

JBNA Directors' Report: April 15th, 2021

JBNA Discussion Forum:

There will be two JBNA meetings on Wednesday, May 12. At 6pm, JBNA will hold a combination 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 Annual General Meeting. At 7:30pm, JBNA will hold the May Forum. City Transportation staff, having reviewed comments/input from hundreds of residents, will discuss bike lanes for James Bay. Separate ZOOM links will be sent for the two sessions.

JBNA AGM and Constitution:

The JBNA Board has re-drafted the JBNA Constitution to bring more uniform language and 'modernise' to accommodate virtual meetings. The existing and proposed JBNA Constitutions can be found at <https://jbna.org/about/constitution/>. The AGM will be held May 12, 6pm.

Additional Cycling Routes in James Bay:

Register for the May 12 General Meeting starting at 7:30pm. (link to be forwarded in early May)

AstraZeneca vaccine now available in James Bay pharmacy(ies):

Anyone 55-65 years of age who wishes to receive the AstraZeneca vaccine is invited to make an appointment for one of 200 doses at Thrifty Pharmacy. Check also with Pharmasave.

James Bay City storefront cannabis retail:

The City has received a Rezoning Application from Pacificanna for #7-425 Simcoe Street to permit a cannabis retail store. For details see the City "Tracker" or contact Michael Angrove, City Planner, mangrove@victoria.ca, 250-361-0285
<https://tender.victoria.ca/webapps/ourcity/Prospero/Details.aspx?folderNumber=REZ00773>

Simcoe Street: Oswego to Croft

The City will complete road repaving and underground utility repairs on Simcoe, between Oswego and Croft this spring. The City will reconstruct and widen the north sidewalk, making the temporary sidewalk permanent, improving walking conditions and ensuring that the sidewalk supports people who use mobility devices. There will be some closures during construction.

Plant Swap and City Mulch: this Saturday, April 17

1) James Bay Plant Swap and Sale, 10 am – noon, at the James Bay Community School, near Oswego and Niagara Streets. COVID precautions will be in place; payment will be by donation.
2) City garden materials (leaf mulch, compost, and wood chips) distribution starts at 10 am at the north end of Macdonald Park, i.e. parking lot near rugby club. Free for the taking until it is gone! For more information, or to contribute, contact Kathryn Pankowski at jamesbaygardens@gmail.com.

James Bay Market: Corner of Superior and Menzies - season start – **Saturday, May 1st**. Market organisers are seeking volunteers to assist with setup etc. Contact chair@jamesbaymarket.com

Short-term Employment Opportunity: Statistic Canada and the 2021 Census

The Canadian census will take place in May. Statistics Canada will be hiring people across the country to assist in data collection. If interested, apply at: <https://census.gc.ca/index-eng.htm>

"Rethink before Restart: Cruise Tourism"

The April 14 JBNA General ZOOM Discussion will inform the JBNA position paper on cruise-industry activity in James Bay, post-COVID-19. The paper will be posted on-line by mid-May.

Safety in our Neighbourhood:

Problems associated with those sheltering in our community 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: <https://vicpd.ca/services/report-a-crime-online/>. City Bylaw Officers for bylaw enforcement: bylawservices@victoria.ca or 250-361-0578.

City of Victoria Councillor Liaison Appointment: Stephen Andrew 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)