

Hello,

Thanks for your interest in our Community Drop In! Here is a list of topics that members of the public who dropped in request that 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. Please note that we've added some new 'after-work' drop in dates. Please pass these along to your friends, neighbours and colleagues who work during the day and may wish to drop in afterwards. Details here: <http://www.victoria.ca/EN/main/city/mayor-council-committees/mayor-lisa-helps/mayors-community-drop-in.html>

## **Community Drop In Friday February 19th 2016**

### **Agenda**

1. Indoor skate park
2. Hayley Ann, Kidney Foundation and organ transplants
3. Gorge Waterway Regulations and the BC Nautical Residents Association
4. Non-profit start up for helping the homeless
5. Update on Johnson Street Bridge
6. Employment in Victoria
7. Integrated Resource Management Task Force
8. Update on Four Parks to be included as 'no-camping' in Parks Bylaw (Haegaret, Kings, Arbutus, Cridge)
9. Hillside Quadra Neighbourhood
10. Binner Hooks in Montreal and Vancouver
11. February 25th at tenting area
12. The Janion Building
13. Pedicabs
14. Dumping on public property
15. Urban Deer

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

1. Introduce Marianne to Thomas Soulliere, Director of Parks re: Parks By-Law changes
2. Promote Quadra Village Day, May 7th <http://www.quadravillagecc.com/quadra-village-day> AND check into gym availability at 950 Kings for Quadra Village days this year and in the future
3. Look into The Bidders Project <http://www.biddersproject.org/>
4. Send out link to the Sombrio Trailer <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pN9zPECVNBA>
5. Ask about whether large garbage bins rolled into the road on collection day break any city bylaws
6. Request a "No Dumping" sign at the park on Higgins Street

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

1. Follow up with BC Housing as to whether rent supplements can be used for secondary suites in homes or only for larger apartment buildings.

Answer from BC Housing: Yes, rent supplements can be used for secondary suites in people's homes, not only large apartment buildings.

2. Follow up with Planning Department as to what authority the City has to exercise oversight of mechanical systems in strata buildings. Drop In participant said Richmond and Surrey have mechanical oversight bylaws.

I had City staff look into this matter, including the City's authorities regarding management of strata properties. I understand that your concerns relate to issues with hot water and other mechanicals systems in your building. This appears to be an internal issue that has to be resolved between you as the strata lot owner and the strata council. City staff have been informed that a special general meeting of the strata corporation is being planned to deal with some of the necessary repairs to your building's systems. That should be the right venue for these problems to be addressed. Staff have also confirmed that their investigations revealed no contraventions of any City bylaws. Under the circumstances, there is nothing further that the City can do at this time.

3. Follow up with planning department as to whether the new marina design can proceed with only the rip rap / wall improvements and not the hydro substation.

To come in next update.

4. Follow up with Engineering and Public Works Department with regard to Handicap Parking on 700 Block of Douglas Street as well as how many parking spots will be lost with BC Transit and Commercial Operator Bus Proposal.

Both will be considered as pilot project is implemented. Handicap parking spot will be retained in that block.

5. Follow up with Engineering and Public Works Department about who what kinds of vehicles are eligible for a commercial loading and unloading permit.

Staff will review this as part of the ongoing parking review.

The next Community Drop In is **Friday February March 4th 11am-1pm**

2016 Drop In schedule is here and notes from previous Drop Ins can be found here as well:  
<http://www.victoria.ca/EN/main/city/mayor-council-committees/mayor-lisa-helps/mayors-community-drop-in.html>

Thanks for participating in your community!

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