

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, and the date of the next Drop In. **Please note that in 2017 we'll be holding the drop ins on Tuesdays instead of Fridays.** You'll find me fresher and more rested earlier in the week!

### **Agenda - Community Drop In Friday December 16**

1. MS Society of Canada
2. Large Trees at Doncaster and Hillside
3. Crosswalk from Coho to Days Inn
4. Ogden Point
5. Village in France: Ungersheim
6. Parking in Core and Raffle
7. Pathway from Coho to Clipper
8. Parkade
9. Collaboration between City and UVIC
10. New Bus Depot
11. Social Housing

#### **Items Mayor will follow up on:**

1. City's Climate Action Plans
2. Is there any way to mitigate the disruption of Fisgard Street traffic being blocked as people are turning left (heading east) on Fisgard Street into the Centennial Square Parkade?
3. Send the City's Official Community Plan report out with number of affordable housing units built over last four years.
4. Send drawings for Belleville Street improvements between the Coho and Clipper Terminal and ask when in 2017 we will be doing these improvements. Ask whether the crosswalk could be moved from further up the block (heading east) to connect the Coho Terminal with the Days Inn/Belleville's restaurant as a participant observes people crossing at that spot more than at the crosswalk.
5. Send details about proposed Transit routes for James Bay Transit
6. Trees on property at Doncaster and Hillside

### **Agenda - Community Drop In Tuesday January 3**

1. Fentanyl
2. Community Building for Youth
3. Street Performance Bylaws
4. Local Festivals
5. 3 Things for Canada

#### **Items Mayor will follow up on:**

1. See what programs Community Centres have for youth and see if these can be listed together in one place
2. See what programs Crystal Pool has for youth and how these programs are developed
3. Mention the question of all ages venues to the Youth Engagement team and the Youth Council
4. See if we can create a "YouthVibe" app to complement the CityVibe app or be part of it

5. Ask Transit the rationale for calling out all the streets on buses rather than just the stops.
6. Ask if the City's Street Performance bylaw allows for computer speakers to play an iPod

**Links shared at drop in:**

3 Things for Canada: <http://www.threethingsforcanada.ca/>

**Items Mayor has followed up on:**

1. Ask if we have a transportation plan for the circulation of tour buses
  - \* GVHA has been working with the City of Victoria on the designated routing for cruise related traffic through the community for 2016
  - \* City has lead for determining the routes through the community for all modes of vehicles
  - \* The cruise related buses account for only a portion of the tour buses through James Bay as there are private out of town tour buses in James Bay

Transportation plan for the circulation of tour buses

Yes, the City has a transportation plan for the circulation of tour buses that considers factors such as roadway geometry, noise, emissions, and other impacts on neighbourhoods, and there are specific streets where buses are prohibited.

2. Re: Ogden Point noise - ask what is possible to change and what is not possible to change. e.g. Mitigation efforts for heliport noise
  - \* Through the OPMP the plan shows a long term plan for noise mitigation from the heliport due to siting of buildings and types of building materials used
  - \* GVHA is working through the current operator to look at interim solutions prior to complete build out of the OPMP

3. Inquire as to whether Wilson's, the Langtoria, Cruise Ship, private buses to ferry, etc have access to bus lanes

From Transit Staff:

Good question. So short answer - yes, all buses have access to the lanes.

This topic has come up during the working group's sessions and the contribution agreement with the City certainly contemplates the lanes to be used by any/all types of buses. Police also made it clear that they would be treating all buses alike.

The folks working on the agreement are developing a relatively simple methodology to approximate the usage by BC Transit along with other buses to prorate the contribution to ongoing maintenance costs.

4. Alignment of Douglas right of way with room for LRT

From City Staff:

Will Light Rail be Possible along Douglas with the McKenzie Interchange Alignment

The Transit Future Plan prepared by BC Transit in May 2011 (see link below) is a 25 year transit network plan for the Victoria region. This plan identifies the Douglas Street corridor as a part of the Rapid Transit Network, with long term plans to include possibility of high capacity bus, street car/tram or light rail in

an exclusive corridor. The Transit Future Plan includes an implementation plan which will guide the creation of the network over time.

<https://bctransit.com/victoria/transit-future/victoria-transit-future-plan>

#### 5. Replacement of commercial loading zone on Pandora

City staff has created a replacement commercial loading zone for businesses on Pandora Avenue. It is located on the west side of Government Street just north of Pandora Avenue.

The next drop in is **Tuesday January 24th 4:30-6:00pm**. Note the after work time!

Thanks for participating in your community!

Lisa

--

Lisa Helps, Victoria Mayor

[www.lisahelpsvictoria.ca](http://www.lisahelpsvictoria.ca)

250-661-2708

@lisa-helps

“We’re all just walking each other home.” - Rumi