Government

Election



NORTH PARK

Election Results

Total voter turnout in the City of Victoria was 27,452 or 37.98% of registered voters. The results of the municipal election for Victoria are as follows:

Mayor: ALTO, Marianne

Councillors:

CARADONNA, Jeremy HAMMOND, Stephen

COLEMAN, Christopher Mark KIM, Susan

DELL, Matt LOUGHTON, Krista GARDINER, Marg THOMPSON, Dave

The new Council will be inaugurated on November 3, which is the next scheduled Council meeting.



On October 6, Council received a <u>staff report</u> regarding the Business Recovery from Pandemic Bylaw, and associated Build Back Victoria Program, which is set to expire on October 31, 2022. The report provides recommendations for an extension to the Business Recovery from Pandemic Bylaw to align with updated Provincial policy directions.

Council resolved to "...direct the City Solicitor to bring forward amendments to the Business Recovery from Pandemic Bylaw to change the expiry date from October 31, 2022 to March 31, 2023;" and "...that Council direct staff to report back on options for an inspection prior to occupancy of patios to ensure accessibility and other public interest considerations."



Council held a discussion on the Governance Review at their September 29 meeting. Council had hoped to provide direction on actions given their experience with the issues identified in the report, however, the outcome was to refer the report to the new Council for their consideration in January 2023.

Scooting Around the City

On September 29, <u>Councillor Loveday proposed</u> that the City consider participating in the Provincial Electric Kick Scooter Pilot Project. It was stated that scooters are increasing in popularity and are a means for reducing greenhouse gasses. Assessing issues related to their operation was therefore presented as of value. Council resolved to "...direct staff to report back with options for and implications of joining the Provincial Electric Scooter Pilot Program."

NeighbourSpace

The space in Crystal Garden has been refurbished to improve it as a meeting space for community groups. You can book the space by sending a note to neighbourhoods@victoria.ca





From Around the City...

Community Dinners

Community dinners are a great way to meet your neighbours and enjoy a meal that someone else has prepared. Several community centres offer community dinners for your enjoyment. Oaklands Community Dinners happen on the last Sunday of every month at the Community Centre. The Fernwood Community Meal happens Mondays, 5:30-6:30pm, by donation and first come - first served. Fairfield community dinners will also resume in October. Check their websites for more details.





Halloween in the City

Quadra Village Community Centre is hosting a Haunted House on October 29th from 6pm-7:30pm. Come to the front of the centre at 901 Kings Rd and check in with our Welcome Table. Please stay home if you have any COVID or cold symptoms. One pod at a time. Masks required. Warning: There will be dark, tight spaces, blood, spiders, loud noises and flashing lights. Best suited for ages 5+. The first part of the haunted house will have stairs but it can be skipped to accommodate accessibility needs. Please let the welcome table know. For more info community@quadravillagecc.com



What makes a good placemaking project?

Seating, plants, lighting and colour are the basic elements that create a welcoming and inviting space. Here is a great example in Fairfield utilizing three of these four key elements... and using a My Great Neighbourhood Grant to make it happen. If you see a place in your neighbourhood that needs some revitalizing, reach out to your Neighbourhood Liaison to see how we can support your idea. You can take a walk up to the 600 block Cornwall St to see this site in person.

From Further Abroad...



Your Neighbourhood Liaison Michael Hill mhill@victoria.ca



Good Neighbours

Brock University took the initiative to ensure the newcomers are integrated into the community as the school

year gets underway and students settle into their new homes,. Brock staff, alumni and student volunteers, along with local community representatives, went door to door to speak with students and other residents in popular student neighbourhoods. In addition to the Brock contingent, the Welcome Wagon team included representatives from Council, police and bylaw services.

The group answered questions and discussed the importance of being good neighbours in their new community, making responsible choices while living off campus and understanding their rights and responsibilities as student tenants. They also handed out 750 bags filled with resources on topics such as student housing, waste management, volunteering and responsible partying. Included in the information kits delivered to homes was Brock's annual Good Neighbour Guide, which provides helpful information about



neighbourhood relations and getting involved in the community. For more information on their Welcome Wagon, visit Brock's <u>Neighbourhood Relations web page</u>.

Community Activation

The My Main Street Community Activator program provides support for community projects in southern Ontario. It is designed to draw visitors and increase local vibrancy and includes ideas for events and activities, main street enhancements and policy and partnership development. The program provides support for local groups to revitalize neighborhoods and reimagine public spaces including main streets, downtown strips and plazas, as vibrant and inclusive places that work for everyone.



Monitoring Collaboration Tool

Have you ever wondered how your organization can work more collaboratively? The Tamarack Institute has developed a tool designed to help you monitor and assess the quality of collaboration that occurs amongst a group. It encourages participants to reflect on their process and groups dynamics and to share perspectives on how to improve their collaboration and the outcomes of such projects. Learn more about this tool on Tamarack's webpage.

The ABCDs of Community Development





How do we get neighbourhood development that focuses on the valuable assets already there, rather than focusing on its deficiencies and needs? This 3.5 hour Tamarack workshop will provide you with an opportunity to explore Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) through discussions and breakout activities. It will focus on the elements and methods of ABCD, and how to incorporate its lens to put community at the centre of your work. Learn more about this webinar on November 1 and register here.

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Looking to stay engaged? Register with our <u>Have Your Say Engagement Portal</u>. You'll get a monthly update about current engagement opportunities to participate in surveys and other online engagement opportunities.

