

JBNA Directors' Report: May 16th, 2020

COVID-19 Survey

The BC Centre for Disease Control has created a population health survey *"Your story, our future"*. The survey, open until May 31, explores the social, economic, mental wellness and community wellness impacts of COVID-19. Take survey: <http://covid-19.bccdc.ca/>

Safety in our Neighbourhood:

Fires: 1) On May 9, Police alerted residents to fires on the Dallas beach areas, 2) Days later residents informed JBNA of campfires in Beacon Hill Park (north hill), and 3) Yesterday police advised of 3 fires. **Police and 3 fires on May 14:** Police are seeking input from residents who may have information or security cam footage which may assist in their investigation of the 3 fires on Menzies, Government and Michigan. Call 250-995-7654 (press 1) if you can assist.

Sheltering in Beacon Hill Park: Problems with sheltering in the park should be brought to the attention of the police only if criminal in nature or involving safety. Other matters could be directed to Mayor/Councillors, or City Bylaw Services at bylawservices@victoria.ca, 250-361-0578, or Solicitor General Mike Farnworth at PSSG.Minister@gov.bc.ca, 250-356-2178, or Minister of Social Development Shane Simpson at SDPR.Minister@gov.bc.ca, 250 356-7750.

Cruise-Industry Activity: Last week, Dr Bonnie Henry and Minister Adrian Dix stated that any cruise passengers would be expected to respect the order to self-isolate for 14-days. This effectively means no cruise-visits this year. For 2021, full, and expanded activity is expected as the new Dolphin will permit post-panamax ships with more than 4,000 passengers to dock.

GVHA

Breakwater: The Breakwater will be open for pedestrians as of 10am, Wednesday, May 20. Physical distancing rules will be in place.

Virtual Discussion with CEO Ian Robertson: Residents may register to participate in a virtual presentation/discussion with Ian Robertson, scheduled for Wednesday, May 20, from 11:30am-12:15pm. The focus will be the response to the COVID-19 pandemic and long-term operations of GVHA. Register on the [GVHA website](#)

City Public hearings for Developments: Council has recently passed a motion to substitute in-person public comment at Public Hearings with an electronic process (with the option to phone-in). An implementation date has not been set, but will not be earlier than June 11, 2020. A decision has not yet been made regarding local Community Meetings at which development proposals are reviewed. This will be discussed by Council at an upcoming meeting.

Dallas by the Balustrade: About 1/3 of the balustrade has now been removed.

What is Open in James Bay: The May 16th "JBNA List of Grocers/Takeout/Retail/Services" has been distributed. Details are available on the [JBNA website](#)
The BC re-opening of retail and services begins on Tuesday, May 19th.

Land-Use & Developments: No early stage development reviews are scheduled.

Neighbourhood Local Area Plan Project: 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: (City Planning @250-361-0523 or [Development Tracker](#) 596 Marifield; 38 Oswego; 121 Menzies; 330-336 Michigan; 415-435 Michigan; 108-114 Niagara; 580-582 Niagara; *withdrawn from CALUC Simcoe-South Turner*, 430 Powell Street; Village Green (Menzies/Niagara)