



James Bay Neighbourhood Association

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Mandate

The mandate of the James Bay Neighbourhood Association (JBNA) is to enable the community to be actively involved in the preservation, rehabilitation, and planned development of James Bay, so as to preserve and enhance the quality of the environment and life therein.

JBNA Priorities for City of Victoria Action

No ranking is implied by the listing of JBNA priorities provided below.

General

Work to improve our effectiveness in getting the City to listen to, and work actively on, community issues raised by JB residents.

Development Projects

Work with the City to ensure that the CALUC process is effective and community involved with special attention to those projects that overlap with the downtown core area and the harbour.

Streets, Sidewalks, Transportation and Traffic

1. Request that the City of Victoria work with the JBNA to revise the 1996 James Bay Neighbourhood Transportation Plan, addressing the traffic volume, mobility and street safety issues identified by the 2009 residents survey.
 2. Place additional crosswalks at several points along Dallas Road where there are no crosswalks.
 3. Create a workable plan for maintaining sidewalks in James Bay and mitigating the dual problems of power pole encroachment and shrubbery encroachment on sidewalks.
 4. Locate a dedicated parking lot outside of James Bay for non-cruise-related buses of all kinds so that Ogden Point is no longer used for this purpose.
 5. Work to ensure that the Ogden Point Master Plan provides for development that is compatible with, and not antagonistic to, JBNA's mandate and priorities.
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Parks

1. Contribute to improvement of Beacon Hill Park traffic management and trail systems.
 2. Contribute to Parks Master Plan & Urban Forest Management Plan when City restarts process.
 3. Ensure JBNA is contributing and heard when important changes are proposed in any JB Park.
 4. Work to ensure the successful completion of Fisherman's Wharf Park redevelopment.
 5. Urge the city to develop a land acquisition plan in James Bay in advance of future provincial and federal government land use changes, with property set aside for greenspace.
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Noise Pollution

1. Request that the City of Victoria adopt World Health Organisation (WHO) guidelines for Community Noise, utilising best-in-class methods for dealing with urban noise.
 2. Continue work to ensure that significant reductions occur in the excessive noise and airshed pollution generated by floatplanes and helicopters.
 3. Prohibit or restrict open loudspeaker systems on all motorised and non-motorised vehicles operating within residential areas, and on cruise ships at Ogden Point.
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Airshed Emissions

1. Request that the City of Victoria adopt World Health Organisation (WHO) standards, pursuing regulatory or other means to generate compliance with standards by both point and mobile sources of emissions.
 2. Work to create three permanent air quality monitoring stations adjacent to Victoria harbour.
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The following priorities require the involvement of GVHA

1. Improve cruise ship fuel standards by implementing for Victoria operations the same fuel standards for both auxiliary and drive engines that are currently being utilized in Vancouver, Seattle, and Tacoma, and in advance of the recently announced North American Emission Control Area requirements that are to commence in 2012. Low sulphur content fuel is available and should be used immediately.
 2. Establish near-term goals to increase the proportion of cruise ship passengers that make their way downtown from Ogden Point by walking, cycling, or taking a watercraft shuttle.
 3. Establish near-term goals to reduce systematically, until phase out, the number of large highway buses that are licensed to transfer cruise ship passengers, replacing these buses, where necessary, with lighter, more community friendly vehicles.
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