VICTORIA, BC — Based on community input, City Parks staff have developed a draft plan for improving Pioneer Square. The goal is to create a plan that respects the site’s heritage and meets the needs of the surrounding community.

Drop by an open house to learn more and provide feedback on proposed improvements such as a strategy to preserve historic markers; guidelines for future commemorative monuments; the resurfacing of trails; closing a portion of Rockland Avenue to develop a multi-use pathway; and installing additional lighting and new seating in the park.

Join us Wednesday, March 28, 2012 from 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the Christ Church Cathedral, Chapter Room, 930 Burdett Avenue. (Please use side entrances.) Take the opportunity to participate in “Part II” of the planning process. View displays, meet Parks planners, ask questions, and complete a short survey. Registration is not required. Refreshments will be served.

Pioneer Square is a small, rectangular park adjacent to Christ Church Cathedral. Known as the “old burying ground,” it served as a cemetery from 1855 to 1873. A City park since 1908, Pioneer Square features mature trees and plantings and is home to close to 1,300 interments, marked by a number of heritage gravestones and bench tombs.

Community feedback will help inform the management plan for Pioneer Square, which will be presented to City Council for consideration in late spring. For more information, visit: www.victoria.ca

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