

Idea Number	Title	Details	Vote Up	Vote Down	Net votes	Comments
25	Establish a 311 call centre; Offer email news, blogs and feeds	Ideally, Victoria should have its own '311' system [to handle urgent but non-emergency calls] like many other municipalities such as Vancouver, Calgary, Winnipeg and others. What about sharing costs for a 311 system with Saanich and other municipalities in the Greater Victoria region? Also, for those who have Internet access, an email newsletter as well as a blog with an RSS feed would enable citizens to receive news about the City, especially if they could sign up to follow specific topics of interest, e.g. the Johnson Street bridge.	68	23	45	1
28	Engage at Level 5: Collaboration = Wise Democracy (e.g. Wisdom Councils)	Use the Wisdom Council model to engage citizens at "level 5" on the participation scale (1=inform, 5=collaborate). It is a demonstration of deep leadership and respect to involve people in the decisions that affect them. Proven engagement processes such as found at www.wisedemocracylvictoria.org provide principles and structures to make this work. The Wisdom Council is group of 12 randomly selected individuals who meet to discuss important issues, then report back to the community. The creative solutions are astounding. Thanks for asking!	78	53	25	8
35	Fully Fund Public Participation Activities	Establish a budget for all departments and City Council to regularly and meaningfully engage the diversity of Victoria's citizens. For public participation to be done well, adequate resources must be dedicated for this purpose. Funding is needed to support new uses of technology, education and skills training, travel, administrative support, and expert assistance such as facilitators.	38	16	22	2
40	Community Consultation: Not just lip service - the real deal	Departments should incorporate participation into the full cycle of project planning. Full-time positions should be established for public participation experts to build City staff skills, familiarity with technology, and other capacity building needs. Community conversations with ample notice provided. Avoid short timelines as they show no respect for the time required for democratic process.	28	7	21	2
38	Create a CRD Program	Scrap this idea in favour of a CRD program! Why? Because Victoria is just a small part of the metropolitan area. Nothing can be accomplished here without the cooperation of surrounding municipalities; e.g. Blue Bridge decisions or public transit!	27	10	17	2
36	Billboard	Mabye the city of Victoria could publicly post all recent changes in public policy and new events on annoucement board outside city hall	29	14	15	0
26	Convne Conversations that Matter!	Convne neighbourhood conversations about the future we want to have for this region.	47	32	15	1
47	community associations	Help fund community associations to become meaningful places for ongoing, participatory citizen engagement. The structures already exist -- it's a matter of using them.	15	2	13	0
43	Provide More Notice of Process	Ensure as many City of Victoria residents know about this process as possible, and provide more time for input - it appears rather rushed!	16	3	13	0
33	Calendars	Provide subscribable calendars. Garbage collection would be a popular one. I'd subscribe immediately.	31	21	10	1