

JBNA Directors Report: September 12, 2018

JBNA:

All Candidates meeting: October 3 at the James Bay Community School is the date for the all candidates meeting for candidates seeking election in the October 20 municipal election. 5:30 to 8:30

Local Area Plan: The first session in preparation for the revision of our neighbourhood plan, now called Local Area Plan (LAP) was held on Saturday, September 8 from 10:00 to 2:00 at the James Bay branch of the library. A good turnout of interested residents. A summary of comments will follow.

Gardening Committee: A successful James Bay Fall Plant Swap & Sale was held at Irving Park on Saturday, September 8, 10:00 to 12:00. Thanks to Discovery Coffee for donating coffee for volunteers, the Red Barn for the end-of-season herbs, the Church of Truth for their divided grasses, and New Horizons for the big pile of pots.

The Gardening Committee is looking into the possibility of converting a mostly unused bed in the Lewis Parkette into a small open-pick community herb garden. Anyone interested in working on this, contact Kathryn at jamesbaygardens@gmail.com.

CFB ESQUIMALT: Canadian Forces Base Esquimalt is holding an event at Ogden Point on Sunday September 30, 2018 from 10:00am - 5:00pm. "Defence on the Dock" is a public event. CFB Esquimalt is providing shuttle buses to minimize the impact on James Bay.

CITY OF VICTORIA INFORMATION:

Shared Use Path: Starting September 4, 2018 the City of Victoria will be making improvements on the pathway from Heywood Avenue to Bridge Way to create a shared-use path connecting Fairfield and James Bay. The shared-use path will be particularly beneficial for children from James Bay who attend school in Fairfield and those children in Fairfield attending school in James Bay.

Radar Speed Reader: The City has allocated one radar speed reader (smiley face) to be permanently located in each neighbourhood, and is seeking advice from the JBNA regarding that location for James Bay. We have received site suggestions from the Active Transportation Committee members. If you have a suggestion about the location, please email jbna@vcn.bc.ca within the next 10 days identifying one location and your reasons for selecting that location.

Short Term Rental Regulations: The City has established new regulations for short term rentals, such as AirBnB and other vacation rentals. A license is now required for all short term rentals. Details are available at www.victoria.ca/EN/main/business/permits-licences/term-rentals

Tenant Assistance Policy: A new tenant assistance policy takes effect September 1, 2018. The Tenant Assistance Policy applies to rezoning

applications where tenants have to find a new place to live as a result of the redevelopment. For more information, contact City of Victoria Community Planning at housing@victoria.ca or 250.361.0382

Tree Removal: A Red Maple at 405 Quebec Street has been identified by the Parks Dept. for removal due to canopy decline and a large cavity at the base of the tree. Contact Parks for more information at 250.361.0600 or parks@victoria.ca.

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; 430 Parry Street; 589 Toronto Street; 38 South Turner Street.

Next JBNA General Meeting: 7:00 pm, October 10, 2018, 234 Menzies (New Horizons)