

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 we discuss. Please also see actions to follow up on, information received back in response to your queries. The next **Drop In is April 24th** from 4:30-6:00 in my office at City Hall. Note the after work / after school drop in time.

Thanks for participating in your community,

Lisa

Agenda - Community Drop In April 10 2018

1. Fairfield Plaza
2. Large Urban Villages
3. LGBTQ Gathering Space
4. Bike lanes and bike licencing
5. Neighbourhood Groups and Planning
6. Sandwich Boards
7. Policy for affordable housing for people with pets
8. Safe housing and people with dementia
9. Mental health programs
10. Traditional residential areas

Items Mayor will follow up on:

1. Send concern about Russel Street intersection to engineering staff.
2. If Fairfield Plaza is designated as a large urban village does the 400m area around it become one as well?
3. Veronica will email me and I will connect her with people that might be able to help with an LGBTQ space
4. Check to see where BC Housing is at with housing and pets policy.
5. Send link to City's short term rental policy (see below)
6. Check with planning staff about what we mean by using the word "corridor" re: Fairfield Road

Items Mayor has followed up on:

Q: Could there be a higher profile sign for the Harrison Yacht Pond; there is currently only plaque on the ground. The users of the pond would be willing to raise money for a sign if necessary.

A: New signs are part of the Parks sign strategy that is currently under development, which include the identification of assets such as the pond.

Q: Could the underbrush be cut in the bushes south of the pond; it is being used as a washroom. Could a sign be put up directing people to the nearby washrooms?

A: Presently we are maintaining the edge of the natural area along the mowed grass adjacent to the Yacht Pond.

A: We have undertaken some invasive plant removal in the natural areas of shrubs and trees along this stretch of foreshore and along the top of the waterfront pathway. Some people are not using the area as a washroom during the operating hours of the public washroom. Neither clearing vegetation (natural area plantings) nor signage are likely to stop this behaviour. We could look at park design, such as lighting, in the future as part of a park improvement process.

Q: What are the operating hours for those washrooms?

A: Dusk to Dawn.

Q: What will access be like to the Harrison Yacht Pond during forcemain construction? Will there still be parking available nearby?

A: We have enquired with the CRD and are awaiting a response.

Q: Why is there a sign at Pioneer Park saying no entry between dusk and dawn?

A: As per Parks Regulation Bylaw, Pioneer Square is closed to the public from dusk to dawn.

Q: There is a small piece of land adjacent to Gonzales park where the grass is very long, according to the CRD this is owned by the city. Can we develop an arrangement with the CRD to have the grass cut? Residents say it is a fire hazard in the summer.

A: To answer this question, we would need more information/clarification to know where this location is that's in question. The City owns the Road ROW's and a lot which acts as the ROW on Denison Road. This may be an Oak Bay lot.

NB from Mayor: Can the people who shared this information take a picture of the lot and email it to me mayor@victoria.ca

Q: What would it take for parking to be free for veterans that have a veterans licence plate?

A: This would require a bylaw revision (Streets and Traffic Bylaw).

Q: Can staff provide an MOU apparently signed between the City and the GVHA sometimes between March and July 2017 with regard to the Ogden Point Masterplan?

A: There is an MOU between the GVHA and the City that sets some terms for the development of Ogden Point. It was however not signed in 2017, but rather in 2006. A copy of a Council report recommending the extension of the timelines in the MOU (which was adopted by Council) from 2015 that includes the original MOU as well is attached. As an update, the GVHA did submit their draft masterplan by the revised deadline indicated in the attached report. Based on a number of staff questions, they have since been undertaking additional analysis to address those queries which may generate changes to their draft plan. Our understanding is

that they will be undertaking follow up consultation with the local community at such time as a revised plan is developed. See attached.

Q: OCP Section 6.2 Citizen referenced this policy and is worried that 400m around Fairfield United Church will also have Large Urban Village designation. Can staff clarify whether this is the case?

A: The policy in section 6.2 refers to properties within 400m of designated Large Urban Village Development Permit Areas (as seen in the attached map). While the proposal for the Fairfield United Church, if successful, would see that parcel re-designated to Large Urban Village (as this is the only OCP designation that anticipates what is being proposed by the applicant), that would not create a new urban village development permit area at Moss and Fairfield and so section 6.2 would not apply. See attached.

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