

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, and the date of the next Drop In. **Please note that in 2017 we'll be holding the drop ins on Tuesdays instead of Fridays.** You'll find me fresher and more rested earlier in the week! The next **Drop In is 11:30 Tuesday February 21st** in my office at City Hall

Agenda - Community Drop In Tuesday January 31 - At Cook Street Village Activity Centre

1. Housing First
2. Parking
3. Rising rents versus payroll
4. Cycling Without Age
5. Ogden Point and Cruise 2017
6. Bus Transfers
7. International Women's Day Events
8. Canada's 150th and Emily Carr
9. Help solve poverty

Links shared at Drop In:

www.cyclingwithoutage.ca

Items Mayor will follow up on:

1. Ask if supplies can be barged rather than driven in for ship provisioning should Victoria become a home port.
2. Ask if the noise bylaw is enforceable at Ogden Point when cruise ships are leaving late at night.
3. Find out if someone is coordinating International Women's Day events.
4. Ask if we can make the timing of the cross walk at Cook and Oxford longer so that seniors have enough time to cross the street.
5. Follow up with City staff re: Emily Carr cross Canada tour send off in Victoria as part of Canada 150 activities.

Agenda - Community Drop In Monday February 7th - Mayor's Office

1. City and RBC bank
2. Condition of sidewalks downtown
3. The Existence Project
4. Cannabis use downtown
5. Measuring efficacy of police mental health officers
6. Colonialism
7. China

Items Mayor will follow up on:

1. Send reports from financial institutions as to their green initiatives
2. Provide link to Yates Street Community Garden Project on City Studio Victoria Website: <http://citystudiovictoria.com/growing-community-2/> (Will also connect with staff in charge for more information)
3. Ask Acting Police Chief what the process will be for determining the evaluation criteria and who will be involved in it.
4. Find out if youth are represented on the Truth and Reconciliation Task Force.

Links shared at drop in:

The Existence Project

<http://www.theexistenceproject.ca/>

<https://www.facebook.com/theexistenceproject/>

Items Mayor has followed up on:

Q: DCC Bylaw for green spaces in the downtown - can these be set aside into parks acquisition fund when new development is happening downtown? The gist is of the comments is that there is a lot of development downtown and no new visible green spaces for all the new residents. What happens with DCCs? Where do they go? Is there an amount set aside for green spaces?

A: DCCs have to be put into the DCC reserve, but there are separate ones for park development and park acquisition. The funds can only be spent on the parks projects that are identified in the DCC bylaw. The DCC bylaw is currently under review and the parks DCCs specifically will be reviewed and updated once the Parks Master Plan is completed.

Q: Ask whether, as a paper saving measure, it would be possible to set the parkade machines to not issue tickets as people enter the parkades after 6pm and on Sundays.

A: We are looking at this, but would need an alternative way to track payment requirement for those who parked prior to 6pm. Currently the ticket is what opens the gate, and we would need an alternative method to open the gate or leave it open, which means that those who parked before 6pm would be able to leave without paying. We are currently quantifying the volumes to determine whether this is a big issue or not.

Q: Ask whether we are installing parkade counters at the Broughton and Centennial Square Parkades this year and if not, when?

A: Yes we are.

Q: Find out whether Capital City Station has had a fire inspection

A: This occupancy would have been inspected, before they got their occupancy permit. And its next inspection is due Feb 1 2017

Q: Find out whether Streets and Traffic Bylaw also prohibits computer speakers hooked up to a cell phone, eg. as part of ban on amplification.

A: The Street and Traffic Bylaw prohibits amplification, recorded or broadcasted music or any other means of increasing the volume of a performance. All I can add to that if someone is using such small speakers and the volume is very low bylaw may not notice if they were passing by. Bylaw routinely acts on amplification for street entertainers.

Thanks for participating in your community!

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“We’re all just walking each other home.” - Rumi