

## JBNA Directors' Report: February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### **JBNA Discussion Forum:**

JBNA's March 10<sup>th</sup> Discussion Forum will feature a presentation by City of Victoria Transportation staff proposing dedicated cycle lanes in James Bay. Those on JBNA e-mail lists will receive a ZOOM link.

### **Short-term Employment Opportunity: Statistic Canada and the 2021 Census**

The next Canadian census will take place in May. Statistics Canada will be hiring about 32,000 people across the country to assist in census data collection activities. Census information is used to make informed decisions about your community, province or territory, and the country as a whole.

If you are interested in a census job, apply at: <https://census.gc.ca/index-eng.htm>

### **James Bay Winter Wanderland 2021: cancelled due to COVID-19**

### **Cruise ships in Canadian waters: banned till February 28, 2022**

Transport Canada, stating "Cruise vessels in Canadian waters pose a risk to our health care systems", has prohibited cruise ships with more than 100 people until February 28, 2022. See [statement](#)

### **Stand Earth Report: COVID Pandemic Results in a Cleaner Coast (January 2021):**

The Stand Earth report, "[An Investigation into Unregulated Cruise Ship Pollution in Canada's West Coast Waters](#)" focusses on the sewage, greywater and washwater created by cruise-ships and sometimes released within the Strait of Juan de Fuca. (note Alaska violations from 2018 [here](#)).

### **Rethink Before Restart:**

**Thank you to those who submitted comments.** Thank you to the many residents who responded to our request for input to the development of a policy document focused on the re-set of the cruise-industry. Interim (first draft) of recommendations will be presented in the months ahead.

**State of Washington – CLIA MOU:** see the JBNA submitted comments [here](#):

### **GVHA: Business development:**

GVHA is seeking Requests for Proposals for land next to the boat ramp between Camel Point and Coast Guard area.

GVHA is seeking Expressions of Interest for use of GVHA Inner Harbour lands (causeway and wharfs) in preparation for a GVHA Inner Harbour MasterPlan. Note: City has the "Victoria Harbour Plan" details [here](#)

### **City of Victoria Councillor Liaison:**

Mayor Helps appointed Stephen Andrew as Councillor liaison for James Bay - [stephen.andrew@victoria.ca](mailto:stephen.andrew@victoria.ca)

### **City of Victoria: Build back Victoria Survey**

Over the past 9 months we have seen boulevard spaces used by cafés/restaurants in James Bay and partial closure of streets downtown. The City seeks your opinion regarding this program, Survey available at [engage.victoria.ca](https://engage.victoria.ca)

### **Residential Branch Pick-Up:**

The City's branch chipping service to help residents remove tree branches starts February 22. Please have tree branches on the boulevard by Monday, February 22.

### **Safety in our Neighbourhood:**

Problems associated with those sheltering in our community, be they in our parks, our streets, and on our residential properties should be brought to the attention of the police if criminal in nature, or involving safety. **Emergency line is 911. Non-emergency is 250-995-7654.**

VicPD online reporting is at: <https://vicpd.ca/services/report-a-crime-online/>

City Bylaw Officers for select bylaw enforcement: [bylawservices@victoria.ca](mailto:bylawservices@victoria.ca) or 250-361-0578.

### **Developments- updates:**

Although JBNA is not able to provide updates on all proposals as they go through the city's approval process, we will try to give updates for major developments:

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**Correspondence:** Key correspondence is on [jbna.org](http://jbna.org); Top menu, For Information, and find correspondence.

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**Development Proposals:** (City Planning @250-361-0523 or [Development Tracker](#)) 596 Marfield; 121 Menzies; 415-435 Michigan; 108 Niagara; 580-582 Niagara; 557 Simcoe; 430 Powell Street; Village Green (Menzies/Niagara)