



Proposed Traffic and Trail Improvements for Beacon Hill Park

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VICTORIA, BC – Beacon Hill Park is an oasis of both natural and landscaped beauty, with unique recreation features that make it a destination for residents and visitors alike. Vehicle traffic within the park, however, is increasingly a safety concern due to speeding and the park's use as a short-cut by drivers. Based on valuable community input, the City of Victoria has developed a draft transportation plan that will guide traffic and trail improvements to make Beacon Hill Park safer and more enjoyable.

The media and the public are invited to drop by an open house in the community this week to view displays and discuss proposed road closures to reduce cut-through traffic, methods to slow down traffic, ways to maintain access to the park's recreation features, and trail improvements. Participants will also have an opportunity to complete a short survey. Registration is not required. Complimentary refreshments will be served. Free childminding will be available.

OPEN HOUSE #1 - Proposed Traffic and Trail Improvements for Beacon Hill Park
Tuesday, November 16, 2010, from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Fairfield Gonzales Community Centre, Out of School Care Room
1330 Fairfield Road

OPEN HOUSE #2 - Proposed Traffic and Trail Improvements for Beacon Hill Park
Wednesday, November 17, 2010, from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.
James Bay New Horizons, Activity Room
234 Menzies Street

Some of the partial road closures being considered include Bridge Way from the park's public washrooms to Circle Drive; Heywood Avenue from the cricket parking lot to Circle Drive; and Circle Drive from Dallas Road to in front of the Beacon Hill Park Petting Zoo. Arbutus Road may also be converted from one-way southbound to a two-way road. Proposed trail improvements include converting roadways to multi-use trails, improving signage and completing a perimeter pathway.

The display panels and survey will be available on the City of Victoria website as of Thursday, November 18. Community input will help inform the transportation plan for Beacon Hill Park which will be presented to City Council in the New Year for consideration. For more information, visit: www.victoria.ca and click on *What's New?*

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