

JBNA Directors' Report: June 9-10th, 2020

Community Meetings and COVID-19: At this Thursday's Committee of the Whole meeting, Council will consider a staff recommendation to substitute an e-response system for the local neighbourhood CALUC Community Meetings as a response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. For full detail, and if you wish to have input, please see the report on the City's web-site at: <https://pub-victoria.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=53970>

Peter Pollen Park at Laurel Point: Due to COVID-19, City staff had to cancel the Open House which was to feature concept drawings for the renewal of Peter Pollen Park at Laurel Point. Instead, the City has launched an e-survey. The survey closes June 24: https://engage.victoria.ca/Peter_Pollen_Waterfront_Park/

Welcoming Cities Task Force: The City is inviting applications for a few members of the general public to be part of the Task Force to develop a **Welcoming Cities Strategy**. Working with consultants, Task Force members will draw from their own expertise and lived experience, assessing Victoria against Welcoming Standards and building a Strategy. The Task force will involve 20 people; however, there may be only 4 positions for the "general Public. The application deadline is Friday, June 12, at 4 p.m. For details: <https://www.victoria.ca/EN/main/city/other-boards-committees/welcoming-cities-task-force.html>

Neighbourhood Grants: Focus on COVID-19 Community Recovery/Resiliency
The City provides up to \$5,000 for placemaking and Recovery and Resiliency projects, and up to \$1,000 for other activities. Grants are open to individuals and community groups. Any group of residents can apply, although a sponsor must be found for those without not-for-profit status. The program continues to December 31: <https://www.victoria.ca/EN/main/residents/Neighbourhoods/my-great-neighbourhood-grant-program.html>

Safety in our Neighbourhood:

Sheltering in Beacon Hill Park: Problems with sheltering in the park should be brought to the attention of the police if criminal in nature or involving safety. Others who may assist in resolving problems are 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.

What's Open in James Bay:

Although COVID-19 has not been conquered, businesses are opening. For the next couple of months, we will keep the on-line listings as up to date as we are able, but will not be distributing the almost weekly listings of grocery/retail openings which we initiated at the beginning of the close-down. If you know of businesses in James Bay which are opening now, please drop a line and we will add to the on-line listing, found at: <https://jbna.org/2020/04/list-of-groceries-take-out-retail/>

Dallas: City works: The balustrade has now been removed and part of the bed for the pathway has been completed.

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; 121 Menzies; 330-336 Michigan; 415-435 Michigan; 108-114 Niagara; 580-582 Niagara; 430 Powell Street; Village Green (Menzies/Niagara)