

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 March 27th** from 11:30-1:00pm at the **Cook Street Village Activity Centre**. Please note the special location.

Thanks for participating in your community!

Lisa

Agenda - Community Drop March 13th 2018

1. Short Term Rentals Implementation, Fee and Method
2. Signage on Government Street re: Cyclists and Right Hand Turns
3. City Hall
4. Affordable Housing
5. Health of Inner Harbour
6. Bylaw for landlords
7. Sewage

Items Mayor will follow up on:

1. If you already have a short term vacation rental business licence do you have to get another one when the new rules come in? If yes can the amount you paid for the first licence be counted towards the second licence?
2. Can the consultants report that was used to assist staff in making their recommendations please be released?
3. A young man who attended the Drop In was hit by a car turning right when he was in the bike lane on Government Street at Herald. The car didn't signal a right turn. He thinks we need better signage and is willing to help and give input. What does engineering suggest?
4. How will the cycle track along Dallas be connected to Douglas Street? *(I have passed this concern along to the CRD Sewage Project Team; they will ensure it is addressed as part of their report to Committee of the Whole on April 12th)*
5. Can staff explain and/or attach link to report about how crosswalks are prioritized?
6. Is there a possibility of realigning Dallas Road at Douglas as part of the sewage treatment project to allow for large vehicles turning without needing that extra strip of pavement separating the green triangle from the park? If not as part of the sewage project what would be the process for undertaking this?

Items Mayor has followed up on:

Q: Can anything be done to regulate the proximity and number of compost bins placed at the property line?

A: On the assumption that this involves the 1322 Rockland Property, Bylaw Services have concluded the Unsightly premises enforcement on the property. The Compost bins do not fall subject to the City's Zoning Bylaw setback provisions. During the active enforcement on the property, Bylaw staff did note to the owner, the benefits of a cooperative and respectful ongoing relationship with neighbours.

Q: Are we working on a new tree bylaw? What does the current tree bylaw say about cutting down trees for development? What is the tree replacement policy? What is the policy for cutting down endangered trees?

A: Re: New Tree Bylaw

A complete revision of the bylaw has not been undertaken.

Re: Tree cutting and development

- 1) A Tree Permit may be granted to cut down a protected tree if the tree is located within the building envelope and removal is necessary for the construction of a building, addition to an existing building or for the construction of an accessory building. A Tree Permit may also be granted to cut down a protected tree for the construction of a driveway, off-street parking requirements required under the Zoning Bylaw or for the installation of public utility service connections.
- 2) Any tree located on private property that is not protected under the Tree Preservation Bylaw may be cut down at any time without a Tree Permit.

Re: Replacement tree requirements

When a protected tree is removed, the permit holder must plant and maintain two replacement trees. Staff will review each permit application to determine whether there is space available to support replacement trees on the subject property. For the purpose of ensuring compliance, the applicant must provide a \$350 security per replacement tree to the city. The security is returned once the replacement trees have been planted and inspected by Parks staff.

Re: Cutting down endangered trees

In order to obtain a Tree Permit for the removal of a protected tree, the tree must meet the criteria for removal described in the bylaw. Criteria include dying and unstable trees as well the reasons mentioned above with respect to tree cutting and development. There are no provisions specific to endangered trees.

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Archbishop Desmond Tutu