

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 29 Agenda

1. Ambassador of Goodwill
2. No child should take the long way home
3. Section 49 of the Animal Control Bylaw
4. James Bay Mall
5. Access to family physicians
6. Taxi stands
7. Leech River Lands/Nature Deficit Disorder
8. Homelessness / safe in business
9. Cell phone tower Yates St
10. Queen's Street Fire

Items Mayor will follow up on

1. Suggest glow-in-the dark paint on taxi stands so they are more visible at night
2. Ask for police patrol of James Bay as garbage bins are being broken into
3. Ask Cool Aid for security outside the Access Health Centre
4. Suggest moving BC Transit stop further up Johnson Street from in front of Access Health to Odeon Alley (not construction underway there at this point)
5. Follow up on section 49 of the Animal Control Bylaw
6. *All links that I said I would share are in the links section below!*

Links shared on the whiteboard

Quinuituq (walk across Canada to raise awareness about Inuit children and the distances they are removed from their homes) <http://quinuituq.blogspot.ca/>
Re: question about those working on cell phone towers: <http://www.citizensforsafetechnology.org/canadian-in-news-and-developments,15,0>

Items Mayor has followed up on

Talk with Capital Regional Housing Corporation re: use of pesticides

Here is response:

Our general plant health program is that the arborist inspects the trees on our properties and then selectively treats the trees based on the examination of the trees and only if treatment is required. Not all products are used on every tree but in response to caring for the tree and its health.

In conjunction with mechanical control measures, Dogwood utilizes three natural products in their holistic approach to pest control.

1. "Dipel", a *Bacillus thuringiensis* formulation of a naturally occurring bacterium, which will be used for ingestive control of caterpillars (Lepidoptera).
2. "Trounce", an organic mixture of Potassium salts, Fatty acids, and Pyrethrins, will be used for contact control of caterpillar and sucking insects (i.e. aphids).
3. Safer's "Insecticidal Soap" will be used synergistically with Dipel, which will assist in gaining control of both chewing and sucking insects.

These products are not considered "special exemptions" but are products that are currently allowed under the City of Victoria's Pesticide Use Reduction Bylaw No. 07-094, and the District of Saanich's Pesticide Use Reduction Bylaw No. 9054 and are not considered carcinogens. http://www.victoria.ca/assets/Departments/Parks~Rec~Culture/Parks/Documents/industry_pesticide_12%20REVISED%20FOR%20WEB.pdf

The next Community Drop In is **Tuesday May 10 4pm-6pm** for those who want to drop in after work!

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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"We're all just walking each other home." - Rumi