

JBNA Directors' Report: April 14th, 2022

JBNA Discussion Forum: The May 11th agenda is not yet complete, however, it will begin with a presentation of the rebuild of the Eagle Wing Tours (whale watching) facility at Fisherman's Wharf.

JB Market 2022: Take in the first 2022 Market @ Menzies/Superior, Saturday, **May 7**, 9am-3pm.

Cruise Ships and air/water pollution: Alaskans and JBNA have been appreciative of the Alaska Ranger Program whereby local "Rangers" board cruise ships and report on emission plumes and discharges of fluids and solids into the ocean. JBNA has provided excerpts of "Ranger" reports concerning ships on the Alaska run which use Victoria as a port-of-call. The State of Alaska is considering the withdrawal of the act/regulation which creates the program. If you wish to sign the Alaskan resident petition in support of the continuation of the program, you may do so at: <https://www.change.org/p/help-indigenous-communities-keep-their-waters-pristine-in-southeast-alaska>

Fair-Sailing: For information on the cruise industry and BC ports, see papers at www.Fair-Sailing.com. The F-S committee continues to forward "**Actions Needed**" to the industry.

Resumption of cruise in 2022: Cruise ships which arrive April and mid-October through November are shoulder season visits which typically are repositioning for the summer season. The Alaska run starts in two weeks with full resumption early May. 2022 schedule suggests a growing emphasis of night ships and shorter stays with 10% of calls being 4 hours. See www.jbna.org for analysis.

While passengers are to wear masks when ashore (as are all international travellers for 14 days upon arrival), about 40% of those coming ashore last week removed their masks before leaving Ogden Point area.

Stand-Earth's "Missing the Boat: The study released last week provides "Comparative Economic Impacts of Cruise & Non-Cruise Tourism in Greater Victoria". The study does NOT include costs associated with environmental or quality of life impacts. It is available at www.fair-sailing.com

JBNA Particulate Matter (PM2.5) Update: JBNA has installed 3 sensors for the 2022 season. 5 sensors in James Bay and 1 or 2 others along the harbour can be viewed on-line. For easy access, see the JBNA link with summaries and explanations: <https://jbna.org/2022/02/james-bay-particulate-matter-monitors-are-live/>. Note: full range air quality studies NOT being done in JB.

Street work: The Simcoe walkway work nears completion with paving expected to be completed in next couple of months. With the completion of underground work on Superior (between Menzies and Oswego), the repaving should be finished by the end of May.

Gardening news: Free *Get Growing, Victoria!* gardening materials - compost, leaf mulch, and wood chips - at MacDonald Park parking lot, off Simcoe Street, starting Friday, April 22 at 4 pm and continuing until gone. James Bay Plant Swap returns May 14, 10-12 at Irving Park on. There will be an array of perennials, house, and food plants lined up, so get your plants ready to swap. No extra plants? Then drop some cash in the donation jar for neighbourhood gardening programs.

JBNA Neighbourhood Advocate - Recycle Saturdays: Recycle Saturday is **April 16th. 10-noon**. Complete details and what can and cannot be recycled may be found at www.jbna.org/recycle/. Volunteers welcome: It's a fun and positive way to spend a morning.

Safety in our Neighbourhood: While crime/disruptions in James Bay have lessened, encampments continue in Beacon Hill Park and Irving Park. Problems 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.**

City Bylaw Officers for bylaw enforcement: bylawservices@victoria.ca or 250-361-0578.

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Developments - updates: See City of Victoria [Development Tracker](#)