



## NORTH PARK

### Official Community Plan Survey

The City is in the process of updating its Official Community Plan (OCP), a guiding document required for all municipalities through provincial legislation. Following public engagement last year, draft updates have been incorporated into the document and Victoria residents are now being asked for their feedback. You can view a short video about the OCP and complete the survey [here](#).



### Sexualized Violence Prevention

On July 14, Council adopted a motion that Council request the mayor write to Minister Farnworth and Parliamentary Secretary Lore advocating for the inclusion of 'sexualized violence prevention training' within the Serving It Right curriculum to provide foundational education to people with the front-line opportunity to take action to prevent sexualized violence and respond appropriately and with care when incidents occur. Incorporating training in the program would ensure that all BC workers at bars and restaurants where alcohol is served have appropriate education on an ongoing basis.

### Governance Report

On July 21, Council will receive the final [Governance Review](#) report from the contracted consultant. The review includes recommendations on Council decision-making processes and the roles of advisory bodies and public input. Two recommendations relate specifically to neighbourhood associations:

- *Amend the terms of reference for Councillor Neighbourhood Liaison to remove the expectation that a member of Council would convey the concerns of the Association to Council and to support an Association in advocating for and representing their priorities to Council.*
- *Establish a requirement for recorded input from CALUC meetings to be posted to allow participants the opportunity to identify any errors or omissions before the information is officially submitted.*

### Neighbourhood Plans Approved for North Park, Fernwood and Hillside Quadra

On July 14, Council held a public hearing and subsequently adopted Neighbourhood Plans for North Park, Fernwood and Hillside Quadra. Council provided some minor additional direction for the plans and an amended Downtown Core Area Plan was also adopted.

### Government Street Refresh

At their committee meeting on July 14 Council approved a comprehensive plan for the [redesign of Government Street](#) between Humboldt Street and Pandora Avenue. The plan will "...guide future capital planning, detailed design, costing and phased implementation..." Retention and improvement of pedestrian priority treatments currently in place and a pilot of a full-time street closure were included in staff recommendations. The development of the plan has involved a comprehensive design and engagement process.



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## Cultural Grants

One North Park arts organization (Pacific Opera Victoria \$25,000) is included in the proposed [Cultural Infrastructure Grant awards](#), which will be considered by Council on July 21. Close to \$396,000 is being awarded to 20 organizations for equipment and facility upgrades for arts and culture organizations. The program is intended to help address the high facility costs that arts organization face in Victoria.

## Victoria 3.0 Economic Plan

Council will receive a [staff update](#) on July 21 regarding efforts to strengthen Victoria's economy and making it more inclusive and sustainable. Victoria 3.0 was initiated in 2019 when six roundtables resulted in the formation of three working groups relating to ocean technologies, an arts and culture district and support for small business. Much of the focus has been on supporting small business during the COVID 19 pandemic. Council will be participating in an arts and culture district workshop at this same Council committee meeting.

## Growing in the Summer

City of Victoria Recreation is offering an exciting suite of new and returning programs to help you develop your green thumb, get outside, and celebrate the Year of the Garden! Check out our kids' nature and food themed summer camps, inspiring food garden tours, and seasonal cooking & food preservation classes. For full details and to register go [here](#).



## Missing Middle Housing

On [July 14](#), Council advanced the "Missing Middle" Zoning Regulation Bylaw (22-045) to public hearing. The bylaw provides opportunities for properties previously zone for single family dwellings to increase the number of residences on a property and conditions for doing so. Additional related bylaws to delegate authority to the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development to approve related applications (22-057) and to establish standards for affordable housing (22-056) were adopted.

## Electric Vehicle Charging

In March 2022, Council adopted a strategy for the installation of over 650 new electric vehicle charging stations over the next six years. The 2022 Financial Plan introduced a program for an investment of \$8.5 million for public EV charging stations between 2022 and 2027. A matching \$6 million in grant funding is being sought through grants from other levels of government. On [June 16](#), Council approved its commitment to fund the program and for staff to pursue multi-year funding opportunities for this initiative.





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## Reconciliation Dialogues

The next Victoria Reconciliation Dialogue is in September. In this Dialogue, the City Family will present a Reconciliation Plan to the City and the community to carry on the work of reconciliation for decades to come. Participants will be asked to make a reconciliation commitment of their own. The session will feature Songhees Nation and Esquimalt Nation youth.



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The session will be held Monday, September 12 from 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. (Doors open at 5:30 p.m.) at the Victoria Conference Centre, Carson Hall. [Pre-register now.](#)

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

Note, there is only one Council and Committee of the Whole meeting in August on the 4<sup>th</sup>.