



Six Weeks until Victoria Votes in Bridge Referendum

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VICTORIA, BC — Leading up to the November 20 referendum on borrowing \$49.2 million to replace the aging bridge, the City of Victoria is providing several opportunities for Victoria voters to learn more about the proposed Johnson Street Bridge Replacement Project.

A series of events are planned to provide more information, and answer questions about the project and why borrowing is the fiscally prudent way to finance the necessary improvements.

Designing a Landmark Bridge: Meet the Architects

Victoria Conference Centre

Monday, October 25, 2010 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

The Big Picture: Why Borrowing Makes Good Sense

Victoria City Hall

Wednesday, November 3, 2010 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Guided Tours of Johnson Street Bridge

Saturday, October 23, 2010 and Saturday, November 6, 2010

Space is limited. Registration required.

Johnson Street Bridge Open House: Have questions? We have answers

Victoria City Hall

Saturday, November 13, 2010 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Learn Why Replacing the Bridge is the Sustainable Option

Victoria City Hall

Wednesday, November 17 7p.m. - 9 p.m.

In addition, Mayor and Council will be on the bridge each week and attending community meetings to provide information and answer questions. Staff will also be present in shopping malls, markets, and at community events. An information package will be sent to all Victoria voters in early November.

The new bridge is designed to serve Greater Victoria for an estimated 100 years. It will be built to current seismic standards, include on-road bike lanes; a multi-use trail linking Galloping Goose Trail and future E&N Rail Trail, a widened sidewalk for increased accessibility for wheelchairs, strollers and pedestrians, reconfigured approach roads on east and west sides to enhance safety and provide improved pedestrian and cyclist facilities, incorporates Old Town Design Guidelines and provides for a future link to Harbour Pathway under the bridge.

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