



New Online Opportunities to Connect With the City

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VICTORIA, BC – Two new online tools will make it easier for Victorians to stay informed and provide input on City matters. A new website www.johnsonstreetbridge.com will serve as a “go-to” resource for timely, accurate information about replacement of the 85 year old Johnson Street Bridge. The City has also created its own Facebook page providing another opportunity to reach citizens online.

The official website for the Johnson Street Bridge Replacement Project will have an essential role in raising awareness of the bridge project and soliciting input on the design options, construction updates, and any potential traffic disruptions.

To view regular updates on City activities including the bridge replacement, visit www.facebook.com and search “City of Victoria”. Those who become a “Fan” before December 15 will also be eligible to win a one-year recreation pass to Crystal Pool and Fitness Centre.

Proposed bridge options will be posted on both www.johnsonstreetbridge.com and the City’s Facebook page, September 8. A wide range of opportunities for public input will be provided before Council chooses a design September 24.

In 1924 the Johnson Street Bridge was built to span Victoria’s harbour, connecting downtown to the former industrial area of Victoria West. After 85 years of service to the Region, a comprehensive engineering study has revealed that the bridge is structurally vulnerable, needs new electrical and mechanical systems to keep it operating, and requires significant investment within the next two years.

The replacement project will create an estimated 800 jobs, will be environmentally-sensitive and all efforts will be made to minimize construction impacts.

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