

Hello,

Thanks for your interest in our Community Drop In! The next Community Drop In is **Tuesday July 23rd 11:30-1:00pm** at **Cook Street New Horizons Senior's Centre** in Cook Street Village. *Note the special location.* The schedule for the year is here: www.victoria.ca/dropin Drops Ins will not be held in August and will resume again in September – **Tuesday September 3rd at 11:30-1:00pm** in my office at City Hall.

Below is a list of topics that members of the public who dropped in requested we discuss. Please also see actions that I'll follow up on and responses from staff on previous requests. Finally, there are also other items of interest that were shared or requested by participants at the Drop In in the "Links" section.

Thanks for participating in our community,

Lisa

Agenda - Community Drop In – July 9th 2019

1. Cross walk at Erie and St. Lawrence Streets
2. Crosswalk at Battery Street and Beacon Hill
3. Charter Status for City of Victoria
4. Greater Victoria Acting Together and Housing the Poor
5. Fairfield Draft Plan
6. Traffic calming in communities like Fairfield and James Bay
7. International Responsibility of Municipal Politicians
8. Rental Housing Business Licences
9. Enforcement of bikes in pedestrian places
10. Harbour Advisory Committee
11. Inclusionary Housing Policy
12. Bike bridge at Arm and Harriet

Items I will follow up on:

For Engineering: I know we have had answers back on this before, but there are a number of seniors who cannot get easily and safely to the Beacon Hill Park at Battery Street and Douglas. Do you have any ideas to make it easier? Previous responses back include needing to change the configuration of the Dallas and Douglas intersection? The seniors would like to know what plans we have to make it safe for them to cross the road easily without having to walk down the street to a faraway crosswalk (from the perspective of someone with a walker.)

For Engineering: As a follow up from my meetings with South Park PAC – has the school zone on Douglas been extended to Toronto Street (and along the length of the school playing field?)

For Engineering: Where is the light synchronization study at and when will we see changes to the timing of downtown lights as a result of the study?

For Engineering and Engagement: People are riding their bikes across the pedestrian only bridge and also along the Songhees walkway. Can we do targeted enforcement and/or an education campaign.

For Legislative Services: Are we the only capital city in Canada that doesn't have its own City Charter?

For Planning: Policy suggestion for first year review of the inclusionary housing policy – exempt buildings that provide moderate income home ownership (condos) from the policy all together.

For Planning: Have we considered requiring business licences for single family homes that are being rented? See backgrounder: <http://ics2020.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Respectful-Densification-2.pdf>

For Chief Bruce: Do we have a committee that meets regularly about the harbour? The Victoria Esquimalt Harbour Society would like to be involved.

For Business and Community Relations: Can you share any details about the economic study of the harbour that is underway?

For Finance: Could the city require right of first refusal to purchase a property should it ever be sold as a condition of a tax exemption?

Items I have followed up on:

Q: Can we get the data on bike lane usage for Fort Street and Pandora Street for the last year?

A: Here are the bike lane counts over the past year for both corridors – June 2018 to June 2019.

PANDORA	
MONTH	MONTHLY TOTAL VOLUME
Jun-18	40,966
Jul-18	45,891

Aug-18	40,297
Sep-18	35,494
Oct-18	32,592
Nov-18	28,304
Dec-18	20,377
Jan-19	26,076
Feb-19	16,039
Mar-19	32,952
Apr-19	30,507
May-19	44,628
Jun-19	46,710

Overall trips to date (May 2017 – June 2019): 899,518

FORT	
MONTH	MONTHLY TOTAL VOLUME 2xWAY
Jun-18	22,509
Jul-18	25,523
Aug-18	22,296
Sep-18	16,991
Oct-18	15,938
Nov-18	13,278
Dec-18	10,125
Jan-19	12,350
Feb-19	8334
Mar-19	17,723
Apr-19	18,171
May-19	26,558
Jun-19	27,653

Overall trips to date (May 2018 – June 2019): 243,970

Links discussed at Drop In

[City of Victoria Housing Strategy](#)

[Greater Victoria Acting Together](#)

[Request for Proposals re: Trash Study](#)

[CTV Story on Trash Study](#)

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