

JBNA Directors' Report: April 11th, 2018

TRANSIT ROUTE CHANGES/COMMENTS:

In response to issues raised concerning the recent Transit bus rerouting, BC Transit has informed JBNA that there will be changes in April and June that should rectify some issues:

- ~ Tightening of schedule timing should increase/improve evening service levels and peak service.
- ~ Several bus stop improvements are scheduled for James Bay (shelters on Niagara, concrete pads poured at Douglas and Simcoe, and Superior and Montreal).
- ~ Upon completion of the wastewater detouring of routes, the layover at Erie should be eliminated.

Problems which remain:

- ~ Menzies (north of Simcoe) - stop remains problematic as it creates a blind corner. Moving the stop a few feet to the north would require a new concrete pad to be poured in order for the stop to remain accessible. This is a City responsibility and BC Transit will forward this problem to the City.
- ~ Dallas and Simcoe/Ontario - the counter-clockwise routing places stops on the far side of Dallas. Without X-walks it can be very difficult to cross Dallas to reach a stop, particularly for those using mobility aids. BC Transit will forward this comment to the City of Victoria as they are responsible.

CRD WASTEWATER (SEWAGE) APRIL UPDATE:

NIAGARA PIPE-PULL: The equipment is being put in place for the pipe-pull that is expected to begin sometime between **April 13-16**. Once begun, the pull will take about 72 hours.

DALLAS CONVEYANCE DESIGN/IMPLEMENTATION:

The CRD-CoV Conveyance 50% Design was to be presented to Council on Thursday, April 12. However, due to the memorial events around the death of Chief Andy Thomas, Chief of the Esquimalt First Nation, Council's Committee of the Whole is meeting this morning to decide whether to continue with the Thursday Committee meeting or to reschedule it.

LIBRARY BRANCH @ CAPITAL PARK

The s̓w̓en̓x̓w̓əŋ̓ tən̓əx̓w̓ James Bay Branch opened on Monday, April 9 at 10:00 am with several hundred people visiting the facility. The Grand Opening will follow later this spring.

CITY'S CLIMATE PLAN

There are several opportunities to attend a CoV Climate Plan session. See the City's web-site for listing of sessions: <http://www.victoria.ca/EN/main/residents/climate-change/climate-action.html>

GARDENING COMMITTEE NEWS:

Kathryn has 2 volunteers to assist in planning/developing a neighbourhood Berry Patch. More welcome; if interested in assisting, please contact Kathryn at jamesbaygardens@gmail.com.

WHITE LIGHT – TOO BRIGHT?

The City is nearing the end of installation of energy-efficient light bulbs. Residents adversely affected by the bright lights shining through their windows, please contact Ed Robertson. Shields directing the light more downwards are still being installed upon request: <erobertson@victoria.ca>

Development Proposals In Process:

(Details: City Planning @250-361-0523 or City's Develop Tracker) 71-75 Montreal; 121 Menzies; 350 Sylvia Street; 672 Niagara; 425 Oswego; 224 Superior; 430 Parry, 520 Menzies-Embassy; 229 Government; and 63 Boyd Street; 415-435 Michigan, 515-519 Rithet. 430 Parry, 415-435 Michigan; Expected in months ahead: 350/360 Douglas & Ogden Point MasterPlan;

Next JBNA General Meeting: 7:10 pm, May 9th, 2018, 234 Menzies (New Horizons)