

JBNA Directors' Report: March 11th, 2021

JBNA Discussion Forum:

The topic for the JBNA April 14th Discussion Forum may be "***Rethink before Restart***", the JB response to cruise tourism post-COVID-19.

JBNA AGM and Constitution:

Due to the March 2020 lockdown, the JBNA Annual General Meeting had to be postponed, and later cancelled. The Province of BC permitted societies to delay AGMs until later this year. Over the past months, the JBNA Board has re-drafted the JBNA Constitution to bring more uniform language and 'modernise' clause to accommodate virtual meetings. We hope to hold the AGM on May 12th, 2021.

Additional Cycling Routes in James Bay:

The City is planning for the next phase of the 32km cycling network. Comment is being sought on the proposed east-west routing of either Superior or Michigan (although consultation has not been requested on the north-south routing, you may provide comments on the City survey). The City plans contain several changes to intersections on Government at Belleville and Dallas, on Michigan, and on Montreal: visit the JBNA [webpage](#) for details and engage@victoria.ca for the City survey.

Public Herb Garden at Fisherman's Wharf Park:

The City has granted JBNA a three-year License of Occupation for the herb garden at the corner of Erie and St. Lawrence. Garden volunteers will tend the herbs and fruit-bearing shrubs while the City will maintain the paths and trees. JBNA received a My Great Neighbourhood grant to make some upgrades, such as labelling the edible plants, indicating that the public is welcome to harvest, and increasing the variety of culinary herbs planted. If you have suggestions for herbs you'd like to see added, please contact Kathryn Pankowski at jamesbaygardens@gmail.com.

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>

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

The cruise-industry has been lobbying US elected officials seeking early resumption of the Alaska run. Local interests have been lobbying the Government of Canada officials.

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 or 250-361-0578.

City of Victoria Councillor Liaison:

Mayor Helps appointed Stephen Andrew as liaison for James Bay: stephen.andrew@victoria.ca

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:

Correspondence: Key correspondence is on jbna.org; Top menu, For Information, and find correspondence.

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