

Hello,

Apologies for the length of time it's taken me to get this report out and the follow ups done - it's been a busy few weeks! 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, and the date of the next Drop In. The next **Drop In is Tuesday August 1st 4:30-6:00pm** in my office at City Hall. Please note the after work (rather than lunch time) drop in time.

Thanks for taking the time to participate in your community!

Take care,

Lisa

### **Agenda - Community Drop July 11 2017**

1. Short term vacation rental
2. E and N terminus
3. Art in Public Places
4. Zoning
5. Heritage
6. Heritage Home District Preservation
7. Asking accountability from fossil fuel industry
8. Cannabis industry

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

1. Go for tea with residents of Avalon Street (residents of Avalon Street; I misplaced your letter with your emails, please email me [mayor@victoria.ca](mailto:mayor@victoria.ca) to invite me for tea!)
2. Introduce Leigh to Maureen and library and Chris at Museum
3. Send link to list as to where Council and Committee agendas can be found (see links section below)
4. Introduce owner of Habit Coffee to Marko at The Existence Project
5. Bring a motion to Council asking Council to endorse a letter to Fossil Fuel Companies asking for them pay their fair share for climate change mitigation (underway, will be done in early September)

## Links to share from Drop In:

The Existence Project: <http://www.theexistenceproject.ca/>

Council and Committee Agendas: <http://www.victoria.ca/EN/main/city/mayor-council-committees/committees.html>

(Link contains schedule, agendas, how to watch online)

## Items Mayor has followed up on

**Q:** Can we have a four-way stop at Caledonia and Vancouver?

**A:** Staff are proposing to upgrade this intersection in 2018 to a traffic signal that can be activated by pedestrians and cyclists on Vancouver Street, part of planned improvements to the Cycling Network in the City.

**Q:** How is it going re: bike lane training? Are lots of people signing up for our training rides? What do we have planned for ongoing education?

**A:** Pandora Avenue bike lane orientation sessions were held throughout May and June; they will be re-initiated in September with a special target to families and school aged children. There are three (3) September dates scheduled – people can register here: <https://biketoworkvictoria.checkfront.com/reserve/>

**Q:** Can the announcements for passengers on cruise ships be any quieter?

**A:** All ships and agents are provided notification at the beginning of the season from Western Stevedoring and the Harbour Master which includes guidance as per below. Our terminal management team also provides regular reminders to the ships' agents to keep announcements to a minimum.

*From Western Stevedoring on behalf of GVHA:*

Sounding of whistles upon late night departure: Out of consideration to the neighbouring community, please limit the use of the ships whistler to signal vessel maneuvers or for the safety of the vessel.  
Use of outdoor speakers for announcements: Please avoid use of outdoor announcements and music systems when berthed in Victoria. If essential to the operation, please adjust the volume to limit disruption to the neighbouring community.

*From the Harbour Master:*

3. Whistle/Horn NO navigational or emergency constraints; BUT late hour courtesy is desired as dock area is surrounded by residential area.
4. Ship's PA System May be operated on outer decks during daylight hours in muted mode and NOT to be operated on outer decks in darkness hours except in an emergency.

If the resident was referring to yesterday, the Explorer of the Seas did make an announcement looking for late passengers around 1745. The ship's agent was on the pier and immediately spoke with the ship about the announcement not being acceptable. We are also issuing a formal reminder to all vessels to diminish the sound levels on their outer decks.

Please continue to let us know of any additional feedback and if I can provide any further information.

**Q:** Ask Engineering to do a review of timing of traffic signals at Johnson/Wharf/Pandora - intersections leading onto the bridge

**A:** Staff is aware of signal timing/congestion issues at this location, and have already arranged for mitigation measures. Signal timing improvements will occur at the Johnson/Wharf/Pandora intersection later this summer, once detection equipment is installed that enables the traffic signals to be more responsive to fluctuations in demand. Congestion will be further eased on Wharf Street and on Pandora Avenue with the opening of the new Johnson Street Bridge, and the return to two westbound travel lanes to Victoria West.

**Q:** On Wharf Street at Yates put a “do not block intersection” sign so people can turn - especially left - onto Wharf from Yates even while there is a line up of people waiting to cross the bridge.

**A:** Staff will review operations at the Wharf/Yates intersection, and implement improvements as required.

**Q:** Someone going 40km/h on Douglas Street from 6pm-6am (needs to drive for work at night) hits every red light. What speed are the lights timed for on Douglas Street during these hours?

**A:** A review of the Douglas Street signal timings/progression will be added to the staff work plan for later this year. A full evaluation of the downtown core signal system is currently planned for 2018.

**Q:** Re: new Pandora bike lane. Are we (or through ICBC) collecting before and after data re: collisions between cars and pedestrians, bikes and pedestrians, cars and bikes? When will we be able to share this data?

**A:** The City does tabulate annual collision statistics for the City, including those involving pedestrians and cyclists. Follow-up evaluations of the Pandora Avenue corridor will be done as part of the annual review, to determine the safety and effectiveness of the new facility, and if collision patterns are emerging.

**Q:** What is the plan re: yard waste drop off at the Public Works Yard. The lines are long on Saturdays? How does this fit into the solid waste management plan under development?

**A:** City of Victoria has been monitoring the Saturday Yard Waste Drop Off Program statistics and trends on a weekly basis for some time now. As a result, and with council approval, we have hired a consultant to undertake a study, which will be completed this summer. Based on the result of the study and the recommendation from our consultant we will make recommendations to council to address the issue.

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“When in doubt do the kindest thing possible.” - Unknown

