

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, 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>

Agenda - Community Drop In Friday September 2nd

1. Active Transportation James Bay
2. Society for Kids at Tennis
3. Social Housing
4. Filthy Bus Stops
5. Murals and Plastics
6. Development at Michigan and Montreal
7. Bus Station at Crystal Gardens
8. Road Work During Evening
9. Critical Infrastructure
10. EduCube Foundation
11. Community Association Land Use Committee Review
12. Hydrogen
13. Pollution from Double Deckers
14. AirBnb Rentals
15. Canna Mall
16. Youtube video
17. Disagree with mayor

Items Mayor will follow up on:

1. Share link to apply for City's Active Transportation Committee and send the information to Neighbourhood Associations
2. Ask BC Transit and City to clean up bus stop in front of rental car place at corner of Humboldt and Douglas
3. Suggest a mural on the remaining rest piers of the Johnson Street bridge southeast side to increase beauty from the seaward side
4. Suggest road work be done from 11pm-5am
5. Ask what we are doing and how are we planning with regard to climate change and sea level rise for critical infrastructure along the shoreline - for City properties only.
6. What are our plans for phasing out diesel double deckers on city streets?
7. What are BC Transit's plans for continuing to green its fleet?
8. Suggest to our staff that they look at regulatory regimes in other cities with regard to AirBnb specifically Los Angeles, San Francisco and Berlin.
9. Ensure that paving in Beacon Hill Park is coordinated with other potential changes to the park

Items Mayor has followed up on:

1. Can the City give interest free loans?

The City is allowed to lend money, but there are rules and notification requirements so I would need more context to be able to provide a definitive answer. In any case, we cannot aid a business so could not offer below market loans to businesses. In addition to the legislation, there are also other consideration including whether this would considered “appropriate use” of taxpayer funds and how the City would secure such loans.

2. Find out more about Greater Victoria Harbour Authority properties and 24 hour surveillance; there was an assertion that from Ogden Point to Johnson Street the whole harbour has been privatized.

Our properties have not been privatized however GVHA does own the land and adjacent water-lots. We have 24/7 camera surveillance at Ogden Point and Fisherman's Wharf and security foot patrols of the inner harbour marinas. It is an ongoing challenge for us to explain to residents who we are and how we are governed. I've included a link that you might find helpful in directing people to if they want to learn more about GVHA. <http://www.gvha.ca/about-gvha/overview>

Links shared at drop in or requested:

Society for Kids at Tennis www.kidsattennis.ca
www.EduCube.ca

The next drop in is **Friday September 16th from 1pm-2:30pm. NOTE TIME CHANGE!**

Thanks for participating in your community!

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