

JBNA Directors' Report: March 14th, 2017

TRANSIT JB BUS ROUTE CHANGES:

Temporary bus routes are in place. The temporary routes are to accommodate the CRD Wastewater project's use of Niagara Street for the next 6 weeks. Maps are up on posts by the regular stops and online so people can print out the routes (see link):

<https://bctransit.com/victoria/schedules-and-maps/alert-details?alertid=1403649278440>

CRD WASTEWATER (SEWAGE) MARCH UPDATE:

DALLAS NORTH-SIDE PARKING - During the January 10 JBNA meeting, information gaps were identified, particularly along the north side of Dallas. Residents, who asked to receive updates, have been provided schematics for Dallas from San Jose to Menzies.

The City has released the # count for parking stalls. With stall "markings" there will be about 575 between Clover and Ogden. The greatest parking concern for James Bay is the loss of Dallas north-side residential parking stalls, with planned removal of up to 25% of stalls.

GOING FORWARD – JBNA has been informed that the CRD-Project Team will NOT be returning on a regular basis for updates and consultation. This is not what those of us at the January 2017 meeting were told, or our understanding of only last month. The team is only obligated, by contract with the CRD/City, to come to a JB public meeting at the 30% design stage (done in January). Although the team may come to a JBNA meeting in the months ahead, it would be for information and to discuss construction schedules/plans, not the design or commitments made with the city.

THE CITY - JBNA has asked the City to come to a JBNA public meeting to discuss their recommendations/decisions re roadways, intersections and the bike path. JBNA Board members will continue to monitor and to forward interests in the few forums available to us

TREE REMOVAL:

The City has notified JBNA of upcoming tree/shrubbery removal. Several signs have also been placed through the community.

STREET REDESIGNS:

Wharf, Humboldt and Cook Street corridors: While City staff continue to work on the Cook Street designs, the City has completed technical design for Wharf and Humboldt street. Visit an open house event to see the concepts for both of these streets.

March 15, Marriott Hotel, 728 Humboldt Street, 4pm–8pm

March 16, Ante Chamber, City Hall, 1 Centennial Square, Noon–1pm & 4pm–6pm

GARDENING COMMITTEE NEWS:

Kathryn is looking for volunteers to help plan/develop a neighbourhood Berry Patch. If interested in assisting, please contact Kathryn at jamesbaygardens@gmail.com.

WHITE LIGHT – TOO BRIGHT?

The City is nearing the end of installation of energy-efficient light bulbs. Residents adversely affected by the bright lights shining through their windows, please contact Ed Robertson. Shields directing the light more downwards are still being installed upon request: <erobertson@victoria.ca>

Development Proposals In Process:

(Details: City Planning @250-361-0523 or City's Develop Tracker) 71-75 Montreal; 121 Menzies; 350 Sylvia Street; 672 Niagara; 425 Oswego; 224 Superior; 430 Parry; 520 Menzies-Embassy; 229 Government; and 63 Boyd Street; 415-435 Michigan, 515-519 Rithet. 430 Parry, 415-435 Michigan; Expected in months ahead: 350/360 Douglas & Ogden Point MasterPlan;

Next JBNA General Meeting: 7:15 pm, April 11th, 2018, 234 Menzies (New Horizons)