

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, links for information, 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>

Community Drop In Friday April 15 Agenda

1. Carcinogen being used at Capital Regional Housing Corporation
2. Tent City
3. Sewage Treatment
4. Brain Tumour Awareness Month
5. Ambassador of Goodwill
6. Pot Shops
7. CNIB Night Steps
8. Good Housing For All Canadians
9. Kids Help Phone
10. Mural / Art Wall at Reid Site
11. Clover Point
12. 760 Queen's Fire
13. Trees at Vista Heights and Cook Street
14. Grass at 950 Kings

Items Mayor will follow up on

1. Talk with Capital Regional Housing Corporation re: use of pesticides
2. Ask Director of Parks why there is an exemption to the Pesticide Use Bylaw
3. Talk with Fire Chief about Fire and process afterwards at 760 Queens Street
4. Ask Parks Department why the trees at Vista Heights and Cook Street were trimmed all the way up the trunk
5. Follow up again with Parks Department re: 950 Queens (did immediately after Drop-In; it is CRD property - our parks staff got in touch with CRD staff right away).
6. Connect Robert "Ambassador of Goodwill" with Adam Swatzky at CTV for Swatzky Sign Off
7. *All links that I said I would share are in the links section below!*

Items Mayor has followed up on

1. Find out why regular cars or trucks can't be considered commercial vehicles eligible for a commercial vehicle permit and to use commercial loading zones.

From Director of Engineering and Public Works:

These restrictions were put in place because drivers of smaller vehicles have multiple loading options downtown, while drivers of large vehicles have limited options. With a passenger car or light-duty truck, drivers have access to ~2000 on-street parking spaces downtown (and to spaces in parkades and on surface parking lots). Commercial trucks, due to their size, don't have the option of using those spaces. In addition, with very few alleyways or private property options downtown, almost all downtown commercial loading activity takes place on the street.

Streets and Traffic Bylaw regulations require that a vehicle has to be licensed as a commercial vehicle by the province (vehicles will have a license plate with two letters and four numbers – i.e. AA 7777), and must display a municipal decal in order to use the Commercial Truck Loading Zones.

Items of interest to participants, links to share, etc

1. Brain Tumour Awareness Month <http://www.braintumour.ca/3087/awareness-month>
2. Canadian National Institute for the Blind Night Steps – June
4th http://cannib.convio.net/site/TR?fr_id=1182&pg=entry
3. Kid's Help Phone Walk – May 1st
<https://secure.e2rm.com/registrator/LocationHome.aspx?eventid=185685&langpref=en-CA&locationID=185860&Referrer=http%3a%2f%2fwalksokidscantalk.ca%2flocations%2f>
4. Sign up here for City's weekly e-newsletter: <http://www.victoria.ca/EN/main/community/e-newsletter.html>

The next Community Drop In is **Friday April 29, 11am-12:30pm**

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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