

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 May 8th** from 11:30-1:00pm in my office at City Hall.

Thanks for participating in your community,

Lisa

Agenda - Community Drop In April 24 2018

1. Affordable Housing and Density
2. Speculation Tax
3. Crystal Pool
4. Presentation to Mayor
5. Fair Trade City
6. Graveyard on Dallas (near Ogden Point)
7. Group Processing / Future Search
8. Sewage Treatment
9. Finding Advocacy and Support
10. Douglas and Dallas Rd Alignment
11. Planning Department and Community Groups
12. Fisherman's Wharf Park

Links to be shared from Drop In

Future Search <http://futuresearch.net/about/methodology/>

Co-Intelligence: <https://www.co-intelligence.org/P-futuresearch.html>

Fair Trade Towns: <http://fairtrade.ca/en-CA/Get-Involved/Fair-Trade-Programs/Fair-Trade-Towns>

Resilient Streets: https://resilientneighbourhoods.ca/resilient_streets/

Items Mayor will follow up on:

1. Ask planning department what a "special density area" is. Eg. the proposed Parc Development on Fort at Quadra is one. In these sites where is the bonus density calculated from? Is affordable housing in exchange for density on this specific site possible or does any land lift go (according to Council's policy) to public realm improvements?
2. Attend Global Village anniversary Saturday August 18th (Mavis to send invite to Danielle dstjacques@victoria.ca)
3. Bring forward a motion for Victoria to become a Fair Trade City – to be done in August timed with Global Village event
4. Ask staff whether the Indigenous remains which were recently reburied along Dallas Rd at Ogden Point will be moved to the reburial site at Beacon Hill Park. If they *are not* going to be moved, a member

of the public would like to make a financial contribution to a small fence going around the graves (subject to the consent of the First Nations) so it feels more like a special place.

5. Ask Parks staff what the plan is for extending on a permanent basis the off leash dog pilot in Fisherman's Wharf Park. The residents would like it extended. Here is some more information from drop in participants:

Some of the benefits we have found over the last year are:

1. Community neighbourhood involved as a group
2. Visitors from outside city come to park. We embrace them and offer tips on enjoying our city
3. We monitor park for garbage and harmful items FYI we pick up after the homeless who use the park at night as well
4. When someone in our dog community needs help with their dog due to sickness or injury or surgery we step up as a group to help with their dog and check in on the person
5. It has also become a time when we can seek advice for ourselves or our pets from a vast group who have knowledge in medical, legal, community volunteering etc areas. A place where people can help people in an informal friendly way.
6. Consider including a project in the 2019 budget to fix the alignment at Dallas and Douglas starting with asking for a report on the implications of doing the work as part of the 2019 budget process.

Items Mayor has followed up on:

Q: 1. Send concern about Russel Street intersection to engineering staff. (See attached from Drop In Map).

Vic West residents don't feel like the work we did at that intersection has resulted in better safety. Some bikes don't follow the rules. Pedestrians don't feel safe. They're not sure what the solutions are but they feel that something isn't working. *I didn't know enough about the situation to speak intelligently about it! So I'm relying on you!*

A: The work done at the intersection of Russell Street and Esquimalt Road was led by the Capital Regional District (CRD) as part of the E&N Rail Trail project. The rail authority had jurisdiction over the signal design as the City's Road (Esquimalt Rd), crosses the rail corridor right of way. New rail crossing standards were applied to the work at the intersections. I've included a link with the appropriate contacts at the CRD for more information on the project and future phases of the E&N Rail Trail.

<https://www.crd.bc.ca/project/capital-projects/e-n-rail-trail>

This intersection has very challenging alignment with the rail corridor crossing Esquimalt at the angle it does. As much as possible we looked to separate transportation modes (motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians) and give each their own space, however there is some mixing of pedestrians and cyclist where the rail trail meets Esquimalt Rd.

I encourage you to contact the City's Transportation Engineering Section directly to discuss any specific concerns you have. Please feel free to contact Richard Adam, Supervisor of Transportation Operations directly at 250.361.0326 or radam@victoria.ca

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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