

JBNA Directors' Report: April 28th, 2020

Parks, Streets and Pathway Changes in James Bay:

Sheltering in Beacon Hill Park: With the assessment and relocation of those camping in Topaz Park and along Pandora by May 9, we are hoping that the commitment to return Beacon Hill Park to full public use will follow. "Thank-you"s or clarification of the relocation program could be addressed to Solicitor General Mike Farnworth at PSSG.Minister@gov.bc.ca or 250-356-2178. Any problems with sheltering at Beacon Hill Park should be brought to the attention of the police only if criminal in nature or involving safety. Other matters could be directed to City Bylaw Services at bylawservices@victoria.ca or 250-361-0578, or to Mayor/Councillors.

Simcoe Street: We were surprised Monday morning to see the temporary sidewalk widening from Oswego to Menzies altered to make a portion of Simcoe, west of Thrifty Foods, one-way for vehicular traffic. This leaves residents needing to head west on Simcoe having to choose to go north on Menzies to Michigan or Superior and then head west, or to go south to Niagara and Dallas or St Lawrence to head west. We have also heard differing views as to preference for a pathway on the north or south side of Simcoe west of Thrifty Foods. ***We seek your feedback on the experiment to date and preference for a north or south Simcoe walkway.***

Beaches along James Bay, Fairfield, Gonzales and Oak Bay: The work at Clover Point which required screened-wastewater discharges has been completed. Testing has also been completed; e-coli levels are low. The beaches are now open.

Dallas Pathway: The new wide pathway is to have bike lane painting done in the weeks ahead. The use of the pathway may vary from Moss Street to Lewis. Where used as a cycling or multi-use shared path, the physical distancing, as requested by health authorities, may *generally not be possible* for walkers along this pathway.

Dallas Pathway connects: The path connect from upper to lower pathways *near Paddon is near completion.*

Speed Reader Boards: The 2 speed reader boards on Douglas have been removed. They were badly vandalised. The City is considering locations to place one speed reader board

Dallas by the Balustrade: The scaffolding construction is almost complete. Soon, removal of the 'sea-foam blue' balustrade will begin. A temporary walking path has been created on the waterside of Dallas Rd east of Ogden Point..

Douglas St & Beacon: Crosswalk improvement (bulb) at this intersection is underway.

Harrison Pond: Harrison Pond has water – and the ducks are happy!

James Bay Market: Opening this upcoming Saturday, May 2nd, 9 am to 1 pm.

The Market will feature only farmer and food vendor kiosks; no local musicians or seating and Social Distancing will be mandatory

Land-Use & Developments: Early stage development review continues during the pandemic.

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. See background documents 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: (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; Village Green (Menzies/Niagara)