

Hello,

Thanks for your interest in our Community Drop In! Here is a list of topics that members of the public who dropped in requested we discuss. Please also see actions to follow up on, information received back in response to your queries, and the date of the next Drop In. The next **Drop In is 12:00-1:30 Tuesday April 11th** in my office at City Hall

Agenda - Community Drop In March 21 2017

1. World Refugee Day and We Speak Translate
2. Development process for residents
3. Song
4. Sale of Cannabis Edibles, Production and Rezoning
5. The Arts
6. Population Growth and Residential Rezoning
7. Staff accountability
8. Victoria Public Market
9. Cannabis
10. James Bay Tourism
11. Victoria City Hall wifi

Items Mayor will follow up on:

1. Send development process flow chart
2. Ask planning staff to outline the planning process from a residents point of view
3. Ask staff to hold a Development 101 workshop for residents
4. Make the point to planning staff that a scale difference should have a process difference (eg. there should be a different public process for a rezoning of a single family home than for the rezoning of a multiunit, multi building residential development)
5. Ask the Province to develop legislation that allows for the distribution of cannabis edibles
6. Connect Four Seasons Musical Theatre Society with Victoria's Canada 150 Team
7. Encourage the GVHA and the City to take a systems approach to tourist management in James Bay
8. See how we can make City Hall a friendly wifi zone

Items Mayor has followed up on:

If you don't see your query or response here, it means that I'm still working on getting the information. Thanks for your patience!

Q: What are the "teeth" in heritage designation when the proposal is to subdivide a property?

A: In general the "teeth" in heritage designation is the required approval by Council for changes to the designated structure. That said, a subdivision in and of itself does not always trigger approvals for heritage properties. In the case of the 1322 Rockland Council approval will be required because the proposed subdivision generates setbacks on the new lots that require variances. Heritage considerations will be taken into account as part of the assessment of those variances.

Q: What role, if any the City plays in regulating business names. Someone came to my Community Drop In offended by the name "Green Buddha" for a cannabis dispensary; he is Buddhist. What role does the City play?

A: The City has no role or authority in business naming. I am unaware if any current City requirements that would impact the name a business chooses. That specific business signage would be impacted by the new regulations that allow only alpha and numeric characters on signs for Cannabis businesses are permitted. That said the actual name would be permitted and the City has no influence over the name itself.

Q: Does SD61 have family friendly Wi-Fi zones?

A: 1. "wondered if SD61 has family friendly wifi zones?" We do not have different access zones rather our security policies are applied to all internet connectivity from within our SD61 networks, regardless of wired or wireless. Our entire network maintains the same level of security where attempted access to inappropriate websites are blocked and we also provide an additional level of security through enforcement of Google safesearch.

2. "Are their "blacklists" in place on school wifi?" Our internet connectivity is provided by the Ministry of Education. As was the practice with earlier PLNet and now the Next Generation Network (NGN), content filtering is applied to all users and devices and occurs through blacklisting inappropriate websites (preventing access to certain websites by explicitly blocking them from SD61's network).

3. "Does SD 61 follow IWF and MECMEC internet black list?" SD61 is following the direction set by the Ministry of Education in regards to student safety and internet content filtering.

While some offensive content is blocked as a result of blacklisting and other technical efforts have been implemented to reduce our student's exposure to inappropriate content, some risk still remains. We further mitigate those risks by supervising students while they access the internet and in teaching students about the risks and defining expectations around appropriate conduct through our digital citizenship efforts. Together, these actions help us mitigate and manage the risks faced by students and supports our digital strategy.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for the inquiry.

Q: Secondary suites - can the minimum height limit be reduced by 2 inches to allow secondary suites in older homes without having to lift the homes?

A: The minimum height for secondary suites (2.0m) is set by the BC Building Code and so can't be lowered by City policy.

Q: Talk with BC Housing re: pet friendly buildings in BC.

A: Thank you for bringing this forward, and yes, it has made it to us! I had a letter and then a meeting with Mustard Seed about pet friendly buildings. I let them know about our contractual requirements with our society's who operate housing, that our own buildings we allow a cat or dog.

So to clarify:

In terms of BC Housing, our agreements give the provider opportunity to develop policies that determine what pets are permitted. It is only in our shelters that going forward, pets must be permitted.

In our BC Housing owned/operated buildings (Evergreen Terrace, etc.), we allow one dog or cat.

I am happy to take questions if that is helpful - Danielle, please feel free to forward my contact information.

In terms of going forward, I am not aware of any discussions within BC Housing to require housing providers to permit cats or dogs.

Q: Follow up with police chief about incident on Douglas Street where person wasn't treated fairly by police

A: I'm following up on a request from A/C Manak to look into an alleged incident that occurred with a male on February 14th while he was sitting with his dog and backpack in the 1200 blk of Douglas St. (Bay Centre). Unfortunately there is no record of this incident being reported in our Police files, nor is there a "person check" report submitted.

Thanks for participating in your community!

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"When in doubt do the kindest thing possible." - Unknown