fund to support the expansion of its facility to accommodate an additional seven bedrooms and shared living spaces for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness. The Anawim Companions Society has already raised close to \$1.5 million dollars towards the cost of construction.

COTW Report - 11 Chow Place (00042904.DOCX;1) ([escribemeetings.com](https://pub-victoria.escribemeetings.com))

WHAT'S UP AT COUNCIL?



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Committee of the Whole (COTW) 9:00 am	Council Meeting 6:30 pm
Council 1:00pm	
April 7, 14, 21, 28	April 14, 28

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