

Hello,

Thanks for your interest in our Community Drop In! Below is a list of topics that members of the public who dropped in requested we discuss and answers to questions from previous drop ins. Also included is information received back from staff in response to questions asked by the public at earlier drop ins. And there's a list of links mentioned or shared at the Drop In as well. The next drop in is **Tuesday May 28th 11:30-1:00pm** in my office at City Hall. Please excuse the long time between Drop Ins – I'm travelling a lot in May; I'll miss you all!

Thanks for participating in our community,

Lisa

Agenda - Community Drop In – May 1st 2019

1. Government Street
2. Superior and St. Lawrence
3. Free transit for all – what does it mean?
4. Addiction crisis
5. New immigrant entrepreneurs
6. Public internet speed at the library
7. Dogs on leash at Ross Bay Cemetery
8. GVHA Society and Fisherman's Wharf
9. Ogden Point
10. Bike Lanes
11. Climate Change

Items Mayor Will Follow Up On:

For Engineering: Residents who live nearby observe that very few people come to a full stop at the stop sign at Superior and St. Lawrence. They wonder if there could be a red flashing light put there as there is at Oswego and Superior.

For Engineering: What if any incidents between pedestrians and vehicles have occurred at the Superior and St. Lawrence intersection.

For Maureen Sawa at public library: Does the library consider internet speeds for public access to be slow? If yes are any plans in the works to improve this?

For GVHA: Look into rent increases at Fisherman's Wharf and GVHA Governance model.

For Engineering: Can we lower the speed along Superior Street and Oswego Streets to 40 km/h? What would be the process to do so? Have staff given this consideration? Could it be considered as part of the James Bay Neighbourhood Planning process?

Items the Mayor Has Followed Up On:

Q: For Engineering: There are lots of cigarette butts on the streets downtown on Sunday mornings. What is the cleanup plan and who does it?

A: Yes, Saturday and Sunday mornings are the worst for quantities of cigarette butts. The staff use blowers to clean sidewalks every day. Recently, we have added a battery-powered vacuum, to focus on areas with high “cigarette butts density.” It will be used every weekend.

Links shared or requested at drop in:

If you want to sign up to speak with Council at a Thursday evening Council meeting you can do so [here](#).

Here is my [blog post](#) on my trip to Alberta’s oilsands which was requested at the drop in.

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“Grown-up politics means accepting the tensions and complexities of our lives together without pretending there are easy solutions, universal rules ... That means relearning the habits of complexity against the siren calls of a soundbite, quick-fix culture.” - Jonathan Sacks