

Council Highlights –

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.

June 14, 2018

Development Permit with Variances for 2670 Fifth Street and 2625-2637 Quadra Street

Following an opportunity for public comment, Council authorized the issuance of a development permit with variances to relocate the existing liquor retail store to a different building location within the same site with a larger floor area. [Learn more about the development here.](#)

Temporary Use Permit for Parking at 629 and 635 Chatham Street

Following an opportunity for public comment, Council authorized the issuance of a temporary use permit to allow a surface parking lot for 38 additional parking spaces. [Learn more about the application here.](#)

Rezoning and Development Permit with Variances at 1417 May Street

Council declined an application for a rezoning and development permit with variances to allow for the construction of a two storey multi-family unit at 1417 May Street. [Learn more about the application here.](#)

608 Esquimalt Road

Following a public hearing, Council approved a rezoning application for 608 Esquimalt Road to allow for the retail sale of cannabis. [Learn more about the application here.](#)

City of Victoria First Quarter Update

Council received a quarterly update and progress report from the City Manager regarding the City of Victoria activities and accomplishments contained in the 2015-2018 Strategic Plan. Council also received a quarterly update from Victoria Police. [Read the quarterly reports here.](#)

City of Victoria Youth Council

Victoria's Youth Council provided Council with an update on their youth-led initiatives and activities for 2017-2018. [View the webcast of their presentation to Council here.](#)

2018 My Great Neighbourhood Grants – Spring Intake

Council approved grant funding for 21 community initiated placemaking projects. Council also approved minor changes to the My Great Neighbourhood Grant Policy. [Read the staff report here.](#)

Housing, Community Space and Underground Parking Adjacent to Crystal Pool

Council postponed consideration of a motion related to housing, community space, and underground parking adjacent to the Crystal Pool until the next Crystal Pool and Wellness Centre Replacement Project update scheduled for July 19. [Read more here.](#)

Letter from BCSPCA regarding Horse Drawn Carriages

Council received a letter from the BCSPCA with recommendations related to the regulation of horse-drawn carriages in Victoria. Council directed staff to report back on any advice Council would need to consider the recommendations provided by the BC SPCA. [Read more here.](#)

Rezoning Application with Variances for 210 Gorge Road East

Council approved sending a proposed development at 210 Gorge Road East for the construction of 50 affordable rental apartments and 32 supportive rental apartments to public hearing. Learn more about the [proposed development here](#). The date for the public hearing will be posted on the [City of Victoria website](#) once confirmed.

Development Permit Application with Variances for 1622-1628 Store Street

Council approved sending a proposed development at 1622-1628 Store Street for the construction of a seven-storey residential building with ground floor commercial forward to an opportunity for public comment at a meeting of Council. Learn more about the [proposed development here](#). The date for the opportunity for public comment will be posted on the [City of Victoria website](#) once confirmed.

Park Furnishing Dedication Program

Council approved moving forward with a new Park Furnishing Dedication Program in partnership with the Parks and Recreation Foundation of Victoria. The new program is expected to begin in the fall of 2018. [Read the staff report here.](#)

Capital City Station Bus Depot and BC Transit Downtown Terminal Pilot Project

After an 18 month pilot program, Council approved continuation of the Capital City Station bus depot in front of Crystal Garden and the BC Transit downtown terminal on Government Street for an additional four years. [Read the staff report here.](#)

Ship Point Pier Repairs

The City of Victoria and Greater Victoria Harbour Authority will move forward with design and construction of structural repairs to Ship Point Pier. [Read the staff report here.](#)

Fairfield Neighbourhood Plan – Fairfield Plaza

Council directed staff to work with the community to create planning guidelines for Fairfield Plaza as part of the development of the draft Fairfield Neighbourhood Plan. [Read the Council motion here.](#)

Development Process Improvements

Council directed staff to report back with a proposed amendment to the Community Association Land Use Committee (CALUC) process to involve a third-party facilitator as

an initial first step for some developments. Staff will engage with CALUCs and report back to Council along with recommendations on the appropriate threshold that would require such a meeting to ensure that this is not an added, unnecessary step for most development. [Read the Council motion here.](#)

Affordable Housing Units Through Community Amenity Contribution Policy

Council directed staff to ensure that the new Community Amenity Contribution / Inclusionary Housing Policy (currently under development) is structured to deliver at least 800 units of affordable rental housing between \$500 and \$875 per month and at least 450 units of affordable rental housing for families with rent between \$875 and \$1375 per month. [Read the Council motion here.](#)

June 28, 2018 –

Rezoning Application and Development Permit with Variances Application for 63

Boyd Street - Following a public hearing, Council approved a rezoning application for 63 Boyd Street to create two small lots, and variances related to height and side yard setbacks. [Learn more about this application here.](#)

Rezoning Application and Development Permit with Variances Application for

2816 Shelbourne Street - Following a public hearing, Council approved a rezoning application for 2816 Shelbourne Street to allow for the construction of a five-unit townhouse development. [Learn more about the application here.](#)

Reconsideration of 1417 May Street Rezoning and Development Permit with

Variances - Council rescinded its decision to decline the rezoning application regarding this property and referred this proposal back to staff for more work on design based on the comments made at the public hearing. This matter will then return to Council.

Temporary Use Permit Application for 1120-1126 Hillside Avenue

-Following an opportunity for public comment, Council authorized the issuance of a temporary use permit. This permit only allows for a retail furniture store.

2017 Annual Report - Following an opportunity for public comment, Council approved the 2017 Annual Report. The Annual Report highlights achievements over the past year as measured against Council's Strategic Objectives, and includes the City's audited financial statements. [View the 2017 Annual Report here.](#)

Topaz Park Improvement Plan - Council approved the Park Improvement Plan for Topaz Park. This 10-year plan includes: improved sports fields and recreational facilities and a greater diversity of park activities, including a new skateboard park, bike skills park, and tennis and pickleball courts. Council also directed staff to report back at the next quarterly update about expediting the detailed design for Phase 1 and Phase 2 for

completion as soon as possible, and indicate to Council what elements of the 2018 workplan would not be completed because of this. Read the Topaz Park Improvement Plan [here](#).

Implementation of Summit Park Management Plan: McNair Trail

Council approved an allocation in the 2019 draft Financial Plan for improvements to the McNair Trail to Summit Park, consistent with the implementation timeline adopted in the Summit Park Management Plan.

Protection of Ecologically and Culturally Significant Areas

Council directed staff to prepare an amendment to the Parks Regulation Bylaw to add Coffin Island to the areas covered in section 16A of the bylaw. Staff are also to work with the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations on potential signage relating to ecologically and culturally significant areas within the municipal parks and greenspace system in the City of Victoria. Staff are requested to report back to Council following advice from the City Family on potential additional tools to increase protection for ecologically and culturally significant areas within the municipal parks and greenspace system.

Bastion Square Market Licence Renewal

Council approved renewing the operating agreement for the Bastion Square Public Market for three years. The Bastion Square Market is an important venue for 55 local artists and vendors.

Funding for Extended Hours for Our Place

Council approved \$25,000 in funding to partner with BC Housing and Island Health to increase services for Our Place to address gaps in the spring/summer opening hours. The new spring and summer operating hours will more closely align with those of other service providers. These extra hours of operation will help meet the needs of individuals seeking services and support.

Support for Bid to Host 55+ B.C. Games in 2020, 2021 or 2022

Council directed staff to work with the Greater Victoria Sport Tourism Commission to apply for the right to host the 2020, 2021 or 2022 55+ B.C. Games. Council also approved in-kind support of up to \$55,000 should the bid be successful, with funds from the budget surplus for the year prior to hosting the Games.

Vehicle for Hire Bylaw for Rickshaws

Council directed staff to amend Section 17 (2) in the Vehicles for Hire Bylaw to increase the maximum capacity for rickshaws from two persons to three adults and one child, or two adults and two children.

JULY 2018 ITEMS OF INTEREST

Jocelyn Jenkyns Appointed City Manager

The City of Victoria has reached within its own leadership ranks and appointed Jocelyn Jenkyns as its new City Manager. Jenkyns has been Acting City Manager since September 2017 and the Deputy City Manager since 2014.

“On behalf of Council, I’m delighted to announce the appointment of Jocelyn Jenkyns to the role of City Manager. Jocelyn has worked hard for the City for over 15 years and in almost every department. She’s an incredible leader and has the capacity to make sure that the things that need doing get done well at the same time as building strong relationships,” said Victoria Mayor Lisa Helps.

Jenkyns is a skilled communicator with strong knowledge of local issues and deep community connections.

“I look forward to bringing the City and the community closer so we can do our best work,” said Jenkyns. “I’m excited about the possibilities for the future and what we can create together.”

This is the first time in more than two decades that someone from within the City has been appointed to lead the organization, overseeing a professional workforce of 800 and an annual budget of approximately \$241 million.

Engagement/Outreach

- Canada Day Victoria – Sunday, July 1, noon – 10:20 p.m., Victoria’s Inner Harbour
- BYO Bags Pop-Up Information Station – Thursday, July 5, noon – 3 p.m., London Drugs on Yates Street (5 other pop ups to follow in July and August)
- Victoria Pride Parade – Sunday, July 8, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Downtown Victoria
- Centennial Square Engagement at Folkloria – Sunday, July 8, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Lunch Time Lecture: Building Welcoming & Inclusive Communities for Refugees with Nour-Eddine Maghnaoui – Monday, July 9, noon – 1 p.m., City Hall, Council Chambers
- Centennial Square Action Plan engagement at Eventide – Thursday, July 12 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Centennial Square Action Plan engagement at Festival Mexicano – Saturday, July 14, noon – 4 p.m.
- Centennial Square Action Plan engagement at Victoria VegFest – Saturday, July 21 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- Gonzales Neighbourhood Plan Walking Conversations: Neighbourhood Housing South – Saturday, July 21, 10:30 a.m., location TBD, visit Victoria.ca/Gonzales
- Gonzales Neighbourhood Plan Walking Conversations: Fairfield Road – Tuesday, July 24, 6 p.m., location TBD, visit Victoria.ca/Gonzales
- Centennial Square Action Plan engagement to overlap with Lunchtime in the Square – Wednesday, July 25, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Centennial Square
- Gonzales Neighbourhood Plan Walking Conversations: Neighbourhood Housing North – Tuesday, July 31, 6 p.m., location TBD, visit Victoria.ca/Gonzales
- Survey on revised Gonzales Neighbourhood Plan – online mid-July to early August
- Fairfield Neighbourhood Plan: Cook Street Village Charrette – late July, TBD
- Fairfield Neighbourhood Plan: Gentle Density Survey – July, TBD

Operational

- Pay-by-Space parking begins at Wharf Street surface parking lot
- Commute Bus Shelter Art Exhibit launches – early July
- Hoarding Peer Support Group Meetings:
 - Wednesday, July 11 and 25, 3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., Royal Jubilee Hospital, Eric Martin Pavilion, 2334 Trent Street
- Barnard Park Dogs Off-Leash Pilot – until September 30

Protocol

- Korean Environmental Sustainability Study Group - Tuesday, July 3, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Council Chambers
- Honorary Citizen Awards Ceremony – Friday, July 20, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Victoria Conference Centre

Public Use

- Home Office Support Team Meeting – Friday, July 6, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Antechamber
- Coalition to End Homelessness Youth Task Force – Wednesday, July 11, 8:30 – 11 a.m., Antechamber

Centennial Square

- JazzFest – until Sunday, July 1
- Lunchtime Concerts – Tuesdays, noon – 1 p.m.
- Eventide Music Series – Thursdays, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
- FolkFest – Sunday, July 8, 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.
- Ballroom Dance – Mondays, 7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
- Crafternoons – Tuesday, July 10, 5:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.
- TELUS Community Partnership Event – Wednesday, July 11, 2:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.
- Festival Mexicano – Saturday, July 14 – Sunday, July 15

- World Student Day – Friday, July 20, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Victoria Veg Fest – Saturday, July 21, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- Victoria Cool Aid Society's 50th Anniversary Love-In Event – Sunday, July 22, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.
- Victoria Flamenco Festival – Friday, July 27 – Sunday, July 29
- Argentine Tango – Saturday, July 28, 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Mayor's Community Drop-In

- Mayor's Community Drop-In – Tuesday, July 10, 4:30 p.m. – 6 p.m., City Hall
- Mayor's Community Drop-In – Tuesday, July 24, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Cook Street Activity Centre

Community Association Meetings

- Hillside-Quadra Neighbourhood Association – Monday, July 2, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m., at the community centre
- North Park Neighbourhood Association – Wednesday, July 4, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m., Memorial, 864 Pembroke Street
- Oaklands Neighbourhood Association – Monday, July 9, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m., Neighbourhood House
- Fairfield Gonzales Neighbourhood Association – Monday, July 9, 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., at the community centre
- James Bay Neighbourhood Association – Wednesday, July 11, 7 p.m. at James Bay New Horizons
- Rockland Neighbourhood Association – Wednesday, July 11, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m., Government House Gardener's Cottage
- Fernwood Community Association – Wednesday, July 11, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m., back of 1923 Fernwood Road on 2nd floor
- Downtown Residents Association – Tuesday, July 17, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Esquimalt Room
- Victoria Community Association Network – Wednesday, July 18, 5:30 p.m., City Hall
- Burnside Gorge Neighbourhood Association – Monday, July 23, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m., at the community centre
- Rock Bay Landing Good Neighbourhood Meeting – Tuesday, July 24, 5 p.m. – 7 p.m., Rock Bay Landing Shelter

Committee of the Whole Meetings

- Thursday, July 5 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. / Closed Council Meeting from 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.
- Thursday, July 12 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. / Closed Council Meeting from 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.
- Thursday, July 19 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. / Closed Council Meeting from 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.

- Thursday, July 26 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. / Closed Council Meeting from 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Council Meetings

- Thursday, July 12 at 6:30 p.m., Council Chambers
- Thursday, July 26 at 6:30 p.m., Council Chambers

Advisory Design Panel Meeting

- Wednesday, July 25, noon – 2 p.m., Songhees Nation Room, City Hall

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- Friday, July 27

Mayor Speaking at ICLEI World Congress, Victoria now home to ICLEI's BC Office

Victoria Mayor Lisa Helps spoke at the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) World Congress 2018 in Montreal today and Thursday, joining civic leaders from around the globe to discuss the advancement of urban sustainability.

Mayor Helps spoke on three panels to help build Victoria's profile internationally: *Low Emission Cities, Towns & Regions*, *Promoting Sustainable Lifestyles for Healthy and Happy Cities*, and *Transforming the Way We Live Together: Reconciliation and Cooperation Toward our Sustainable Urban Future*. Christina Clarke, Executive Director of the Songhees Nation, is joining Mayor Helps for the panel on reconciliation.

Participants at the global congress explored the latest ideas and innovations to advance sustainable urban development. Sessions and workshops are focused on topics such as city food systems, nature-based solutions and circular economies.

The Mayor's attendance at the conference adds to the momentum building here in Victoria following the recent announcement that the City and ICLEI Canada have partnered to host ICLEI's new British Columbia Office, joining Montreal as the two ICLEI host cities in North America. The initial two year agreement between the City of Victoria and ICLEI Canada will support Victoria's sustainability and climate goals, and will allow ICLEI Canada to better assist important climate action programs in western provinces and their municipalities. Victoria was also host of ICLEI Canada's Livable Cities Forum in September 2017.

“This conference is a great opportunity to showcase Victoria to an international audience and highlight the steps we’re taking as a City to advance urban sustainability.” said Mayor Lisa Helps. “We are also very excited to be partnering with ICLEI Canada, and to learn from their global experience in helping cities tackle climate change. Their outstanding expertise will help us work alongside all regional players to foster this transition to a more sustainable, low-carbon and prosperous future.”

Victoria’s fast growing technology sector, leading research institutions and government sector represent an ideal place for ICLEI Canada’s newest regional office. For information about the City of Victoria’s climate action work, visit: <http://www.victoria.ca/EN/main/residents/sustainability.html>.

Artwork to be Showcased on Bus Shelters in Victoria’s Commute

Six bus shelters now showcase art in Victoria’s *Commute*, a series of original artworks by local, emerging artists. A pilot project in partnership with PATTISON Outdoor Advertising, *Commute* will exhibit up to 18 artworks on downtown bus shelters from now until the end of June 2019.

The *Commute* bus shelter exhibit provides emerging artists the opportunity to participate in public art and exhibit their artworks in Victoria. The temporary installation is designed to encourage dialogue and new ways of thinking about neighbourhoods and public spaces, inspire local artists, and cultivate future public artists and audiences.

Featured artists include: Margaret Briere, Dan Eastabrook, Alysha Farling, Kerri Flannigan, Emily Geen, Christoph James, Mike Lathrop, Amber Lomax, Renée Nault, Libby Oliver, Peruzzo, Shawn Pomeroy, Gillian Staples, Austin Willis, and Eriq Wong.

The first set of artworks to be showcased are:

- *Coming Home* by Margaret Briere –Yates and Broad Streets
- *Mother Daughter* by Margaret Briere – Yates and Broad Streets
- *Human Salad*, by Christoph James –Yates Street between Blanshard and Quadra Streets
- *Goldstream Trees* by Mike Lathrop – Johnson and Quadra Streets
- *The Commons* by Libby Oliver – Yates and Ormond Streets
- *Feeling Measurements – Fathom 09 (Megan)* by Kerri Flannigan – Yates Street between Camosun Street and Fernwood Road

The featured artworks will rotate every four months. The first set will be displayed from July to October 2018; the second set from November 2018 to February 2019, and the third set from March – June 2019.

The *Commute* public art exhibit was developed in response to input the City received during engagement on its *Create Victoria Arts and Culture Master Plan* last year, when emerging artists asked for more opportunities to participate in and exhibit their art in Victoria. The *Commute* call to artists invited emerging, Indigenous, and multicultural artists in the Capital Region to submit up to five suitable existing artworks, or create new artwork for consideration. Artworks were selected by jury. Artists will be paid a fee of \$500 per image displayed.

Short-term public art installations such as *Commute* enhance Victoria and contribute to its vibrancy and livability.

For more information on the selected artists and artworks, visit: www.victoria.ca/commute.



Mother Daughter bus shelter exhibit by Margaret Briere

Court Rules in Favour of City on Plastic Bag Ban

The BC Supreme Court ruled in favour of the City and dismissed the challenge to the City's Checkout Bag Regulation by the Canadian Plastic Bag Association.

In his reasons for judgment, Mr. Justice Smith stated: "I find no evidence of bad faith in this case. Although some members of council may have been motivated by broad environment concerns, council's attention was properly drawn to ways in which discarded plastic bags impact municipal facilities and services. Council decided that those issues could be addressed by prohibiting a specific form of consumer transaction."

"The City is very pleased that the Court has confirmed our ability to regulate checkout bags," said Victoria Mayor Lisa Helps. "This decision represents an important step in moving away from unsustainable business practices that create high volumes of waste and litter in our community".

Following extensive public and stakeholder consultation, Victoria City Council decided to regulate single-use plastic checkout bags in response to community concerns and their desire to reduce plastic bag waste in public places, parks, beaches and at the landfill. The bylaw, which takes effect July 1, bans the use of single-use plastic checkout bags and sets a minimum price on paper and reusable checkout bags.

The City is working closely with retailers and the community to raise awareness and support Victoria's transition away from single-use plastic checkout bags. An information toolkit (available [here](#)) has been developed to provide businesses with information and guidance to support communications and compliance with the new bylaw. A public awareness campaign will launch later this month and extend through the summer.

For more information visit victoria.ca/reusablebags

Sacred, an Indigenous Art Display to Officially Open on National Indigenous Peoples Day

Victoria City Hall has become home to *Sacred*, an Indigenous multi-media art display curated by Indigenous curator Rose Spahan. The public and the media are invited to attend the opening reception in Council Chambers to officially launch the display on Thursday, June 21 from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. on National Indigenous Peoples Day.

“Showcasing Indigenous arts in City Hall reminds people of whose land we are on, and acts as a reminder of the creative work, history and talent of First Nations peoples,” said curator Rose Spahan. “The intent of these works is for the audience to experience the love, creativity, talent and ingenuity of the creations. The artists are diverse individuals, which is showcased in the diversity of their art forms.”

Sacred will showcase a range of traditional and contemporary art forms created by eight emerging and established Indigenous artists. The installation will feature artworks throughout City Hall in a variety of media, including an indoor mural currently being painted on-site, an LED light painting, a projection onto an exterior wall of City Hall, a short film, a poem, a series of photographic prints, and a series of silkscreened prints.

To be diverse and inclusive, Rose Spahan with the assistance of artist Eli Hirtle, curated artworks by local Coast Salish as well as Métis, Diné (Navajo), Nehiyaw (Cree), Saanich, and Mohawk artists, who call Vancouver Island home.

The *Sacred* Indigenous art display will include:

- *Continuum* by Jesse Campbell and Nicole Neidhardt – a mural focusing on the people in the land and the land within the people, located on the first floor corridor of City Hall

- *River Run* by Dylan Thomas – a mathematical decal that will adorn the spiral staircase in the main foyer of City Hall
- *Raising Lights* by Dylan Thomas – an LED light painting representing a house post, to be located on the east wall of the Douglas Street foyer
- *Releasing the Light* by Dylan Thomas – an outdoor projection onto a Pandora Avenue wall of City Hall
- *Lekwungen: Place to Smoke Herring People* by Eli Hirtle – a film created with the support of Brianna Dick to be viewed on a television monitor in the Douglas Street foyer
- *Here*, a poem by Kevin Paul – to be located on the wall opposite the ground floor elevator
- A series of photographic prints featuring performances organized by Lindsay Delaronde during her Indigenous Artist Residency – to be installed on the hallway wall opposite the Songhees Nation Meeting Room
- A series of silkscreen prints by lessLIE – to be located on the hallway wall opposite the Esquimalt Nation Meeting Room

The event will include a welcome, speeches, a performance by the Lekwungen Dancers, and an opportunity to meet the curators and several of the featured artists. Complimentary refreshments will be provided.

Rose Spahan is a Salish artist, teacher and curator, who works with emerging, Indigenous artists. Spahan has curated 13 shows over 32 years throughout British Columbia, in addition to teaching, lecturing and working as an arts administrator and guest curator and sitting on arts juries.

Sacred is part of the City's ongoing work towards Reconciliation. For information on the featured artists and artworks, visit: www.victoria.ca/sacred.

Enjoy Free Outdoor Activities and Concerts at Centennial Square and Cameron Bandshell in Beacon Hill Park

This summer, take the opportunity to enjoy free outdoor activities and concerts with family and friends at Centennial Square and the Cameron Bandshell in Beacon Hill Park.

CENTENNIAL SQUARE

Summer in the Square Lunchtime Concerts

Join us Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from noon to 1 p.m. from July 3 to September 6 to enjoy live music at *Lunchtime Concerts in the Square*. Bring your lunch and some sunscreen and soak up the tunes. From folk, world beat and jazz to swing and

blues, there's something for everyone. For concert listings, visit: www.victoria.ca/summerinthesquare.

Eventide Music Series

The *Eventide Music Series* offers live music in Centennial Square every Thursday night from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. from July 5 to August 23. The series features an eclectic mix of independent local and visiting musicians and artists. Themed nights range from folk, pop, indie-rock to hip-hop, funk, punk, electronic and experimental. Food trucks and a licensed beverage area complement these all-ages outdoor concerts in Centennial Square. The *Eventide Music Series* is presented by the City of Victoria in partnership with CFUV Community Campus Radio, with support from the Downtown Victoria Business Association. For concert listings: www.eventidevictoria.com/schedule.

Crafternoons in the Square

Join us for hands-on *Crafternoons in the Square* to learn how to create a beautiful fresh floral crown. All supplies are provided in addition to a complimentary sparkling water and a sweet treat. *Crafternoons* are held every second Tuesday starting June 12 (July 10, August 14 and September 11) from 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

Board Games in the Square

Drop by the Square to play giant-size chess and scrabble every Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. until September 2. Hosted by the Victoria Junior Chess Society.

Argentine Tango

Learn the Argentine Tango with a beginner lesson followed by a social dance on Saturday, July 28 and Saturday, August 25 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. with Alive Tango Victoria.

Latin Dancing

Learn Salsa and Tango from professional instructors, followed by a social dance on Sundays, June 17, July 22, and August 5, 19 and 26 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. to live music performances and DJ selections, hosted by DJ Moises. No dance experience necessary.

Ballroom Dancing in the Square

The Victoria Ballroom Dance Society presents *Ballroom Dancing in the Square* on Mondays, July 9, 16, 23, 30 and August 6, 13 and 20 from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Learn different dances and then put your new steps to the test in the group dance following each lesson.

Garden City Harmony

Sing pop, indie, folk and rock songs in simple two, three or four-part harmony in a free choir session on Monday, June 18 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. No previous choir experience needed.

For full details, visit: www.victoria.ca/summerinthesquare

CAMERON BANDSHELL AT BEACON HILL PARK

Concerts in the Park Series

Join us Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays from 1:30 p.m. to 3:20 p.m. from June 29 to September 3 (excluding July 1 and 2) for afternoon *Concerts in the Park*. Spread out a picnic blanket on the lawn or relax on bench seating while enjoying the performances. Whether you like jazz or blues, or classical or swing, there's something for everyone. For event listings, visit: www.victoria.ca/concertsinthepark.

Folk Music Evening Series

Returning for its third year, the *Folk Music Evening Series* takes place on Tuesdays from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. from July 3 to August 21. This music series focuses on the wide genre of folk music, from traditional to fusion and contemporary. Each Tuesday will feature two different Canadian bands. For event listings, visit: www.victoria.ca/concertsinthepark.

Children's Programming

On Wednesdays from July 11 to August 22 from 11 a.m. to noon, the Cameron Bandshell will feature a children's show, ranging from stories and magic to puppets and pirates. Bring the sunscreen, a picnic and get ready to laugh! For details, visit: www.victoria.ca/concertsinthepark.

Argentine Tango in the Park

Come with or without a partner and get ready to dance the Argentine Tango at this free social dance in Beacon Hill Park on Sundays, July 8 to August 26 from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. with Alive Tango Victoria.

All events and concerts are rain or shine and are subject to change. For event details, pick up a free copy of *CityVibe* at Victoria City Hall, community centres and libraries around town, or view the guide online at www.victoria.ca/cityvibe.

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Please consider this announcement for your community calendar or events listings.

For More Information:

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