

Thanks for your interest in our Community Drop In! Here is a list of topics discussed, actions to follow up on, information received back in response to your queries, and the date of the next Drop In.

### **Agenda - Community Drop In Friday January 8, 2016**

1. Growing food in the city
2. Partnership with First Light Technologies
3. Nature Ambassador / Bill of Nature
4. Renovictions in James Bay
5. Housing and Tent City
6. Illuminate the way
7. Mental Health and Drug Issues
8. South Island Aggregates
9. Active Transportation
10. BC Transit Transfers
11. City contracts
12. Recycling
13. Marijuana Dispensaries

### **Information shared on the White Board**

First Light Technologies website [www.firstlighttechnologies.com](http://www.firstlighttechnologies.com)

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

1. Send Growing in the City Project link. Here you go:  
<http://www.victoria.ca/EN/main/community/growing-in-the-city.html>
2. Pass along to the Growing in the City Project the idea for an annual garden show or tour.  
**(Thomas for you!)**
3. Check with Legislative Services - is there a height limit for hedges? If not, why not, if there is one for fences. **(Chris, for you!)**
4. Pass on the First Light Technologies where the City's bid/tender/RFP page is. Here you go: <https://bids.victoria.ca/BIDS/current-opportunities/>
5. Send a link to webcast from Thursday's Governance and Priorities Committee meeting where Council discussed the proposed City Expenditure Policy: [http://victoria.ca.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\\_id=2&clip\\_id=646](http://victoria.ca.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=2&clip_id=646) Click on the agenda item to watch the part of the video that deals with the agenda item you're interested in.
6. Introduce First Light Technologies to Times Colonist Business Editor (done)
7. With regard to the City as a City of Nature, Tourism's promotional video was referenced by a drop-in attendee. Here it is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LUXZ1OjFUIM>
8. Connect Daniel with Franny and Rupert (and their mom!) re: Nature Ambassadors (done)

9. Re: James Bay Renovictions. Provide information from our Director of Planning (See bolded headline below). **Note:** There is a motion (attached) being brought to Victoria City Council this Thursday January 14th.

10. Re: bylaws being broken in the process of the 'renovations'. Here is where to go to make a bylaw complaint: <http://www.victoria.ca/EN/main/city/bylaw-enforcement.html>

11. BC Transit Transfers - pass along dissatisfaction with the elimination of transfers. (Will raise at next Transit Commission meeting)

12. Link to the City's budget survey: [www.victoria.ca/budget](http://www.victoria.ca/budget) **Please take the time to give us your input on the 2016 budget!**

The next Community Drop In is **Friday January 22 11am-1pm,**

The 2016 Drop In schedule is here:

<http://www.victoria.ca/EN/main/city/mayor-council-committees/mayor-lisa-helps/mayors-community-drop-in.html>

Thanks for participating in your community!

Lisa

**Re: James Bay Renovictions - Director of Planning and City Solicitor Input**

Mayor Helps,

Jonathan is correct. Our ability to issue or deny a permit for renovations is limited to technical matters of compliance with the applicable code (building, plumbing, electrical, etc.). The City cannot withhold or cancel a permit because it disapproves of an applicant's business practices. Thus, we have no ability to prevent a landlord from carrying out "renovictions". This is essentially an issue between the tenants and the landlord that has to be dealt with by them under the Residential Tenancy Act.

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