

JBNA Directors' Report: August 12th, 2020

JBNA Discussion Forum:

JBNA will be holding a Discussion on Wednesday, **September 9th, at 7pm**. The agenda has not yet been set. All those on the JBNA e-mail listings will receive a ZOOM link. Any resident who might want to participate, but is not currently on the list, please send a note to jbna@jbna.org.

Safety and Streets 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 address 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.

Simcoe Street (Croft to Oswego): The “pedestrian way” on the Simcoe St roadway between Oswego and Croft will be shifted to the north-side to address the confusion at Croft and Rendall intersections. Work is almost complete.

Dallas Pathway: City staff has recommended to Council that the new Dallas pathway be designated as a shared cycling and pedestrian way from Lewis St to Clover Point for 18 months. The City has contracted for the removal of the 2 mid-path poles; hopefully to be removed this month.

Gardening News:

The Wee Free Seed Box at the corner of Menzies and Michigan is being well used, with 500 packets donated and chosen in July. JBNA gardening volunteers are looking for donations of seeds and now is the time to start harvesting them. Anything non-invasive is welcome, but they are particularly looking for heirloom (non-hybrid) tomato seeds, peas and beans, lettuce, herbs, and native plants. You can drop seeds in the box or contact Kathryn at jamesbaygardens@gmail.com.

Following guidance from the BC Centre for Disease Control, access to all allotment gardens has been restricted to gardeners and coordinators. Please admire gardens from outside fencing and observe the 2-metre distancing rule when visiting other community garden and tree orchard areas.

James Bay Library Branch: Opens August 25. Monday-Saturday, 11-noon for Seniors or immune-compromised and noon-4pm for the general public.

City Grants:

Focus on COVID-19 Community Recovery/Resiliency: The City may provide up to \$5,000 for placemaking and Recovery and Resiliency projects, and up to \$1,000 for other activities. Grants are open to individuals: a sponsor must agree to administer funding for those without not-for-profit status. The [program](#) continues to December 31.

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)