

## JBNA Directors' Report: June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**JBNA Discussion Forum:** The July 14<sup>th</sup> JBNA general ZOOM discussion will feature a development proposal at **450 Dallas** (corner of Dallas/Lewis)

**Additional Cycling Routes in James Bay:** The City has significantly revised the proposed AAA cycling routes for James Bay. The City's changes in their plans, created between March and May, are described on a post on the jbna website (see [www.jbna.org](http://www.jbna.org)) The City's deadline for comment is **June 11**. Go to <https://engage.victoria.ca/>

**Accessible Parking Survey:** The City has created a very limited, but important, survey. It is NOT available on the "Have Your Say" survey postings. It concerns accessibility parking needs. Sadly, it is also a poorly designed survey; nevertheless, please consider responding to the survey if you have ever had need for accessible parking for yourself, a family member, or a friend.

The deadline is **June 30**. <https://engage.victoria.ca/accessible-parking>

**Plant Starts:** City plants & gardening materials: Thanks to everyone who turned out for the spring distribution. JBNA will be partnering with the City again to provide a fall distribution of food plants suitable for winter growing (in August) and mulches (in the fall). Watch for dates and locations.

**UBC Health Psychology research study, Allies in Health:** UBC researchers are seeking volunteers for an online study, aiming to learn more about how two (family/friends/spouses) people can help promote each other's health and wellbeing during the current circumstances. At least one of the two participants must be 65 years or older. See website for study details:

<https://blogs.ubc.ca/alliesinhealthstudy/> Email: [allies@psych.ubc.ca](mailto:allies@psych.ubc.ca) Phone: (604) 822-3549.

**JBNA seeks a Community Animator:** JBNA has obtained funding for a fee-for-services contract to explore, create, and manage special projects directed to community well-being. We will be interviewing potential contractors in the weeks ahead. Contact JBNA at [jbna@jbna.org](mailto:jbna@jbna.org) if interested.

**Simcoe pedestrian way and street utility work:** The City is in the final design stages of the Simcoe area from Menzies to Oswego. Construction will occur this summer so repaving can be completed before fall rains. The City will need to plan it well to ensure access for residents during the project. We hope to give an update next month.

**Graffiti = Degradation:** Graffiti in James Bay has been disappearing. Thank you to Kevin Hilgers and his group of volunteers.

**"Rethink before Restart: Cruise Tourism"** The JBNA Cruise Committee is nearing completion of the Rethink Cruise Tourism project, both content and roll-out. The paper will be posted on [www.jbna.org](http://www.jbna.org) in June.

**Safety in our Neighbourhood:** Several vehicles/vans, and a tent or two, are still present in Beacon Hill Park this week. Problems associated with those 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 is at: <https://vicpd.ca/services/report-a-crime-online/> City Bylaw Officers for select bylaw enforcement: [bylawservices@victoria.ca](mailto:bylawservices@victoria.ca) or 250-361-0578.

**City of Victoria Councillor Liaison Appointment:** Stephen Andrew [stephen.andrew@victoria.ca](mailto: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:

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**Correspondence:** Key correspondence is on [jbna.org](http://jbna.org); Top menu, For Information, and find correspondence.

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**Development Proposals:** (City Planning @250-361-0523 or [Development Tracker](#)) 596 Marifield; 121 Menzies; 108 Niagara; 580-582 Niagara; 557 Simcoe; Village Green (Menzies/Niagara), 425 Simcoe Cannabis retail on Croft St; 415-435 Michigan (tonight at Council)