

Hello,

Thanks for your interest in our Community Drop In! Here is a list of topics that members of the public who dropped in requested that we discuss. Please also see actions to follow up on, information received back in response to your queries, and the date of the next Drop In. Please note that we've added some new 'after-work' drop in dates. Please pass these along to your friends, neighbours and colleagues who work during the day and may wish to drop in afterwards. Details here: <http://www.victoria.ca/EN/main/city/mayor-council-committees/mayor-lisa-helps/mayors-community-drop-in.html>

Agenda - Community Drop In Tuesday May 10

1. 100% Renewable by 2050
2. Story
3. City Studio Ideas
4. Protest micro housing at 2582 Cook St
5. Treatment Plant
6. 832-833 Fisgard Pot Shop
7. Affordable Housing
8. Bikes

Items Mayor will follow up on

1. Can the City host more than just Public Works Day also Parks Day etc.
2. Follow up with idea of City Studio Victoria being available to middle school kids; connect Tanya with UVIC Prof teaching current class
3. Connect the people opposed to 2582 Cook Street with Councillor Alto
4. Check with City Clerk as to whether there is any way the marijuana dispensary bylaw can emphasize and/or regulate *medical* marijuana

Agenda - Community Drop In May 13

1. Single Fare Bus Transfer
2. Fruit Trees
3. Loving Classrooms
4. Liquor Licensing
5. Housing for Refugees
6. Green Bins
7. Sirens
8. Tent City
9. Social Housing
10. Victoria Public Market
11. Victoria Cookie

Items Mayor will follow up on

1. Make a motion at BC Transit Commission meeting to direct transit staff to review the new fare structure after a six month and a one year period to assess the impacts.
2. Check with City's legal team and Director of Parks re: Fruit Trees in Todd Parkette

3. Check in with City Clerk and GVHA about Ogden Point Liquor Licence and the process followed (no one had any complaints; just interested in the process).
4. Send note to the Urban Development Institute that Derek sends to me re: housing for refugees
5. Check with Engineering and Public Works as to whether they could distribute smaller green bins and/or if garden waste could be put in the green bins to reduce the GHGs of people driving to the Public Works Yard to drop off garden waste
6. Check with police and fire chiefs to see if there is a way to reduce siren use early morning in the downtown
7. Find a way to tell the positive success stories coming out of My Places and Choices about people getting work and getting housed
8. Follow up on issues arising re: displaced tenants from 760 Queen's Ave
9. Check in with Townline about plans for Victoria Public Market

Links to be shared from Drop In:

Loving Classroom www.lovingclassroom.com

Items Mayor Has Followed Up On:

Ask Director of Parks why there is an exemption to the Pesticide Use Bylaw

Exemption to Pesticide Use Bylaw

The bylaw was created for CoV public land and because we/CoV manages public land, there is an exemption (this is not unique to the pesticide bylaw; it also applies to other bylaws for example the noise bylaw, or the parking bylaw for City vehicles like the Fire Dept/Parks crew trucks). If there wasn't an exemption, the City would apply to itself to obtain a permit or would ticket itself for not having a permit.

For the pesticide bylaw, the City is exempt from applying for a permit however, if/when the City decides to apply pesticides, it follows part 2, section 7 of the bylaw: Restrictions on applying pesticides under permit.

Ask Parks Department why the trees at Vista Heights and Cook Street were trimmed all the way up the trunk

Trees at Vista Heights and Cook Street

Parks staff attended to Vista Heights at Cook Street and found that a Pin Oak growing of the road right-of-way had been side trimmed for BC Hydro clearances. At this location there are both 3 phase primary lines and secondary lines running beside the tree. BC Hydro staff attended at our request to look at the pruning work and clearances achieved. BC Hydro staff spoke to a resident named Francis on Vista Heights, discussed the pruning work and the reason for the clearances, safety and reliability of the electrical system.

The City arboriculture staff have a good working relationship with BC Hydro and continue to work with them to improve our urban forest.

The next Community Drop In is **Friday May 27, 11am-1pm**

2016 Drop In schedule is here and notes from previous Drop Ins can be found here as well:
<http://www.victoria.ca/EN/main/city/mayor-council-committees/mayor-lisa-helps/mayors-community-drop-in.html>

Thanks for participating in your community!

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