

JBNA Directors' Report: November 12th, 2021

JBNA Discussion Forum: The topics for the December 8th JBNA general ZOOM have not been finalised. Potentially may include developments, or City staff speaking about changes to the Downtown Core Area Plan (JB north of Quebec Street), or updates on PPA heli-host proposal, and particulate matter monitoring.

JBNA Air Quality Initiative (PM2.5) Update: JBNA monitored particulate matter at 2 sites in James Bay over the past summer, providing JB with base-line no-cruise-ship-activity measures. JBNA intends to complete an agreement with the Ministry of Environment for the provision of two additional PM2.5 PurpleAir monitors.

Fair-Sailing: For information on the cruise industry and BC ports, see papers at www.Fair-Sailing.com

PPA and Heli-Hoist Service: JBNA received a great response for volunteers to serve on a committee to shepherd JBNA response to the Pacific Pilotage Authority initiative to begin heli-hoist transfer of pilots which might see 24/7 helicopter activity centred at Camel/Ogden. The JBNA Camel Point Heliport Committee (CPHC) had its inaugural meeting on November 4.

Thrifty Foods – change of Hours: Going forward to spring 2022, Thrifty Foods' hours are **7 am to 10 pm**.

JBNA Neighbourhood Advocate – Recycle Saturdays: The next Recycle Saturday is **November 20th, 10-noon**. Save those recyclables and join everyone. Complete details and what can and cannot be recycled may be found at www.jbna.org/recycle/ Volunteers needed/welcome: Join us for an hour or two and meet some neighbours. It's a quick, fun and positive way to spend a morning. Details on the web site.

Gardening news: JBNA gardening volunteers have added sage, calamint (a Mediterranean relative of mint), lovage, apple mint, thymes (including lemon thyme), and parsley to the public-pick herb garden at **Fisherman's Wharf Park**, along with herbal tea plants Korean mint (tastes like licorice) and bee balm (tastes like the flavouring in Earl Grey tea). Next year they should be ready for you to start picking. These plants are great for pollinators. *JBNA Garden Advocate, Kathryn Pankowski* at jamesbaygardens@gmail.com.

Amica – Douglas House Development Proposal: For preview of plans attend an Open House event at Edelweiss on Niagara, Monday November 22 from 5:50pm-8pm or Tuesday November 23 from 1-3pm.

James Bay Community Project: Digital Dive-in Program for oldies to assist in learning how to navigate devices. Technology expert one-on-one tutoring. November 15 and November 29. Register 250-388-7844

Streets in James Bay - Simcoe east of Menzies and Menzies north of Simcoe: The City placed temporary pedestrian ways on Simcoe east of Menzies and on Menzies north of Simcoe. The City presented at the JBNA October 13 meeting. Further comment may be forwarded directly to Sarah Webb, Manager Transportation, City of Victoria at engage@victoria.ca or swebb@victoria.ca.

Winter Wanderland: Winter Wanderland 2022 is looking for volunteers - Email Samantha at programs@jamesbaycentre.ca to learn more about volunteering for Window Wanderland!

Beacon Hill Park updates - Street changes and legal decision: The Beacon Hill Park Supreme Court case (BCSC S210676), with Justice Punnett presiding, concluded September 23 after 4 days of presentations. The Justice reserved his decision until a later date.

Safety in our Neighbourhood: While crime and disruptions in Beacon Hill Park have lessened, tenting and other overnight camping continues, particularly in Beacon Hill Park and Irving Park. Problems 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 at: <https://vicpd.ca/services/report-a-crime-online/> City Bylaw Officers for bylaw enforcement: bylawservices@victoria.ca or 250-361-0578.

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Developments - updates: See City of Victoria [Development Tracker](#).