

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. A shout out to city staff for answering these questions from the public in a thorough and timely manner! Please also see actions that I'll follow up on. Finally, there are also other items of interest that were shared or requested by participants at the Drop In in the "Links" section. The next drop in is **Monday April 15th 11:30-1:00pm** in my office at City Hall. Note the Monday meeting – I have a lunch meeting with all the mayors from across the region at our usual Tuesday time!

Thanks for participating in our community,

Lisa

Agenda - Community Drop In – April 2nd 2019

1. Downtown
2. Community Safety
3. Comments on Victoria
4. Cannabis Dispensaries
5. Visit to Alberta
6. Mayor for a Day
7. Rental Units @ Quadra, Vivid on Johnson
8. Rezoning Timelines and Building Permits

Items Mayor Will Follow Up On:

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

Items the Mayor Has Followed Up On:

Q: Human Resources: Can you send along any information on the City's policies and practices with respect to gender equity and inclusion? And the policies themselves where possible?

A: The City of Victoria is striving to be a leader in celebrating and recognizing all gender expressions and is developing its first Transgender, Non-binary, Two-Spirit Inclusion Plan through engagement with staff, key agencies and community members who the plan is intended to support and empower. The plan will recommend immediate actions, and longer-term actions for the inclusion and participation of transgender, non-binary and Two-Spirit people in civic life, including policy development and implementation.

Q: Legislative Services – Does the City's noise bylaw say anything about what kind of leaf blowers can be used ie Vancouver says only low noise leaf blowers. <https://vancouver.ca/your-government/noise-control-bylaw.aspx>

A: There are exemptions that apply to the City in the course of its work. These are the actual provisions regarding the Public's use of leaf blowers:

Leaf blowers

17 Despite any other provision of this Bylaw, a person may operate a leaf blower in or adjacent to a residential area, or a mixed residential and commercial area, if

(a) the equivalent sound level does not exceed 65 dBA on an approved sound meter when received at the greater of the following distances from that leaf blower:

(i) the point of reception;

(ii) 15.2 m; and

(b) the person operates the leaf blower

(i) between 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on a weekday, or

(ii) between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday.

Links shared or requested at drop in

[Seattle is Dying Documentary](#)

[Camosun Dental Hygiene Clinic](#) Camosun dental hygienist students provide affordable oral care for people without insurance

[Downtown Victoria Business Association Video](#) Their "Great place to be ... " campaign hasn't launched yet but stay tuned for it [here](#).

Information on regional sewage treatment project can be found [here](#).

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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