

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 we discuss. Please also see actions to follow up on, information received back in response to your queries. The next **Drop In is Tuesday February 20th** from 11:30-1:00pm in my office at city hall.

Thanks for participating in your community!

Lisa

### **Agenda - Community Drop February 13<sup>th</sup> 2018**

1. Chickens
2. Density – Fairfield Plaza
3. Plastic Bags
4. Gonzales Neighbourhood Plan
5. Crosswalk on Fort between Blanshard and Douglas
6. Homeless Housing
7. National Cannabis Conference
8. House lot development near Gonzales Park
9. Reclaiming Johnson Street Bridge Steel
10. Stakeholders influencing local area plan (tabled until Feb 20<sup>th</sup> drop in as we ran short on time for this item)
11. Report out on my trip to Ottawa specifically with regard to cultural spaces

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

1. Can anything be done to regulate the proximity and number of compost bins placed at the property line?
2. If the crosswalk is closed on Fort Street between Blanshard and Douglas can it be made clear through signage or flaggers where people should cross the road?
3. Move at the February 22<sup>nd</sup> Committee of the Whole meeting that the public hearing for the Gonzales plan be cancelled for March 8<sup>th</sup> and held at the same time as the public hearing for the Fairfield plan.
4. Inquire with staff as to how much of the rail bridge the city has in its possession. Explore whether there are opportunities for community groups to purchase some of the JSB steel before PCL ships it to Seattle for recycling.

### **Items Mayor has followed up on:**

**Q:** Inquire as to the possibility of moving the disabled parking spot in the 700 block of Yates Street from in front of the Bulk Barn to in front of the Post Office.

**A:** In an effort to increase the number of on-street parking spaces in the downtown core, staff have developed a plan to convert the parallel parking on the south side of Yates Street, adjacent the Post Office, to angled parking, similar to the east end of the block. The angled parking spaces do not meet the criteria that engineering has established for new disabled parking spaces. Rear loading vehicles would need to use the travel lane to load occupants, side loading vehicles would not load onto the

sidewalk, and there is not a wheelchair ramp / curb drop within close proximity to assist users in accessing the sidewalk. These proposed changes have been communicated to the businesses on the block and we are just waiting on good weather to implement the new paint markings.

We will continue to work with stakeholders to address accessibility needs in the City, however, given the planned changes for this block, this request is not supportable at this time. The existing disabled parking space on the north side of Yates, fronting Bulk Barn, will remain.

**Q:** Suggest to staff that they work with Tourism Victoria and the GVHA to ensure that visitors to Victoria are aware of the bike lanes and accompanying traffic signals and how they work.

**A:** Staff have positive relationships with both Tourism Victoria operators and the GVHA and will share updated educational information for their clients and partners in the early spring, associated with opening of Fort Street project. Great suggestion.

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“Resignation and cynicism are easier, more self-soothing postures that do not require the raw vulnerability and tragic risk of hope. To choose hope is to step firmly forward into the howling wind, baring one’s chest to the elements, knowing that, in time, the storm will pass.” - Archbishop Desmond Tutu