



April 2017 Update

## Fairfield Gonzales

# **Fairfield-Gonzales CA Board Meeting:** **April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017**

## **PART A - In Your Neighbourhood** **(Staff Report from Kimberley Stratford)**

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### **Great Neighbourhood Grants Ideas Fair**

The Great Neighbourhood grant program will be opening for applications mid-April. The City will be launching the program on April 19 from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. with a Neighbourhoods Ideas Fair at City Hall. Learn more about the program and what you need to know about planning a project on public lands. Meet with staff, other funding partners, and watch presentations that will inspire and educate. Check out the City website for more details and schedule of presentations.

### **Sport Court Workshop**

Many of the sport courts in Victoria need some maintenance work. From lighting to benches and from adding pickleball lines to complete re-surfacing: Where do you envision the priorities for courts in the City? Priorities for short term improvements have been determined via a conditions assessment, but we also want to hear from users. On **Wednesday May 3, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.** come to City Hall to discuss with staff how the City should best spend the \$50,000 budget for maintenance for 2017. Please RSVP to [parkspermits@victoria.ca](mailto:parkspermits@victoria.ca).

### **May 7 is Neighbour Day!**

Victoria City Council has endorsed May 7, 2017 as Neighbour Day. This day is dedicated to creating safe, welcoming neighbourhood communities by increasing inclusion and reducing isolation through neighbour-to-neighbour connections. An initiative of Leadership Victoria, Neighbour Day is an opportunity to open our doors and engage our neighbours in fun and creative ways. Anyone can participate in Neighbour Day. Download a Neighbour Day toolkit to assist you in planning your event. The toolkit has ideas and themes, invitation templates, information on permits and much more. Check out the website [here](#).

### **150 Fruit and Nut Trees Ready to be Planted**

Are you interested in adding new fruit and nut trees and bushes to your community or school garden, or a public space? The Good Food Network is partnering with the Capital Regional District and Le Coteau Nursery to distribute 150 fruit and nut trees and shrubs across the Capital Region in celebration of Canada's 150th Birthday. You can

apply for up to 20 trees, either bare root food tree or shrub for this spring, or a potted food tree or shrub in the fall. A list of Le Coteau products is available for download [here](#). The deadline to apply for trees is 4 p.m. April 3, 2017. Download and fill out the [application](#) here. Email your questions or submission to [info@crfair.ca](mailto:info@crfair.ca). You will be notified by April 7, 2017.

### Greater Victoria Placemaking Network Grants Available

The Greater Victoria Placemaking Network (GVPN) is offering micro-grants of up to \$250 to community groups who wish to bring their streets to life in 2017. The GVPN's Living Streets program works with local community groups to create temporary street closure events for people to walk, roll, bike, play, dance, and...just live! Through funding from the Capital Regional District's (CRD) People Power program, the GVPN prepared *Cultivating Community: A Guide to hosting A Living Streets* in the capital region, which includes a step-by-step overview of how to host a Living Streets event. Living Streets offer the opportunity for people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds to experience their streets as car-free and vibrant public spaces. The program promotes active transportation and encourages health through celebrating streets for everyone. Find out more about this program [here](#)

### Celebrate National Poetry Month with Book Spines

Throughout National Poetry Month, Victoria's Poet Laureate Yvonne Blomer and Youth Poet Laureate Maita Cienska invite the community to get creative and reacquainted with their book collections by tweeting their best "book spine" poems. By stacking three book spines, one can create a unique poem. Poets of all ages and experience are encouraged to participate and inspire the community with their literary works by tweeting to @CityofVictoria with the hashtag #yyjpoetry. Tweets should include a photo of the stacked book spine poem or the poem's text. The City will retweet family-friendly poems and post them online at [victoria.ca/poetlaureate](http://victoria.ca/poetlaureate)





## Council Meetings

- Committee of the Whole meets April 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 9 a.m.
- Council meetings are April 13 and 27, beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- You can attend in person or watch it [online](#). Agendas and minutes can be read [here](#).

## Current Initiatives

Keep current with a variety of City-initiated projects underway this year. Find the summary [here](#) and follow the links for more details.

## City Permitted Events

**Moss Street Craft and Farm Market reopens on April 1**, running through to the end of October. Located on Moss St between Fairfield and Thurlow (curb lane and east boulevard) and Thurlow (south boulevard). Set up begins at 8 a.m. Cleanup to be completed by 3 p.m.

## Times Colonist 10K Run, Sunday April 30.

This event is organized by the Victoria International Running Society includes a 10K Run/Walk, a 1.5K Family Fun Run and Post Race Fun Festival and impacts downtown, Fairfield and James Bay. Set up begins at noon on Saturday, April 29 at Government / Belleville. The race starts at 7:55 a.m. for wheelchair athletes, 8 a.m. for runners and recreational and competitive walkers. The family 1.5k fun run begins at 11 a.m. Finish area cleanup will be complete by 3:30 p.m.

## [PART B – Highlights from COV Council meetings](#)

*Council Highlights* provide a snapshot of the progress made on City programs, initiatives and on Council decision-making. For more information on each initiative, please visit the accompanying link where noted. We welcome anyone who would like to receive *Council Highlights* to email us at [engage@victoria.ca](mailto:engage@victoria.ca).

## March 9, 2017 -

### City's Register of Heritage Properties

The recommendation to add 50 properties to the City of Victoria's Register of Heritage Properties was not approved by Council due to the majority of candidate properties not supporting the recommendation. View the report and appendices [here](#).

**Update on Rezoning Application No. 00485 for 2330 Richmond Road**

Council was provided an update on the rezoning application for 2330 Richmond Road, and was advised that the required bylaws have been prepared and that the sewage attenuation and associated legal agreement are not required. First and second readings of the Zoning Regulation Bylaw Amendment occurred and a public hearing is scheduled for March 23. [View details.](#)

**Victoria Housing Strategy Implementation - Garden Suites**

Council was presented an update on the Victoria Housing Strategy Implementation of Garden Suites and directed staff to amend the Official Community Plan Development Permit Area 15E: Intensive Residential - Garden Suites by updating the development permit area guidelines (Garden Suite Policy, 2011) to mitigate privacy impacts in response to public feedback provided on this initiative. Staff will post a notice on the City's website identifying the proposed OCP amendments which will include the contact information for a Planning staff member to whom the public can provide input. A report on the input received will be presented to Council prior to the public hearing. First and second readings of the Bylaws occurred and a Public Hearing will be scheduled. Council will consider a new policy for Preservation of Garden Suites as Rentals. [View the report.](#)

**Rezoning Application No. 00552 for 695 Alpha Street**

Council directed staff to prepare the necessary Zoning Regulation Bylaw Amendment that will authorize the proposed development to allow for the retail sale of cannabis as outlined in the Rezoning Application No. 00552 for 695 Alpha Street. [View the report](#)

**Motorized Sightseeing Vehicle Parking Stands – Management Review Update**

Council instructed staff to amend Schedule D of the *Vehicles for Hire Bylaw* to extend the current Motor Sightseeing Vehicle Parking Stands 1, 2, and 4 allocations to December 31, 2017. Staff will conduct a competitive process for the allocation of Motor Sightseeing Vehicle Parking Stand 3 from April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017 using the current criteria, subject to the condition that Stand 3 be used exclusively by zero tail pipe emissions vehicles. The City will obtain bus operating and technical data from Motor Sightseeing Vehicle Parking Stand users and utilize this data to assess the relative impact of emissions on air quality from the buses using the parking stand. A bus-stand economic assessment will be completed to define the value of the parking stands to inform the 2018 management plan and fees.

City staff will consult with key stakeholders using the results from the operational and economic assessment, on the development of the new process for allocating the Motor Vehicle Parking Stands that balances the triple bottom line of social responsibility, environmental stewardship and economic prosperity. A report will be presented to City Council in October 2017 with recommendations for a new process for allocating the Motor Sightseeing Vehicle Parking Stands. [View the report.](#)

### **Centennial Square – Public Washroom Design**

Council directed staff to proceed with the design build tender for the public washrooms next to Centennial Square as outlined in the report of February 8, 2017. The design uses much of the space where the previous washroom was housed. The layout consists of two spaced identified as male and female, each with private accessible stalls and fixtures. [View the report.](#)

### **Short Term Vacation Rentals**

Council reconsidered Scenario 2 of the [Short Term Vacation Rentals report](#) and amended it to read as follows: Scenario 2: Entire Condo with transient zoning; Direct staff to provide advice on what tools are available to limit the number of STVRs where they are currently allowed, and that this report includes options for: (a) a City-initiated rezoning to remove transient accommodation as a permitted use from residential strata property, with an "opt-out" process where stratas can apply to retain transient accommodation as a permitted use, where a majority of strata lot owners in a residential strata indicate their support for that use; (b) a business license scheme for Short-Term Vacation Rentals that is consistent with the Strata Property Act and does not include granting licences for stratas that do not allow Short-Term Vacation Rentals in their bylaws; (c) maintaining transient accommodation as a permitted use, with the option of an "opt-in" mechanism for a City initiated rezoning to prohibit transient accommodation as a permitted use, where a majority of owners of units in a residential multi-unit building (condominium) downtown indicate their preference for this rezoning.

### **CRD Regional Parks Loan Authorization Bylaw Consent**

Council consented to the adoption of the CRD Bylaw No. 4142, Regional Parks Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1, 2016, which authorizes the borrowing of funds to complete the E&N Rail Trail - Humpback Connector by 2019. [View the report.](#)

**Proposed Burnside-Gorge Neighbourhood Plan and Official Community Plan Amendments**

Staff were directed to prepare Official Community Plan (OCP) amendment bylaws to adjust urban place designations, expand development permit area boundaries and introduce new guidelines, and create a new heritage conservation area in accordance with the draft Burnside Gorge Neighbourhood Plan. Public consultation will take place with those affected by the proposed amendments to the OCP as outlined in this report prior to finalization of the amendment bylaws and the Public Hearing. The proposed OCP amendments will be referred to the Songhees Nation, the Esquimalt Nation, the School District Board, the Island Health Board of Directors and the District of Saanich. No referrals are necessary to the Capital Regional District, Councils of Oak Bay or Esquimalt or the provincial or federal governments. The proposed development permit area boundary adjustments and new guidelines will be presented to the Advisory Design Panel for review and comment. The heritage conservation area and statement of significance will be presented to the Heritage Advisory Panel for review and comment. The proposed Burnside Gorge Neighbourhood Plan will be considered by Council for approval at the same meeting where the OCP amendments will be considered. [View the report.](#)

**Potential Permissive Tax Exemption Policy Amendments – Parking Lots**

Council directed staff to report back on the feasibility of expanding the supply of parking downtown and in the vicinity of Downtown through amendments to the Permissive Tax Exemption Policy relating to parking lots and as part of the Sustainable Transportation Strategy. [View the report.](#)

**March 23, 2017 -**

**Enforcement of Cannabis Related Business Bylaw & the Zoning Regulation Bylaw**

The City will commence legal proceedings to enforce provisions of City bylaws in relation to any cannabis-related businesses that are operating without a valid business licence or that have not applied for a rezoning where required; and any business permitting consumption of cannabis on the premises contrary to the Cannabis Related Business Regulation Bylaw.

**“Good Jobs + Good Business = Better Community” Mayor’s Task Force on Social Enterprise and Social Procurement Draft Action Plan**

Council adopted the *Good Jobs + Good Business = Better Community* Action Plan produced by the Mayor's Task Force on Social Enterprise and Social Procurement with an amendment to include ‘recent immigrants’ to the group of people who are un- or underemployed and would be the strategic focus to create employment opportunities to address the labour shortage in the region. The plan will be finalized and available on the City’s website next week. [View the report and appendices.](#)

**Single-Use Plastic Retail Bag Reduction Project - Proposed 'Roadmap'**

From April to September 2017, the City will work with the community to explore ways to reduce single-use plastic retail bag use, which will include stakeholder workshops for business, industry, advocate and resident groups to share their unique perspectives related to future bag reduction regulations; working with business stakeholders to promote a set of voluntary commitments / pledges to reduce retail bag use such as detailed reporting of bag usage, improved signage and education, retail bag take-back programs, reusable bag donation centres, and voluntary bag fee/ban actions; and developing and implementing a design competition for a City of Victoria sustainable reusable retail bag, with a financial reward of \$2,000 to be funded through the solid waste management budget.

Staff will report back to Council in October 2017 with a draft bylaw prior to the final opportunity for public comment on the issue of single-use plastic retail bag reduction regulations. The City will work with the CRD to draft a model bylaw for a phased in ban

of plastic bags that could be adopted by Councils across the region. An opportunity for public comment will be held in November before the model bylaw is considered for adoption. [View the report.](#)

**Johnson Street Bridge Replacement Project Quarterly Update**

Council received the quarterly update on the Johnson Street Bridge Replacement project for information. This is the first quarterly report for 2017, with the next one scheduled in June. Work on the steel fabrication continues at two locations in China. Onsite activities include roadworks and the new sidewalk that opened on the southwest corner of Harbour and Esquimalt Roads, providing increased access to the public. An additional cycle ramp from the pedestrian bridge to the eastbound bridge lanes, which will enhance cycle traffic flow, is under design and handrails are currently under fabrication. The fendering design process continues. The current budget is \$105 million and there will be two more planned budget increase requests for fendering and public

realm work. The bridge is scheduled to be open to traffic by the end of December 2017, with project completion by March 31, 2018. [View the report.](#)

### **Ship Point Master Plan Process**

The City will develop concepts for Ship Point that reflect Victoria's history, support other waterfront planning initiatives and align with City policies. The concepts, which will focus on features including the public use of the site, attractive park spaces and economic development, will be shared with the community this summer for input. Staff will report back as part of the plan with a proposed budget, funding options, and an implementation plan. [View the report](#)

### **Public Hearing for Rezoning of 2330 Richmond Road**

A public hearing was held on the rezoning of 2330 Richmond Road. Council approved the rezoning application and development permit to allow for a seven unit, three-storey multi-family residential development. All related bylaws were adopted. View [rezoning application details](#) and [development permit variance application details](#).

## **Part C – Specific Areas of Interest**

### **City Seeks Volunteers for Participatory Budgeting Pilot**

The City of Victoria is seeking 12 volunteers to help the community allocate \$60,000 in the first participatory budgeting project. The volunteer steering committee will develop and oversee the process to engage the community in allocating the funding, and ensure that the process is transparent, fair, and inclusive.

“This is an exciting opportunity for residents to help shape their city,” said Mayor Helps. “Participatory budgeting (PB) has happened all around the world. The volunteers on this committee get to determine how we do PB in Victoria.”

Participatory budgeting is an innovative, democratic process that gives the entire community the opportunity to participate and decide how to invest a portion of the City budget. It is being piloted this year in response to increased public participation in the City's budget process over the past two years.



As part of the process, Victoria residents are empowered to decide how funds are invested, so long as projects or investments identified do not cancel or delay projects already planned or underway, and the project selected benefits residents across the city. Once the steering committee is appointed, the community will be engaged on how they would like to see the funds invested, with voting slated for the Fall. The City will start to implement the project the community has selected within 12 months of the voting process.

It is an important principle of participatory budgeting to reach all demographics and neighbourhoods in the community. Accordingly, efforts are being made to reach neighbourhoods and groups not typically active in the budget process such as youth, seniors and new residents.

Applications, along with full details of the opportunity, are available at [victoria.ca/pbvic](http://victoria.ca/pbvic) and can be submitted until Sunday, April 9. Everyone is invited to participate.

### **Federal Budget Aligns with City of Victoria Initiatives**

The federal budget released today has good news in it for cities across the country. The housing commitments, social infrastructure announcements and focus on the tech and innovation agenda align closely with work underway at the City and in the region.

“It’s great to see the federal government make this substantial and much-needed investment in affordable housing,” said Mayor Helps. “This commitment could provide the opportunity for us to build substantially on the \$60 million innovative Regional Housing First Program underway here. The housing investments would also help to keep our economy strong; the number one issue we’re hearing from employers is about a lack of affordable housing.”

Announcements potentially relevant to the City and community include:

- Creation of the Impact Canada Fund including the Smart Cities Stream. The Smart Cities Stream will be supported by \$300 million over 11 years. (Previously announced as Smart Cities program.)
- \$21.9 billion allocated over 11 years to support social infrastructure – \$2 billion dedicated for northern communities
- \$11.2 billion allocated over 11 years to build and renew affordable housing stock as part of the new National Housing Strategy, including \$5 billion for a dedicated National Housing fund.
- \$125 million allocated to launch a pan-Canadian artificial intelligence strategy for research and talent attraction.

- Federal government to establish a program to teach kids to code, allocating \$50 million over two years. Interested organizations will be allocated funding through a competitive process. An additional \$29.5 million is allocated over the next five years for non-profit organizations to run a Digital Literacy Exchange program (teaching basic digital skills), focused on vulnerable groups (low income and seniors).

The federal budget aligns with the City's innovative approach to infrastructure investment and innovation initiatives which support economic development and social enterprise, as well as an Innovations and Skills Plan to foster growth in six sectors: advanced manufacturing, agri-food, clean technology, digital industries, health/bio-sciences, and clean resources.

While there was no specific announcement about the Belleville Terminal, the City is aware that the Province is working hard with the federal government on this important international gateway.

“Appropriate investments in our communities is the best form of ‘Nation Building’ we can follow,” said Councillor Chris Coleman and Chair of the BC Caucus for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. “This budget delivers the right tools for our community to shorten commutes, build more affordable housing and spur economic growth.”

[FCM's recommendations for Budget 2017](#) include predictable, long-term allocations to launch the next era of public transit—with reasonable cost-sharing so local fiscal limits don't hamper progress. FCM also called for major investments to tackle Canada's housing crisis by protecting social housing and building new affordable homes.

The City will be following up with Ottawa in the coming weeks to obtain more information and to ensure that the City is well-positioned as a partner in delivering the federal government's ambitious and much-needed infrastructure agenda.

### **Taxi Hydrant Zones Pilot to Help Make Parking Easier**

Parking is in high demand in downtown Victoria. When waiting for fares, taxis frequently use on-street parking spaces which reduces the availability of on-street parking. Based on best practices of other cities, the City has introduced a one-year pilot to enable taxi drivers to wait for fares at six identified taxi hydrant zones as long as they remain in

their vehicle and relocate immediately upon the approach or arrival of an emergency vehicle.

Each of the six zones has space for one taxi only. There is no time limit on how long a taxi can wait at a taxi hydrant zone. Although they are primarily to be used for a taxi to wait for the next fare, the public can also hail a cab from these six locations. The new Taxi Hydrant Zones are marked with signage and are located at: 1200 Government Street; 1632 Store Street; 761 Fort Street; 827 Fort Street; 634 Humboldt Street and 728 Humboldt Street.

The new zones are designed to increase the number of available areas where taxis can wait, freeing up valuable on-street parking spaces for downtown visitors to access local businesses; provide an efficient use of downtown space; increase the capacity of existing taxi zones; and help reduce taxi idling and emissions downtown.

The six fire hydrant locations were selected based on safety considerations such as having a secondary fire hydrant nearby and maintaining pedestrian and vehicle sightlines. Stopping at any other fire hydrant will continue to be prohibited. The new zones will be monitored for compliance by the City's Parking Ambassadors and the Victoria Fire Department. The fine for illegally parking at a taxi hydrant zone is \$60.

Taxis provide an essential transportation service to the community by reducing the overall number of private vehicles on the roads and providing transportation to visitors to Victoria and to those with mobility issues. If the one-year pilot is considered a success, some additional fire hydrants may be considered for taxi hydrant zones downtown in 2018.

## **Lindsay Delaronde Named City's Indigenous Artist in Residence**

Iroquois Mohawk artist Lindsay Katsitsakatste Delaronde has been selected as the City of Victoria's Indigenous Artist in Residence. The new residency program provides the opportunity for a local artist to develop artistic works and engage the community in dialogue, workshops, events, and activities for a one-year term.

"On behalf of Council, I would like to congratulate Lindsay Delaronde," said Mayor Lisa Helps. "We look forward to working closely with the Indigenous Artist in Residence on our journey to reconciliation this year."

Born and raised on the Kahnawake reservation, Delaronde has been a professional artist for the past five years. She began this journey by travelling to Vancouver to earn a

Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree at the Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design followed by a Master of Fine Arts Degree from the University of Victoria. Recently, Delaronde completed her second Master's degree in Indigenous Communities Counselling Psychology from the University.

Delaronde is a multi-disciplinary visual artist who works in print-making, painting, drawing, video and performance. The intention of her work is to manifest the relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous and also intercultural respect among allies, nation-to-nation. Currently, Delaronde is a self-employed artist and moccasin-maker in Victoria.

"I hope to create artworks that reflect the values of this land, which are cultivated and nurtured by the Indigenous peoples of this territory," said artist Lindsay Delaronde. "I see my role as a way to bring awareness to and acknowledge that reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples is a process, one in which I can facilitate a collaborative approach for creating strong relationships to produce co-created art projects in Victoria."

Delaronde is a strong advocate for Indigenous voices, stories, culture and history. She dedicated her art project *War Canoe Paddle Project 2009*, which features current and archival photo transfers onto cedar paddles, to honour the Coast Salish War Canoe racing history. Her recent and first solo exhibition *In Defiance* at the Legacy Downtown supports the voices of Indigenous women on Vancouver Island and the Mainland of British Columbia. The exhibit showcased individual portraits that dismantle the negative stereotypes of First Nations women by having the individuals portray themselves more authentically reflecting truth of diversity, power and respect. Delaronde has also co-illustrated an Indigenous children's book, *The Corn Chief*, and last July collaborated on *Bondage*, a Coast Salish narrative dance performance presented by Speak Outside, MediaNet and the Comox Valley Art Gallery.

The Indigenous Artist in Residence will work with the community and City staff to produce a range of artistic works, which may include for example an exhibition, performance, publication or forum. There will also be an opportunity to create collaborative artwork with the City's Artist in Residence Luke Ramsey. Discussions with local Indigenous artists, curators and scholars were held in 2016 to inform the new program. The artist's conception of reconciliation will be explored and building relationships with artists, the public and City staff will be an important part of the residency.

Lindsay Delaronde's submission was one of six the City received in response to a Request for Expressions of Interest, which was open to First Nations, Inuit and Métis artists and artist teams working in any artistic discipline who reside in the Capital



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Region, including the Gulf Islands. Submissions were evaluated based on artistic excellence, expressed written interest, and knowledge and understanding of the cultural heritage and legacy of the area. Experience with community engagement and a desire to create artwork for and in the public realm were required.

“It’s with hopes that Victoria will embrace our First Nations artist Lindsay with a warm embrace as she opens the minds and hearts as we all seek answers around reconciliation and what a First Nations artist can bring in terms of engagement for our city,” said Rande Cook, a member of the City’s Art in Public Places Committee. “At a time where love, respect, unity and art come together let’s all follow in the path as Lindsay paints and creates towards a brighter future. Reconciliation is an act we as people must feel from within before we can dance unified to the heart of Mother Earth.”

The Indigenous Artist in Residence will work 20 hours per week as an independent contractor from March 2017 to March 2018 for a total fee of \$42,000. The program is funded by the City’s Art in Public Places Reserve Fund. Artwork materials, fabrication and installation may be funded by a capital project’s budget, with up to \$30,000 from the Art in Public Places Reserve Fund.

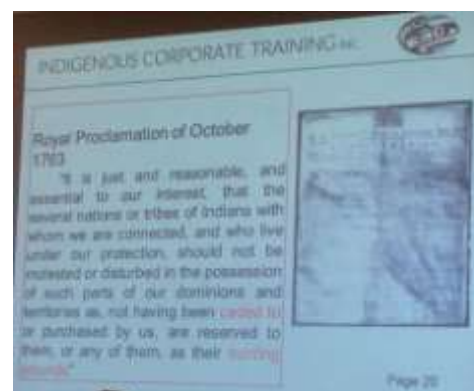
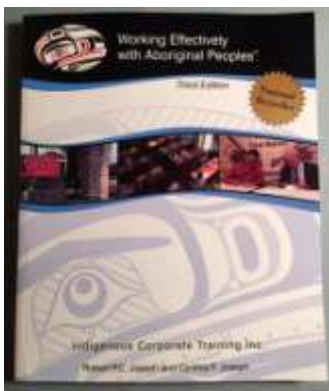
The Indigenous Artist in Residence program was established as part of the ‘2017: A Year of Reconciliation,’ a theme adopted to guide activities and events this year. For more information, visit: [www.victoria.ca/publicart](http://www.victoria.ca/publicart)

## Capital Regional District sets in play workshops focusing on better relations with First Nations

A fascinating 3 hour workshop this afternoon put on by the CRD...about 20 elected regional officials & Senior Staff were taken through the first of a series of discussions on "Working Effectively with Aboriginal Peoples".

It's a very complex topic which requires much thoughtful dialogue & often courageous inquiry. The group was led by a fascinating facilitator, Flavio Caron, who displayed incredible mental agility in answering all the questions posed, while opening a thought-...

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### *Information Sessions on Sunday for A CHoRd - a Site Performance Art Opportunity*

Female movers, singers, actors and drummers are invited to attend an information session on Sunday to learn more about participating in the site-specific performance project titled *A CHoRd*, led by the City's Indigenous Artist in Residence Lindsay Delaronde.

Delaronde is looking for both Indigenous and non-Indigenous females of all ages to participate in the performance, which will take place outdoors at the end of June, providing an opportunity for audience interaction.

"Through site-specific performance art, we will seek to appropriate the colonial legislative system to dismantle existing hypocrisies and injustices while proposing new partnerships with an eye toward the potential for a contemporary and inclusive recreation where women's voices, bodies and politics are reclaimed," said Lindsay Delaronde.

The multidisciplinary piece will be co-created by Delaronde in collaboration with volunteer participants. During the three months leading up to the performance, participants will be required to meet on weekends to practice. The performance will be directed by Monique Salez, owner and artistic director of Raino Dance. Individuals are invited to learn more by attending one of two information sessions offered on Sunday.

WHAT: INFORMATION SESSION: *A CHoRd* – a Site Performance Art Project

WHEN: Sunday, April 2, 2017 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. or 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

WHERE: Raino Dance, 715 Yates Street, 3rd floor

Iroquois Mohawk artist Lindsay Katsitsakatste Delaronde is the City's first Indigenous Artist in Residence. The new Indigenous Artist in Residence program provides the opportunity for a local artist to develop artistic works and engage the community in dialogue, workshops, events, and activities over a one-year term. For more information, visit: [www.victoria.ca/publicart](http://www.victoria.ca/publicart)

## Sports Events in our Region for April & May

### April

- \* Apr 1-2 – **Canadian National Quidditch Championships** – University of Victoria
- \* Apr 1 – **Vancouver Island U21 Soccer League Cup Finals** – Royal Athletic Park
- \* Apr 2 – **VISL Cup Finals, Grover Masters & Jackson Cups** – Royal Athletic Park
- \* Apr 2-8 – **Invictus Games Canadian Team Training Camp** - PISE
- \* Apr 6-9 – **Canadian World Swimming Trials** – Saanich Commonwealth Place Pool
- \* Apr 7-9 – **Bill Drew Memorial SoccerFest** – Topaz Park
- \* Apr 12-17 – **Canadian Women’s Golf Team’s Development Camp** – Bear Mountain
- \* Apr 14-15 – **UVICNIKE High School Girls Spring Soccer Classic**- Centennial Stadium
- \* Apr 16-18 – **Saanich Fusion Youth Soccer Jamboree** – Gordon Head Park
- \* Apr 23 – **Times Colonist 10 K**
- \* Apr 28-30 – **Pacific Coast Swimming Wave Makers Invitational** – Saanich Commonwealth Pool

### May

- \* May 1 – **UCI Points Cycling Canada Cup** – Bear Mountain
- \* May 1-2 – **Victoria Open Table Tennis Championships** – Cedar Hill Rec Centre
- \* May 1-12 – **Garden City Gymnastics Meet**
- \* May 7-8 – **Davy Conn Memorial Baseball Tournament** – Lambrick Park
- \* May 7-8– **Dogwood Track & Field Meet**
- \* May 12-14 – **BC Diving Championships** – Saanich CP Pool.
- \* May 14 – **Victoria Highlanders Soccer vs. Eugene Oregon** – Centennial Stadium.
- \* May 16– **Stars on Ice** - SOFMC
- \* May 19-21 – **Victoria Highland Games** – Topaz Park
- \* May 20-22 – **Swiftsure International Yacht Race**
- \* May 21 – **Subaru West Coast Triathlon and the Canadian High School Championships.**
- \* May 26 – **Victoria Highlanders Soccer vs. Seattle Sounders U23** – Centennial Stadium.
- \* May 27-28 – **HSBC Women’s Rugby World Sevens Tournament** – Westhills Stadium





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