

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 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.

Agenda - Community Drop In Friday November 25th, 2016

1. Medical Cannabis Retail Bylaw
2. McKenzie Interchange and Rail Alignment
3. Douglas Bus Corridor
4. James Bay Noise and Air Pollution
5. Removal of Commercial Loading Zone on Pandora
6. Non-profit "The Existence Project"
7. Integrated Resource Management
8. Garden Suite Rezoning Policy
9. Report on Secondary Suites
10. Taxes

Links Shared at Drop In:

The Existence Project: www.theexistenceproject.ca

The Future is In Rail Transit: <https://www.pressreader.com/canada/times-colonist/20160921/281736973926348>

Items Mayor will follow up on:

1. Ask if Light Rail will be possible along Douglas with the McKenzie Interchange alignment
2. Ask if we have a transportation plan for the circulation of tour buses
3. Ask about replacement of commercial loading zone on Pandora
4. Re: Ogden Point noise - ask what is possible to change and what is not possible to change. e.g. Mitigation efforts for heliport noise
5. Cannabis bylaw and the potential to hold off on rezonings until we have some direction from the federal government

Items Mayor has followed up on:

1. Evaluation process for City Manager (see attached)
2. Alignment of Douglas right of way with room for LRT (see attached)

From BC Transit:

BC Transit staff have worked closely with Ministry of Transportation staff to ensure that transit functional requirements were considered and incorporated into the Ministry of Transportation design for an interchange at McKenzie and Highway 1. The design selected (attached) for construction does not remove the possibility of future rail rapid transit at the intersection.

I just wanted to clarify the McKenzie interchange does not remove the possibility of LRT further down the corridor on Douglas Street in the future. The bus lanes that have been built in the City of Victoria and the planned bus lanes in Saanich on Douglas (under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Transportation) will help to continue to build ridership today and the near future as well as preserve right of way for future LRT.

3. Inquire as to what happens to rental projects that are fast-tracked because they are rental that then turn into condos. Eg 595 Pandora was rental and not it is condos.

From planning staff:

Thanks Mayor Helps – staff are using some guidelines to support qualification for fast-tracking of applications (as you can imagine given the volume of projects we are seeing with a rental component right now it's impossible to fast-track them all). These guidelines require applications to be at least 50% rental units which will be secured via housing agreement. The housing agreement provision makes it less likely (though not impossible) that the process can be distorted in the manner suggested below.

4. Ask about replacement of commercial loading zone on Pandora
Staff have followed up directly with businesses and found a solution.

The next drop in is **Friday December 16th 12:30-2pm.**

Thanks for participating in your community!

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