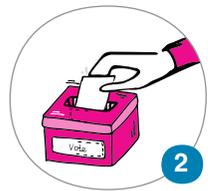


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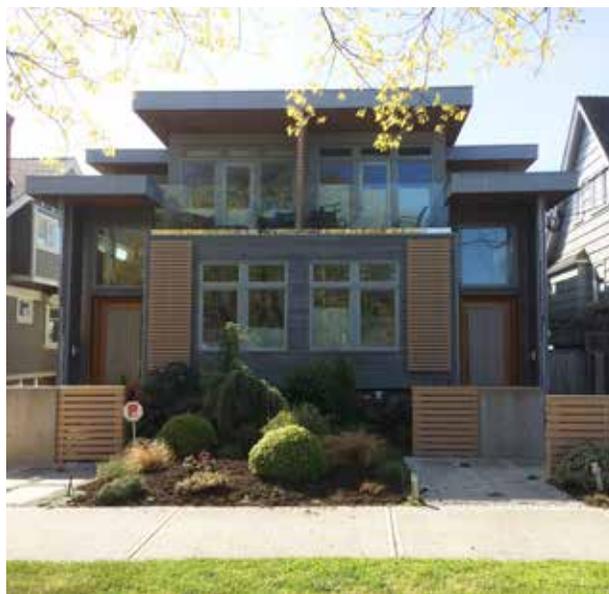
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The Missing Middle



L to R: House conversion, duplex, townhouse

The Missing Middle

Housing is one of the biggest issues facing our community. Finding housing to rent or own is challenging for many, including young families, working individuals and seniors. Businesses are also struggling to find staff because of a lack of affordable housing.

Victoria's Strategic Plan identifies a suite of new initiatives to increase housing affordability and support for renters. Funding for affordable housing development has been increased for 2019, measures to protect and renew existing rental housing are being introduced, and we're working to make it easier to build affordable housing.

We are also looking at ways to diversify housing options in our community. Young families, couples, and empty nesters want to continue to live in Victoria but struggle to find housing that fits their family and their incomes. We call this housing 'the missing middle' and it includes townhouses, duplexes, fourplexes or other types of small-scale apartment buildings. It's housing that's smaller than a single-family house, close to shopping and transit, offers a front door to the street, access to green space and more bedrooms than most mid-rise apartments.

Together with housing stakeholders and members of the public, we've updated Victoria's Housing Strategy to create a road map for improved housing affordability. Much of the work is underway and new actions will roll out over the next year.

We've already implemented:

- A Short-term Rental Bylaw to increase access to long-term rental housing
- A Renter's Advisory Committee to provide recommendations to Council on rental housing and tenant-related matters
- \$1.8 million toward two affordable housing projects in 2019
- A tenant assistance policy to provide better support for renters who are required to move when their building is rezoned for redevelopment

Over the next year we will:

- Introduce a Standards of Maintenance Bylaw to establish a basic standard of repair for residential rental properties
- Look at opportunities to accelerate development of affordable rental homes and ways to preserve existing rental housing
- Consider grant programs for secondary and garden suites
- Create a strategy to encourage more 'missing middle' housing for our community

We encourage you to participate in the many discussions related to these over the coming year. Stay connected and learn more at victoria.ca/housing.

Quality of life is the focus

Developed with broad public input, the *City of Victoria 2019 – 2022 Strategic Plan* is a road map for Council's decision making and will guide the City's work within eight strategic objectives over the next four years:

1. Good Governance and Civic Engagement
2. Reconciliation and Indigenous Relations
3. Affordable Housing
4. Prosperity and Economic Inclusion
5. Health, Well-Being and a Welcoming City
6. Climate Leadership and Environmental Stewardship
7. Sustainable Transportation
8. Strong, Liveable Neighbourhoods

The Plan's goal is:

"By 2022, Victoria will be a bold, thriving, inclusive and happy city that people love. We will be known globally for our climate leadership practices, multi-modal transportation options, innovative approaches to affordable housing, and for meaningful reconciliation with the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations on whose homelands our city was built."

Watch for opportunities on how you can get involved. Read the Plan at: victoria.ca/strategicplan.



Take a Walkshop

The City is committed to strong, liveable neighbourhoods. Neighbourhood Walkshops are one way to explore opportunities to improve connections and bring vibrancy to areas that need some love.

Neighbourhood Walkshops bring residents and City staff together for a citizen-led walking tour and conversation about topics of interest. It's a great opportunity to share information and communicate concerns and suggestions through honest, open dialogue.

It's simple to organize a walkshop. You first need to identify one or more topics that interest you and talk to neighbours who may share your interests. Discuss the questions you would like to ask and the sites you would like to visit. A member of your group can then send an email with this information to your Neighbourhood Liaison at neighbourhoods@victoria.ca.

More information on walkshops can be found in the *My Great Neighbourhood Walkshop Residents' Guide*, available at victoria.ca/neighbourhoods.

Democracy in Action

Participatory budgeting is an innovative, democratic process that gives the entire community the opportunity to participate and decide how to invest a portion of the City budget.

After a successful pilot last year, the City has committed to Participatory Budgeting funding for three more years. The focus for 2019 is youth, followed by newcomers in 2020 and neighbourhood spaces in 2021.

A volunteer Steering Committee has been designing and running the process. This spring, community members submitted proposals for projects and activities to benefit youth in Victoria. It's now your turn to vote on how best to invest \$52,000. Last year, over 4,300 residents cast their vote and three projects were funded.

Vote online at cvyc.ca/pb. Prefer to vote in person? Pop by City Hall and watch for voting stations at Car Free YYJ! It's your opportunity to have a direct impact on how we invest in youth.



Dallas Road Wastewater Update

Construction is well underway on the Capital Regional District's (CRD) Wastewater Treatment Project with significant progress being made in Victoria. The installation of the pipe along Dallas Road is over 50% complete with crews working from both ends of the pipe. A progress map is frequently updated on the website wastewaterproject.ca.

Whether biking or driving, you should expect single-lane alternating traffic and temporary parking impacts on Dallas Road while this work is taking place. The road will be paved following pipe installation. This fall, construction of the cycle path is anticipated to begin and all work on Dallas Road will be complete by summer 2020.

The Clover Point Pump Station is being upgraded and expanded with concrete pouring as the foundations take shape and walls rise on site. Pipe installation is progressing well with work taking place in Vic West.

The CRD Project Team recognizes the impact this road work has and wants to thank residents for their patience as this work is being completed.



Love Food Hate Waste

Did you know, over 60% of household food waste in Canada is avoidable?

Some food waste like bones, vegetable peelings, egg shells, tea bags, and coffee grounds are unavoidable. It's the rest of the food we waste that we need to think about, such as when we buy too much, cook too much, or don't store food correctly.

To put that in perspective, every day in Canada we waste: **470,000** heads of lettuce, **1,200,000** tomatoes, **2,400,000** potatoes, and **1,000,000** cups of milk.

For the average Canadian household that amounts to 140 kilograms of wasted food per year – at a cost of more than \$1,100 per year!

The City of Victoria is a partner in the *Love Food Hate Waste* campaign, giving you access to great tips for keeping food fresh, using up leftovers and meal planning with delicious recipe ideas.

Here are three quick tips:

- A quick soak in ice water for 5 to 10 minutes is often enough to reinvigorate wilted veggies.
- Toast stale chips and crackers for a minute or two in a regular or toaster oven to crisp them right back up.
- Overcooked vegetables and meals that disappoint can always be transformed into soups or sauces.

Visit: lovefoodhatewaste.ca to learn how to reduce your household food waste and start saving money.



Summer Party on the Block

Hosting a neighbourhood Block Party is a great way to spend a Saturday or Sunday afternoon having fun and getting to know your neighbours.

It's easy. Just...

- Reach out to the residents of your block a few months before to see if they are keen. This is a great way to create a "Block Party Team" and make sure that everyone is okay with closing the block for a few hours.
- Think about the types of things you would like to do and take a look at the permit form online. Don't worry – the permit is free. And we can help you with any concerns you have about the paperwork! victoria.ca/eventpermits
- If you are considering hosting your first Block Party, you can apply for a My Great Neighbourhood Grant of up to \$1,000 to help out with the festivities. Apply for a grant this fall and then host your first block party next summer: victoria.ca/neighbourhoodgrants.
- Have questions or need ideas? Feel free to reach out to our Neighbourhoods Team at neighbourhoods@victoria.ca.

BYO Bag

Thanks Victoria for doing your part to reduce single-use checkout bags.

Please remember that as of July 1, 2019 the minimum fee Victoria businesses must charge for a paper checkout bag will increase to 25 cents and to \$2 for a reusable bag.

Need a reminder to bring along your reusable bag? Drop by City Hall and pick up a free BYOB window decal and key chain fob. victoria.ca/reusablebags



GO VICTORIA Our Mobility Future

Victoria needs a transportation system that is safe, efficient and resilient.

The City is developing Go Victoria, a mobility strategy to define the vision for transportation over the coming decades, establish a new framework for moving people, goods and services, and identify strategies and indicators for assessing the performance of transportation in the capital city.

The process includes data analysis and community input to identify how we can improve transportation safety, mobility options, and enhance the overall experience of getting around.



SHARED VALUES

Input on mobility values will identify what's most important to the community and help shape what the strategy should achieve.



GOALS & METRICS

The values will inform our goals and metrics, which will be used to support decisions about priority projects and programs.



TOOLS TO MAKE DECISIONS

Making tough choices about what our points of emphasis must be requires tools that track back to our values.



PRIORITY ACTIONS

Advancing our mobility future will require dedicated and sustained funding, so we'll identify what's needed to advance our implementation plan.

Join the conversation at: victoria.ca/govictoria.



The image shows the concept for cycling facilities along Vancouver Street at McClure Street.

Safer Cycling for 2019

2019 Projects

The City of Victoria is making investments in active transportation to improve safety and comfort for people walking and cycling, as part of a goal to create a 32-kilometre network by 2022. Projects in 2019 that are currently under design include:

- Vancouver Street (Dallas Road to Bay Street)
- Quadra/Hillside Route (Bay Street to Tolmie Avenue)
- Harbour Road (Galloping Goose Trail to Johnson Street Bridge)

Consultation will also start later this year for projects on Haultain Street, Richardson Street, Government Street north and Kings Street in 2020.

These pedestrian and cycling projects are designed to connect the downtown core with parks, schools, employment areas and neighbouring communities. The City is also prioritizing traffic calming investments over the next four years and allocating new funds to support data collection, capital improvement projects and road safety partnerships.

Wharf & Humboldt Street Upgrades

Construction is underway on Wharf and Humboldt Streets. The improvements along this corridor include underground infrastructure upgrades, new protected bike lanes, intersection improvements, accessibility enhancements, two new public plazas, new street trees, and traffic calming features. We appreciate your patience during this construction work and look forward to officially opening the new Wharf/Humboldt corridor this summer.

To learn more about Victoria's cycling network, what's planned for 2019, and the vision for years to come, get involved at victoria.ca/cycling.



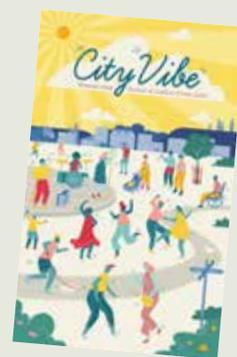
Summer Camps Deadline

If the child in your life has an interest, chances are the City of Victoria has a fun and educational camp for you, whether it's skateboards, kayaks, water polo, paintball, dragon boating, rock climbing, painting, pottery, coding skills, sailing, science, cooking, music, surfing and parks! Half-day, full-day, before and after-care, outside, inside, near and far – there is a camp that fits your family and your budget. Victoria playground camps offer days of fun, team building, and exploration, while being an affordable way to go to camp. Check it all out at victoria.ca/recreation. Click on the "Programs and Registration" button and search for key words, camps, specific weeks, and ages. There are still a few spots open for summer 2019!

Crystal Pool Camperships offer additional financial support for children ages 4–14, to participate in week-long, camp experience programs. Campership funds are sustained through contributions of individual and corporate sponsors. If you are interested in more information, or would like to apply for financial support, please see victoria.ca/poolforms.

CityVibe = Summer Fun

Wondering what to do this summer in Victoria with family and friends? Make CityVibe your free go-to guide for festivals and outdoor events in the Capital City.



Check out the spectacular line-up of summer festivals, arts and cultural activities, and free City-sponsored concerts and community programming at the Cameron Bandshell in Beacon Hill Park and in Centennial Square next to City Hall.

Whether you're taking in an outdoor concert, shopping for homemade and homegrown produce at local public markets, or celebrating our community's culture and diversity, make CityVibe your guide to summer fun in Victoria.

Look for CityVibe around town and at City Hall, or view it online at victoria.ca/cityvibe.



Mark your calendar

Event Feedback Form

Let us know what you liked about an event you've experienced in Victoria or would like to see improved by completing our online Event Feedback Form at victoria.ca/eventfeedback.

Father's Day Swim

Sunday, June 16

1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Crystal Pool and Fitness Centre

Bring Dad for a free swim for the entire family on Father's Day!

Victoria Indigenous Cultural Festival

June 21 – 23

11 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Royal BC Museum, Plaza

Join the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations in celebrating National Indigenous Day weekend with music, dance, food and art. indigenoussc.com/victoria-indigenous-festival/

WIBIT Wednesdays

Wednesdays, July and August

1:15 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Crystal Pool and Fitness Centre

Join us for some fun on the water! Balance, run, climb and slide on our GIANT WIBIT Inflatable!

Afternoon Concerts in the Park and Summer in the Square

June – September

Enjoy FREE concerts, dance lessons, exercise classes, and crafts this summer at Beacon Hill Park and Centennial Square. Check out what's planned! victoria.ca/cityvibe

Victoria's Canada Day

Monday, July 1

Victoria's Inner Harbour

Downtown is the place to be for an impressive line-up of performers, family-friendly activities, and multicultural programming, culminating in spectacular fireworks over Victoria's Inner Harbour. canadadayvictoria.ca

Victoria Pride Week

July 1 – 7

Various downtown locations

For a full list of events around the city, visit: victoriapridesociety.org.

Victoria Public Markets

Public markets in Victoria add colour and flavour to our local economy, attracting residents and visitors. Enjoy homegrown produce and handmade items from April through October! victoria.ca/publicmarkets

Summer BBQ for Families

July 11, 18, 25 and August 8, 15, 22

Thursdays 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Burnside Gorge Community Centre

Join us for a delicious BBQ and salad served at Burnside Gorge Community Centre. Lawn chairs and blankets recommended as seating is limited. Suggested donation of \$2 per family.

Symphony Splash

Sunday, August 4

Victoria's Inner Harbour

Celebrate the 30th annual Victoria Symphony Splash! From a floating stage, the VS orchestra and special guests will perform. The grand finale is Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture with fireworks! victoriasymphony.ca/splash

Fall 2019/Winter 2020

August 15

Active Living Guide

Registration opens for fall and winter recreation programs. victoria.ca/recreation

TLC for Trees

A new investment of \$858,000 annually will expedite implementation of the Urban Forest Master Plan to protect and maintain the trees we have as well as plant new trees. In 2019, more than \$3.3 million will be invested in the urban forest.

The City's Urban Forest Master Plan was developed with extensive consultation from community members, staff and industry experts. The Plan provides guidance on the long-term management of the urban forest, which includes all of the community's trees, shrubs and ground cover and the soils in which they grow.

Read the Plan and learn more at victoria.ca/urbanforest.

You can help maintain our urban forest by showing your own trees some TLC this summer:

- When watering, wet the soil rather than the foliage of the tree.
- Follow water restrictions or collect rainwater.
- Dig into the soil by hand to confirm soil is moist, but not dry or drenched (if watering boulevard trees – watch out for underground services).
- Water in the evening to avoid evaporation.
- Use mulch to help retain moisture and soil temperature.

For information on keeping trees healthy in the heat, visit victoria.ca/trees.



What's New at Cecelia Ravine Park

Cecelia Ravine Park is the largest park in the Burnside-Gorge neighbourhood. The park provides a variety of recreational opportunities. Located between Burnside Road and the north side of the Selkirk Trestle, Cecelia Ravine Park is a gateway for pedestrians and cyclists, a migratory bird habitat and home to the City's award-winning Burnside Gorge Community Centre.

In 2016, the City of Victoria purchased an adjacent property to add an additional 0.22 hectares (0.5 acres) of parkland to Cecelia Ravine Park. In 2018, the Cecelia Ravine Improvement Plan was created following two phases of community engagement, which collected input on possible improvements.

The community was invited to the official opening celebration on Saturday, June 8 for the new and improved park area which includes:

- A larger, more accessible playground
- Community gathering areas, picnic facilities, and open green space
- An improved outdoor fitness area
- A small parking lot for vehicles
- A small public washroom, and
- An upgraded, multi-use pathway at the end of Cecelia Road (west), making it easier for pedestrians and cyclists to access the rest of the park and the Galloping Goose Trail.

Many years of play, gathering and recreation are ahead in this expanded park area. Enjoy!



Connect with Us

Want to connect with us on a topic or issue? It's easy!

- Sign up at engage@victoria.ca for our bi-weekly Council Highlights which summarizes Council's decisions, and to our monthly newsletter at victoria.ca/subscribe to stay up-to-date on what's happening and how to get involved.
- Visit Have Your Say to learn about the latest City initiatives and share your feedback at victoria.ca
- Share your feedback with Mayor and Council at mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca
- Attend a Mayor's Community Drop-In to share thoughts and ideas in a group setting. Drop-In Schedule: victoria.ca/dropin.

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