

JBNA Directors' Report: April 4th, 2020

The COVID-19 pandemic, and need for physical distancing, have changed communications. The JBNA Board will attempt to keep you informed as to our actions and land use changes.

Gardens and Birds and RBCM:

Victoria Bird Sanctuary - "BiodiverCity": The "Friends of Victoria Harbour Migratory Bird Sanctuary" has launched a web-site <https://vicharbourbirds.ca>. The site provides reports of bird sightings throughout the area. Photos welcome. Thanks to Jacques Sirois and his group.

News for gardeners: After a period of confusion, supplies of seeds, plants, and soil amendments are starting to flow again. Several suppliers now have distance ordering and a pick-up or delivery system. If you're having trouble finding supplies, Kathryn Pankowski, JBNA Garden Advocate, jamesbaygardens@gmail.com. She may be able to assist.

The Plant Swap, May 2, is cancelled. But if you're craving a new plant, we're giving away three to the first James Bay residents who say they want one; choice of an aloe vera (needing bright light), a peperomia (needing less light), and a white-flowered Siberian iris (for an outdoor garden). E-mail jamesbaygardens@gmail.com and indicate which one you want.

Royal BC Museum: The Museum has developed a program for parents who now need to teach at home, and adult learners. <https://royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/engage-us-home>. Museum curatorial and collections staff will be putting on a webinar every Tuesday and Thursday [RBCM@Home](#). If you've suddenly become a home-schooling parent, learn how to use the [Learning Portal as your resource](#).

Dallas Road Projects:

Work on Dallas Road continues with landscaping almost completed up to Lewis Street. Final paving from Douglas to Lewis Street should take place beginning the week of April 6. On-street parking in that area will be impacted during this work.

Dallas, near the sea-wall is being prepared for the CRD and City work including the balustrade replacement.

Land-Use & Developments:

Early stage development review continues during the pandemic.

430 Powell Street: JBNA's Development Review Committee has reviewed the proposal for 430 Powell St and written to the City suggesting that the City begin work on the development proposal while awaiting a time when a public CALUC meeting can occur. We asked that the proposal not go to Council before a public CALUC meeting (see correspondence at jbna.org)

Village Green - 110/114/122 Menzies and 450/456/458 Niagara: A ZOOM Development Review meeting with the owners is being arranged. For mid-April.

Neighbourhood Local Area Plan Project: The JBNA Board is continuing an internal scoping project related to the upcoming review of the Local Area Plan.

Thank-you to those who have volunteered to assist. We will get back to you.

Background documents are available on the [JBNA website](#)

Correspondence: Key correspondence is posted on the jbna.org web-site. Go to jbna.org. Look at top menu, hit "For Information" button, and find correspondence.

Development Proposals in Process: (Details: City Planning @250-361-0523 or [Development Tracker](#) 38 Oswego; 596 Marifield; 121 Menzies; 330-336 Michigan; 415-435 Michigan; 108-114 Niagara; 580-582 Niagara; 567 Simcoe-160 South Turner, 430 Powell Street