

## **JBNA Directors Report: August 8, 2018**

### **JBNA:**

#### Invitation:

We invite those who are interested in community areas of interest to establish a committee, with support of a JBNA Board member. JBNA committees can report at general meetings and will report to Board by email/in writing. Please indicate your interest by email to [jbna@vcn.bc.ca](mailto:jbna@vcn.bc.ca). In addition, the Board invites your ideas about topics of interest for upcoming agendas. If you have a particular speaker in mind, please send your ideas to [jbna@vcn.bc.ca](mailto:jbna@vcn.bc.ca).

#### Our Mural:

A Great Neighbourhood Grant by the City of Victoria enabled the JBNA to hire professional muralist Cameron Kidd to paint a mural on the ramp retaining wall at Fishermans Wharf Park. About 60 elementary school children from the community were asked to draw something that they would find in James Bay, providing images for the mural. Cameron Kidd painted the shapes on the wall and recent arrivals to Canada, aged 10 to 13, from the Inter Cultural Association summer camp painted the shapes. More detail was added by Cameron and youth from the Volunteer Victoria Youth Group painted the details with the finishing touches by Cameron. Jackson's Ice Cream at Fishermans Wharf gave participants ice cream. Cloverdale Paint donated the paint, and staff from Fishermans Wharf ensured site safety and comfort for all.

#### Local Area Plan:

In preparation for the revision of our neighbourhood plan, now called Local Area Plan (LAP) there will be an information session from 10:00 to 2:00 on Saturday, September 8 at the  $sx^w\epsilon\eta x^w\epsilon\eta t\epsilon\eta\epsilon x^w$  James Bay Branch of the library in the Dr. Elmer Seniemten George M.S.M. Community Room. The focus for discussion is the Large Urban Village envisioned for Menzies Street in the City of Victoria Official Community Plan.

### **GARDENING COMMITTEE NEWS:**

Thinking about starting a boulevard garden? On Saturday, August 18 from 1:00 to 3:00 the City of Victoria is putting on a free tour and info session that will cover all the basics: the legalities and guidelines, managing growing conditions, plant selection, and how to support pollinators. There is no fee for the tour. Contact City Hall for information about how to register. 250 385-5711.

The James Bay Fall Plant Swap & Sale returns to Irving Park on Saturday, September 8, 10:00 go 12:00. Houseplants, winter veg starts, perennials for fall planting, and more. Want more info? Can't be there on the day, but have some plants you'd like to pass along to your neighbours? Contact Kathryn at [jamesbaygardens@gmail.com](mailto:jamesbaygardens@gmail.com).

### **TOUR DE VICTORIA:**

The Ryder Hesjedal Tour de Victoria takes place Saturday, August 18 starting at 7:00 am on Government Street at Belleville. Belleville Street will be closed most of the day. Details at [tourdevictoria.com/schedule/traffic-restrictions/](http://tourdevictoria.com/schedule/traffic-restrictions/)

## **CITY OF VICTORIA INFORMATION:**

On July 12, 2018 a tie vote at Council resulted in lack of approval for the rezoning application to convert the existing Bed and Breakfast at 224 Superior Street into 4 residential units, and to subdivide the property to create a new small lot to build a single family home. On July 27, Council passed a motion to reconsider the application based on new information from the property owner and from one Councillor who initially opposed the application.

On July 27, Council approved an application to permit retail and office uses in conjunction with a gas station at 308 Menzies Street. A public hearing date will be set soon. Those who wish to comment may attend the hearing and/or send their comments to Mayor and Council at [mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca](mailto:mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca).

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### Development Proposals In Process:

(Details: City Planning @250-361-0523 or Development Tracker)

Ogden Point Master Plan; 121 Menzies; 350 Sylvia Street; 672 Niagara; 425 Oswego; 224 Superior; 520 Menzies-Embassy; 229 Government; 515-519 Rithet; 334 Dallas; 589 Toronto

Next JBNA General Meeting: 7:00 pm, September 12, 2018, 234 Menzies (New Horizons)