

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. 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 **Tuesday February 5th 11:30-1:00pm** in my office at City Hall.

Thanks for participating in our community!

Lisa

Agenda - Community Drop In – January 8 2019

1. Traffic and quality of life
2. Affordable housing
3. Apology, thank you, question, bus driver
4. Housing project permit
5. Tree
6. Environment – Gonzales Hill and other places
7. Cannabis

Items Mayor Will Followed Up On:

1. For Legislative Services or Finance: Are we issuing 2019 Business Licences to Cannabis Dispensaries that don't have a provincial licence?
2. For Parks: An idea for staff to have a working group of people in the community with tree experience enlisted to help them with work on Tree Protection Bylaw comprised of citizens and people in the tree business.
3. For Legislative Services: What other steps can the City take to expedite the processing of Cannabis applications by the Province?

Items Mayor Has Followed Up On:

Q: For Engineering: How many parking spots will be removed along Dallas Rd?

A: The CRD Waste Water Treatment Force-main Project retains 92% of on-street parking between Clover Point and Ogden point. 48 of the 598 parking stalls will be removed and replaced with a new public plaza, new sidewalks, new crosswalks and protected bike lanes.

Q: For Planning: When will the Planning Department have a decision on the garden suite at 1980 Fairfield Rd?

A: Staff are not able to definitively determine when a decision will be made on Delegated Development Permits as it is dependent on potential design revisions submitted by applicants and when (if) an application is deemed consistent or inconsistent with the relevant guidelines. There are no fixed timelines for processing development permit applications as each application is unique and the application process may involve multiple design revisions and changes in response to staff comments regarding the application's consistency or inconsistency with relevant bylaws or guidelines.

Links of interest requested or shared at Drop In:

- Piece by a mom re: pedestrian safety: <https://www.timescolonist.com/opinion/op-ed/comment-i-walk-my-daughter-and-her-friend-to-school-i-don-t-want-you-to-kill-them-1.23605738>
- The Block Project (discussed again): <http://the-block-project.org/>
- The Stretch Developer (blog of Community Drop In participant building a passive house): <https://stretchdeveloper.com/>
- Connect Victoria App (report potholes, streetlights out, etc from your phone):
- <https://www.victoria.ca/EN/meta/news/news-archives/2016-archive/connectvictoria-app-available-for-download-now.html>
- See the stars for free once a week at UVIC at the Astronomy Open House (free): https://www.uvic.ca/science/physics/outreach_alumni/outreach_alumni/community/open-house/index.php
- 2030 is the New 2050 – Climate Emergency Declaration and How It Is Hard To Lead: <https://lisahelpsvictoria.ca/2019/01/22/2030-is-the-new-2050-climate-emergency-declaration-and-how-hard-it-is-to-lead/>
- City of Victoria Draft 2019-2022 Strategic Plan: www.victoria.ca/strategicplan

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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