

JBNA Directors' Report: July 19th, 2021

JBNA Discussion Forum: The August 11th JBNA general ZOOM discussion may feature a courtesy presentation of a development proposal **515-519 Rithet**, and the JBNA response to the **Rethink Before Restart Cruise Initiative**. **The agenda has not been confirmed.**

JBNA Air Quality Initiative (PM2.5): In anticipation of neither GVHA nor the cruise industry installing recommended Shore Power, JBNA has purchased particulate matter monitoring equipment. The equipment has been installed and base-line measure of fine particulates is now underway in James Bay.

Cruise Returns to Canada: Transport Canada has announced resumption of cruise ship activity as of November 1, 2021.

Introducing Kevin Hilgers, JBNA Neighbourhood Advocate: Kevin has agreed to create and coordinate neighbourhood initiatives directed to enhancing quality of life in James Bay. Kevin renewed the graffiti program in James Bay and has led a merry group of neighbours in removing graffiti over the past two months. Stay tuned – more to come in the weeks ahead.

Gardening News – mark your calendar: JBNA will be partnering with the City to distribute young food plants grown in the Parks greenhouse. Veg and herbs suitable for fall and winter growing will be available on **Saturday, August 21, 10-1** at **Irving Park**. Plants are free, but quantities will be limited. No pre-registration required, just drop by, collect your plants, and enjoy munching your way through fall. *Kathryn Pankowski, JBNA Gardening Advocate.*

Music in the Park – MacDonald Park: Join your neighbours at the park 3-4pm, any Sunday this summer. A JB Neighbourhood band performs old rock'n'roll, blues and swing, near the bleachers. Relax with your own picnic/refreshments. Donations appreciated.

Simcoe pedestrian way and street utility work: The City has completed the design work. Unfortunately, due to needed underground utility repairs which will not begin until August, the repaving of the street must wait until spring. However, the sidewalk portion should be completed this fall.

Beacon Hill Park roadways: City Council delayed decision about further roadway reopenings. Although some of the roads being considered are in James Bay, there has been no consultation.

Safety in our Neighbourhood: Tenting in Beacon Hill Park has almost ended, with one tent on the Dallas walkway reported on the weekend. Overnighting in campers/vans along Circle Drive continues, but at a lower level. Crime and disruptions have diminished. Any problems associated 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 or 250-361-0578.

City of Victoria Councillor Liaison: 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; 108 Niagara; 580-582 Niagara; 557 Simcoe; Village Green (Menzies/Niagara); 415-435 Michigan; 149 Rendall; 680 Montreal (Laurel Point Inn); 202-204 St Lawrence; 425 Simcoe (Cannabis); 450 Dallas.