

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 and other items of interest that were shared by participants at the drop in. The next drop in is **Tuesday January 22<sup>nd</sup> 11:30-1:00pm.**

For those of you who would like to engage a bit more deeply and help us shape the 2019 Budget and 2019-2022 Strategic Plan, here are three good opportunities!

### **Budget and Strategic Plan Survey**

How the City provides services, spends money and sets priorities has a big impact on your everyday life.

Your input is important, please share your feedback and ideas.

Take the survey now at [www.victoria.ca/budget](http://www.victoria.ca/budget)

### **Budget Town Hall**

**Wednesday, January 16, 2019**

**6:30 p.m. (Doors open at 6 p.m.)**

**Victoria City Hall**

City Council has given preliminary approval to the 2019 Draft Financial Plan and is looking for input from the community before finalizing the budget in early February. Plan to participate in the Budget Town Hall to share your ideas and ask questions about the budget. The meeting will be interactive, and webcast live. Attend in person at City Hall or from the comfort of your own home. You can submit questions prior to the event or in real-time during the Town Hall and watch the webcast for answers.

Learn more at [www.victoria.ca/townhall](http://www.victoria.ca/townhall).

### **Strategic Plan Engagement Summit**

**Saturday, January 19, 2019**

**10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (Doors open at 9:30 a.m. for check-in)**

**Victoria Conference Centre**

Give a day to your City and help set the course for the next four years. Prepare to roll up your sleeves and join your neighbours to dive deep into the proposed Strategic Plan and help map out the City's 2019 Engagement Road Map. It's going to be an inspiring day of sharing ideas, learning together and community building. Learn more and register now

at [www.victoria.ca/strategicplan](http://www.victoria.ca/strategicplan).

Thanks for participating in your community!

Lisa

## **Agenda - Community Drop In – January 8 2019**

1. 1980 Fairfield Place
2. Bike lanes along Dallas Rd
3. Royal Theatre
4. Mayor Lisa
5. Homeless people living in vehicles
6. Old growth on Vancouver Island
7. Development Permits

### **Items Mayor Will Follow Up On:**

1. For Engineering: How many parking spots will be removed along Dallas Rd?
2. For Planning: When will the Planning Department have a decision on the garden suite at 1980 Fairfield Rd?

### **Items Mayor Has Followed Up On:**

**Q:** For engineering and public works: where are people supposed to dispose of food waste in public space (e.g. banana peels, apples cores etc.) with the food waste ban at the landfill?

**A:** Thanks for your question. There are a couple of options for responsibly disposing food waste in public spaces as follows:

1. There are 16 organics collection bins across downtown Victoria. These bins are located in busy areas alongside recycling and garbage bins. In the upcoming years we will be upgrading our bin designs to support greater diversion of food waste from the landfill.
2. Our community centres and civic buildings have organic waste disposal bins. You are welcome to use these facilities to dispose of small pieces of food waste if you are in the vicinity.

In 2019, the City of Victoria will begin development of its first “Zero Waste Strategy”. This strategy will be used to guide Victoria towards a future with little to no waste. If you have further interest in the City’s Zero Waste Strategy or staying up-to-date on City of Victoria news, events, and opportunities for public input, please subscribe to the [City's E-newsletter](#) visit [The Website](#), or download the [Connect Victoria App](#)

**Q:** For planning: Find out whether garden suite at 1980 Fairfield Rd will come to Council.

**A:** A development permit application for a garden suite, including the one for 1980 Fairfield Place, which complies with the zoning and is consistent with the *Garden Suite Policy and Guidelines* as referenced in Development Permit Area 15E: Intensive Residential – Garden Suites of the *Official Community Plan, 2012* would not be referred to Council. This is because the authority to authorize garden suite development permit applications has been delegated to staff. However, if the application does not meet the guidelines and staff decline that application, the applicant has a right of appeal to Council, so in that circumstance the application may come before Council.

**Links of interest requested or shared at Drop In :**

CRD Wastewater Project: <https://www.crd.bc.ca/project/wastewater-treatment-project>

The Block Project, Seattle, one tiny home per block! <http://the-block-project.org/>

Tiny House Advocates of Vancouver Island: <https://thavi.ca/>

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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