

JBNA Directors' Report: October 17th, 2020

JBNA Discussion Forum:

JBNA will be **not** be holding a November Discussion Forum as Remembrance Day falls on the second Wednesday. The agenda for the next zoom Discussion Forum, on December 9th, 2020, has not been finalised. Those on JBNA e-mail lists will receive a ZOOM link. Any resident who is not on a JBNA e-list but wants to participate please send a note to jbna@jbna.org.

BC Provincial Election:

Due to the short time-frame from election call to voting period, JBNA did not host an all-candidates forum. However, the Victoria Chamber held a Victoria-Beacon Hill all-candidates forum which can be viewed on-line. <https://www.victoriachamber.ca/bc-election-2020.html>

Thrifty Foods Renovation:

Thrifty Foods renovations are expected to go through to February 2021. There have been several complaints about middle of the night noise. Report problems to:

~ Daryl Fediw, James Bay Thrifty Foods Manager, dfediw@thriftyfoods.com

~ Ralf Mundel, Director, Marketing & Communications, Thrifty Foods, rmundel@thriftyfoods.com

~ Shannon Perkins, City of Victoria director, Bylaws, sperkins@victoria.ca

Gardening News:

Looking for something you can do outside this fall and winter? **Carr House** is offering a series of gardening workshops led by head gardener Noah Alexander. For more info: <https://carrhouse.ca/>

Bringing the City leaf mulch program to the neighbourhood was a success, with most of the pile picked up within 24 hours. We hope to arrange fall and spring deliveries, with two drop off points for more convenience.

Wastewater Project and Dallas pathway:

Benches and Yellow chairs have been installed along the Dallas seawall; bike racks and litter cans to come in the next week or so.

In response to reports of sewage odours along Dallas, JBNA made enquiry and received a response from the CRD - *The Wastewater Treatment Project is undergoing testing so residents may smell some odour until the end of October. There will be no discernible odour once this testing phase is complete.*

Safety and Streets in our Neighbourhood:

Problems continue to be associated with those sheltering in our community. These problems, be they in our parks, our streets, and on our residential properties 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 available for **drug activity, attempted break & enter, taken bikes, fraud, mischief, other theft, including crimes in which a suspect is unlikely to be identified.**

<https://vicpd.ca/services/report-a-crime-online/>

City Bylaw Officers for select bylaw enforcement: bylawservices@victoria.ca or 250-361-0578.

Cruise return in 2021:

GVHA has announced that the first ship to berth at Ogden Point next year is scheduled for April 13. Further, that the schedule for the 2021 season is in place. Note: **Schedule is not yet on-line.**

JBNA is developing a policy document focused on the re-set of the cruise-industry. This will be the topic of a future JBNA Discussion Forum.

Survey – 3-yr pilot project for local street speed of 40 k/h

The Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure has invited applications for projects which include the speed limit reductions. Ten municipalities across the Capital Region have expressed their interest in a 3-year pilot project to set the default speed limit to 40 k/h on streets without a continuous yellow centreline. This would apply to roads that are residential with low traffic volumes. Changes would not affect the existing 30km/hr limits. The City seeks your opinion: engage.victoria.ca/40kmpilotproject

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 and a few exempt from the community consultation process:

Michigan Square (330-336 Michigan) - Public Hearing date October 22nd. Several changes have been proposed since presented to James Bay residents in 2018. Build start expected November 2021.

139 Clarence - Development Permit with Variance to construct emergency preparedness container.

45 Boyd - Units previously built being brought into compliance. Variance for shortfall in parking.

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 Niagara; 580-582 Niagara; 430 Powell Street; Village Green (Menzies/Niagara); 557 Simcoe.