



In Your Neighbourhood

Cannabis Store City Approval Process

At their November 8 meeting, Council approved recommendations in a [staff report](#) providing information about the provincial cannabis retail store licensing process. The report made recommendations for an approval process including an invitation for comment to the neighbourhood association and owners and occupiers of properties within 100 metres of a proposed retail location.

Fall Leaf Pickup

The City’s fall leaf cleanup will be coming through Fernwood November 18 and then again on December 16. Get your bagged or loose leaves out on the boulevard by that date and they will be removed. There are other options and suggestions for recycling your leaves that you can find on the related City [webpage](#).

Great Neighbourhood Grants

The fall neighbourhood matching grant program closed with two applications received from the Fernwood neighbourhood during this intake period. These included:

- Solar Powered Aquaponics Pump – Compost Education Centre (\$2,000)
- Christmas Carols and Light-up in Fernwood Square – Fernwood Community Association and Joseph Scarfone (\$980)

The City received a total of 27 grant applications which are now being reviewed and recommendations will be submitted to Council for approval prior to the end of December.

Gladstone Lights

Through a 2017 Great Neighbourhood Grant, the Fernwood Neighbourhood Resource Group installed new fastenings for the overhead lights on Gladstone near Fernwood Road. The project will ensure a longer life and more resilient fastening for the lights over coming years.

Election Results

Election polls were busy on October 20 as large numbers of voters turned out to vote. The results were as follows.

For the community question on exploring amalgamation with Saanich. Note that Saanich also supported this question affirmatively.

Citizens Assembly on Amalgamation Question	Elector Organization	Total
YES		18,343
NO		9,253



November 2018 Update

Fernwood

For Mayor:

Candidate	Elector Organization	Total
Lisa HELPS		12,642
Stephen HAMMOND	NewCouncil.ca	8,717
Michael GEOGHEGAN		4,335
Bruce McGUIGAN		2,377
Rob DUNCAN		527
Alexander SCHMID		231
Saul ANDERSEN		219
Krzysztof ZMUDA		148
David Arthur JOHNSTON		119
RYMO		71

For Council:

Candidate	Elector Organization	Total
Ben ISITT		14,205
Jeremy LOVEDAY		13,239
Laurel COLLINS	Together Victoria	12,842
Geoff YOUNG		12,184
Sarah POTTS	Together Victoria	11,977
Charlayne THORNTON-JOE		10,678
Sharmarke DUBOW	Together Victoria	10,590
Marianne ALTO		10,245
Stephen ANDREW	NewCouncil.ca	9,098
Pam MADOFF		9,067
Grace LORE		8,765
Andrew REEVE	NewCouncil.ca	8,246
Randie JOHAL	NewCouncil.ca	7,748
Gary ALBERTS	NewCouncil.ca	7,503
Marg GARDINER		7,041
Anna KING		5,454
Rose HENRY		4,076
Jordan REICHERT		3,491
Darlene ARCHIBALD		3,083
Sean LEITENBERG		3,059
Edison KAHAKAUWILA		1,956
Ted SMITH		1,898
Steve FILIPOVIC		1,595
Riga GODRON		1,567
Doug STEWART		1,394
James HARASYMOW		1,362
Jesse JIMENEZ		1,028
William TATE		758
Delmar MARTAY		238

Council Appointments

At their November 15 meeting, Council will receive a [staff report](#) providing information to consider with respect to appointments to Boards, Committees and Neighbourhood Associations.

City Strategic Plan

Council has begun the process of developing a new Strategic Plan for the City. Over three consecutive Tuesdays ([November 6](#), 13, 20) Council will be reviewing the current plan and determining which new objectives it will incorporate into its new four-year Strategic Plan. The draft plan will be approved by Council on December 6 and the final document and city budget will be approved by the end of January.

Crystal Pool

At their November 15 meeting, Council will receive a staff [report](#) providing information and recommendations regarding the outcome of an initial review of Council's recently adopted motion concerning Central Park and the Crystal Pool and Wellness Centre project. The report seeks clarity on the preferred next steps.

Strengthening Community Participation

A neighbourhood association workshop was held at City Hall on October 13 from 10am to 3pm. The workshop explored understanding the fundamental role of each neighbourhood association, volunteer recruitment, sustaining a strong board and surveying neighbourhoods. Representatives from eight neighbourhoods attended the workshop. Materials from the workshop will be circulated to all neighbourhood associations in coming weeks.

Centennial Square Engagement

In September, a stakeholder working group participated in an "Ideas Jam" workshop and open house event for improving Centennial Square. Further comments were gathered through an online survey in October. A draft action plan will now be developed for consideration by Council in early 2019. For more information, visit the project webpage www.victoria.ca/CentennialSquare.



Neighbourhood Updates

Monthly neighbourhood updates will now be posted on the City's website on the [neighbourhood webpages](#).

Council Meetings

Thursday, November 1, 2018 was the [inaugural meeting](#) for the new Council. Committee of the Whole meets November [8](#), [15](#) and 22 at 9am. Council meets on November [8](#) and 22 beginning at 6:30pm. Residents can attend both meetings or watch them [here](#).