

JBNA Directors' Report: November 10th, 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 December 9th, 2020, ZOOM Discussion Forum has not been finalised. Those on JBNA e-mail lists will receive a ZOOM link.

City of Victoria by-election: Saturday, December 12:

By-Election Discussion Forum:

JBNA may be co-hosting a ZOOM All-Candidates Forum. Those on the JBNA e-lists will receive links.

Friends of Beacon Hill Park:

Those interested in the oversight of Beacon Hill Park may wish to join the Friends of Beacon Hill Park. [Membership](#) is \$10/household. Join on-line at <http://friendsofbeaconhillpark.ca/members.htm>

Beacon Hill Park Roadways:

Partial street re-opening is expected to be considered by Councillors sometime in November. The directive of May 14, 2020, regarding the use of several roadways, including the one to the top of the hill, referred to "summer" closures. If you have an opinion as to the need for road access, particularly for those with mobility limitations, please write to Mayor and Council at: councillors@victoria.ca

Rethink Before Restart: Cruise return in 2021:

GVHA has announced that the first ship to berth at Ogden Point next year is scheduled for April 13. The schedule for the 2021 season is in place. Currently, 315 ship calls are scheduled with a 32% passenger increase over 2019. Other communities are making significant changes to limit the so far unhindered growth of the industry, and in some cases to limit the activity in order to reduce impacts on communities nearest to ports. For example, in the recent US election, residents of Key West Florida, through referendum of changes to their city charter, voted to limit the number of people disembarking to 1,500/per day, and have limited ship size to ships having a carrying capacity of 1,300 or less, and environmental and health safety records are to be considered in berthing priority. In London, England, Morgan Stanley withdrew planning for the cruise terminal at Enderby Wharf. A ship docked at the port would have emitted the same amount of pollution as 600 lorries.

Over recent months, cruises have continued in Europe, with COVID-19 being spread, even in a new ship.

We seek your input. JBNA is developing a policy document focused on the re-set of the cruise-industry. What changes would you like to see if/when the cruise industry restarts along the west coast of North America? Please forward suggestions/comments to jbna@jbna.org.

Streets:

The work being done on the Legislature grounds gives opportunity for the City to create another cross-walk in a cost-effective manner. An east-west crosswalk will be built at the Menzies/Quebec intersection across the north edge with a curb bulge on the north-west corner.

Gardening News:

If you enjoy messing about with seeds, the group that keeps the Wee Free Seed Box filled holds a work party every Monday at the James Bay Community School Centre, 6:30-8, with COVID protocols in place; maximum of 6 people. If you're interested, contact the JBNA Garden Advocate, Kathryn Pankowski, at jamesbaygardens@gmail.com to reserve your spot. No previous gardening knowledge is required.

Want a free tree? We need to find a few more James Bay residents who'd like to plant a tree on their property in order to be able to apply for a My Great Neighbourhood Tree-Planting Grant. Trees must be planted in James Bay and on private property. Condos and businesses welcome. Contact Kathryn Pankowski at jamesbaygardens@gmail.com if interested.

Safety 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.

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 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; 415-435 Michigan; 108 Niagara; 580-582 Niagara; 557 Simcoe; 430 Powell Street; Village Green (Menzies/Niagara)