Provide Input on How to Improve Pioneer Square

Date: Monday, June 20, 2011

VICTORIA, BC — Pioneer Square is a small, rectangular park adjacent to Christ Church Cathedral fronting Rockland Avenue and Quadra and Meares Streets. Known as the "old burying ground," it served as a cemetery from 1855 to 1873 and has been a City park since 1908. The City of Victoria is developing a plan to guide future improvements that respect this commemorative site and meet the needs of the surrounding community.

The City is offering a variety of ways for the public to learn more and share what they would like to see improved at Pioneer Square.

The community is invited to drop by an open house Tuesday, June 21, 2011 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Christ Church Cathedral, Chapter Room, 930 Burdett Avenue, to view displays, meet with Parks planning staff, ask questions and complete a short survey. Registration is not required. Complimentary refreshments will be served. Please use the side entrances of the Church.

An information booth will be set up in Pioneer Square (at Quadra and Meares Streets) on Thursday, June 23 and Wednesday, June 29 from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m. for the community to drop by during their lunch break or after work to view displays, learn more and provide input.

To view the information panels and participate in a survey online, visit: www.victoria.ca and click on What’s New? from Wednesday, June 22 to Friday, July 8.

Display panels and the survey will be available at the Parks office in Beacon Hill Park from Wednesday, June 22 to Friday, July 8. To arrange an appointment, call 250.361.0600 or email parks@victoria.ca

Based on input received from the community, Parks staff will develop draft recommendations that will be presented to the community for feedback at a second open house in the fall.

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