



NORTH PARK

Pandora Avenue Community Facilities

May 5, Council approved the design objectives for the community facilities incorporated into the development at 926 Pandora Avenue. The “functional program” provides “...opportunities to achieve the various objectives for community use and aligns with the design parameters established for the overall development. The main floor space, consisting of approximately 1,626 square meters (17,500 square feet) includes capacity for a 36-person childcare operation, along with six small to medium size multipurpose rooms, a large multi-purpose room, a kitchen facility, administration space, and an outdoor program area. The facility design is intended to ensure the spaces are flexible and adaptable to meet community needs over the long term.”

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Missing Middle Housing

Council received recommendation from staff on Missing Middle housing on May 5. The report proposes zoning to allow infill housing and a related bonus density scheme to support mobility and urban forest objects. It also provided for staff delegation of approval for infill housing that does not require zoning variances and meets related design guidelines. Council deferred discussion of the proposed changes until their May 12, 2022 meeting.

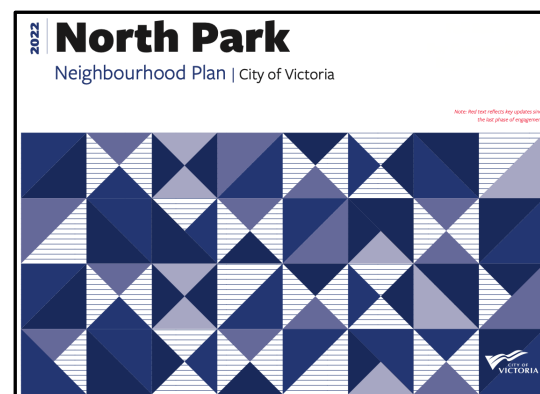
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North Park Neighbourhood Plan

On May 5, Council also considered a staff report on Local Area Plans for North Park, as well as Fernwood and Hillside Quadra neighbourhoods. The plans are the result of a comprehensive, two-year planning and engagement process with residents. The report describes that the objectives of the plans were to make room for diverse housing, advance mobility, support vibrant urban villages and create joyful public spaces.

Council directed staff to provide a verbal report at the May 19 Daytime Council Meeting on the implications of having the related Zoning Bylaw amendments considered at the same time as the Neighbourhood Plans.

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Reconciliation Dialogues

The first of three sessions on the City's reconciliation discussions will be resumed in May. This session is on urban Indigenous people living in Lekwungen territory who are not people of the Lekwungen lands. Yet as Indigenous people in Canada, they are often displaced from their own homelands through the process of colonization, including the sixties scoop and other colonial practices. This Dialogue will share stories that highlight the experiences of urban Indigenous people living in Lekwungen territory and the diversity of Indigenous experience. There will also be live musical performances. The session will be held Monday, May 30 from 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. (Doors open at 5:30 p.m.) at the Victoria Conference Centre, Carson Hall.



Dialogue #5 – Guests of Lekwungen: Urban Indigenous Experiences in Canada

Reducing Single Use Items

On April 21, Council adopted several resolutions to reduce single-use items and encourage the use of reusable products by requiring that businesses. The initiative would require provincial approval and be introduced in phases. Ultimately, businesses would be required to charge a \$0.25 fee for any single-use takeout cup or container with exemptions for free drinks and drink vouchers, hospitals and community care facilities, and charitable food services.

The staff report indicates that Victoria residents throw away over 75,000 single-use items each day. The use of single-use items throughout the community is an unsustainable activity that directly affects municipal services, compromises provincial and regional recycling and composting programs, and harms terrestrial and marine environments. Responsibility for managing single-use items and packaging is an area of shared jurisdiction between all levels of government. Both the federal and provincial governments plan to take meaningful action in the next year. This provides a clear and consistent direction that allows the City of Victoria to complement federal and provincial initiatives.

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Inclusion and Equity Survey

We are looking for your feedback on how the City of Victoria can be more inclusive and equitable in our engagement activities. Please complete this survey by Sunday, May 15, 2022. The survey should take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete.

<https://engage.victoria.ca/all-our-voices>



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Governance Review Underway

The governance review is underway, and we would like your input. Take the survey or participate in a public session (in-person or online options available) to learn about the City's current governance model and participate in a small group discussion to share your experiences and ideas for improvements. We most importantly want your opinions on transparency, accountability and how residents can participate in Council decision making.

Please go to the link below to register and complete the survey by May 13, 2022. There is also an opportunity for organizations to make a submission.

<https://engage.victoria.ca/governance-review>



Rapid Deployment of Affordable Housing

Council has approved an amendment to the Land Use Procedures Bylaw that delegates development approvals for non-market affordable housing to the Director of Sustainable Development and Community Planning in all Development Permit Areas, and an amendment to the Zoning Regulation Bylaw and the Zoning Bylaw 2018 to establish an increase in maximum floor space ratio for qualifying affordable housing developments. The bylaw amendments are intended to hasten the approval process for housing initiatives that address critical areas of need in the City. Projects by non-profit, government or co-op housing organizations will no longer require rezoning or public hearings when they are consistent with the City's Official Community Plan and related design guidelines.

COUNCIL SCHEDULE

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| Committee of the Whole (COTW) 9:00 am | Council Meeting 6:30 pm |
| Council 1:00pm | |
| May 5, 12, 19, 26 | May 12, 26 |

Note that you can now attend Council meetings in person.


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