

# **Fairfield-Gonzales CA Board Meeting:** **Jan 8th, 2018**

## **Section A** City of Victoria Council Highlights – December 14, 2017

*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).

**Third Quarter Operational Plan**  
Council received the Third Quarter Operational Plan report on the City's activities and accomplishments from July 1 to September 30, 2017, in addition to the Third Quarter report from the Victoria Police Department. [Read the reports.](#)

**Climate Leadership Plan – Draft for Public Comment**  
Council approved the draft Climate Leadership Plan and asked staff to engage with the community for feedback and input. Staff will report back to Council on June 1, 2018 with a final Climate Leadership Plan and a long-term funding strategy and program update. [Read the report](#) and view [the draft plan](#).

### **Single-Use Checkout Bag Regulation – Draft Bylaw Feedback**

City Council passed first, second and third reading of the proposed Checkout Bag Regulation Bylaw and will consider it for adoption at the January 11, 2018, Council meeting. Informed by input from local businesses, the new bylaw is proposed to take effect July 1, 2018. Early next year, the City will launch a multi-faceted awareness campaign following the adoption of the bylaw to prepare businesses, residents, and tourists for the regulation and to help transition from plastic to reusable bags. The City will also work with local businesses to develop a Business Toolkit, with resources for communicating with employees and customers about the new bylaw. An allocation of \$30,000 from the 2017 surplus is to be included in the 2018 financial plan for engagement and education programs. [Read the report.](#)

### **Create Victoria Arts and Culture Master Plan (2018 – 2022)**

Council approved the Create Victoria Arts and Culture Master Plan that will guide the City's investment in arts and culture over the next five years. Also approved was the Implementation Framework, which identifies key actions, timeframes, deliverables and metrics for evaluation. The Create Victoria Advisory Group's term was extended to December 2018 to advise staff and Council on the first year of implementation. [Read the report](#), the [Create Victoria Arts and Culture Master Plan](#) and [Implementation Framework](#).

### **Public Realm Waterfront Designs – Revised Plan and Interim Phasing**

Council approved updated designs for public spaces surrounding the Johnson Street Bridge. A budget of \$650,000 from under-budget or cancelled 2017 projects will be reallocated to the 2018 Financial Plan to complete four areas – Triangle Island, Janion Plaza, Johnson Street traffic median, and the Esquimalt and Harbour Road intersection. The Triangle Island area will include an interactive sculpture developed by the City’s Artist in Residence Luke Ramsey in collaboration with Indigenous Artist in Residence Lindsay Delaronde. Plans also include a Vic West waterfront park (at the former ‘S-curve’ lands). Staff were asked to report back on the rationale and implications of amending the Development Cost Charges Bylaw to fund the park at the estimated construction cost of \$3 million. Council also approved the revised design for the Northern Junk plaza.

The Accessibility Working Group will be asked to provide input on the proposed designs, and staff will work with the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations to identify opportunities to incorporate local Indigenous elements and recognize the history of the Lekwungen Peoples on these lands. [Read the report](#) and view the [design concepts](#) and the [Triangle Island public art concept](#).

### **Project Update on Crystal Pool and Wellness Centre Replacement Project**

Council received an update on the Crystal Pool and Wellness Centre Replacement Project. The project remains in the “pre-construction” phase. HCMA Architecture + Design has been awarded the contract to provide architectural and engineering services. HCMA will lead the next phase of planning for the new facility, which includes further community engagement to develop a detailed design and construction schedule. [Read the report](#).

### **Direction to Consult on Official Community Plan Amendments to Align with Proposed Victoria West Neighbourhood Plan**

Staff will consult with those affected by the proposed amendments in the Official Community Plan (OCP) through online consultation and a public open house on January 20 on the proposed Victoria West Neighbourhood Plan. The proposed OCP amendments will also be referred to the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations, requesting they provide any cultural or historical context to inform the plan, as well as to the Township of Esquimalt and School District 61. The associated bylaws will also be updated. A public hearing will be scheduled where the OCP amendments will be considered.

### **Bicycle Master Plan Implementation – Phase 1 AAA Network Update**

Council asked staff to amend the draft 2018 financial plan to add \$3 million to the budget for the Wharf, Humboldt and Cook Street Phase 1 bike lane corridors, with funding coming from the Gas Tax Reserve and the 2017 Engineering and Public Works budget. Phase 1 of these AAA network corridors is to be implemented in 2018. In the second quarter of 2018, staff will provide a proposed funding strategy for implementation of Phases 2-4 of the Bike Master Plan, which are to be completed by 2022. Staff will also report back to Council at the 60% design phase for all remaining areas of Phase 1 corridors. During design, accessibility considerations will be addressed. [Read the report](#).

## **Witness Reconciliation Program 2018 Budget Allocation**

Council agreed to forward a motion to the January 4, 2018 Committee of the Whole budget meeting to consider any unspent funds from the 2017 Witness Reconciliation Program be rolled over into 2018, and that an additional \$50,000 be allocated for the program in 2018, funded by the 2017 surplus. Three City family council members will provide a short summary for City Council on the work undertaken in 2017 towards Reconciliation. [Learn more.](#)

## **North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) Supporting Motion**

Council supported, in principle, a bid by the local First Nations for the 2020 North American Indigenous Games (NAIG), contingent on sustained funding from the provincial and federal governments, as set out by the bid requirements. Once this funding has been confirmed, the City will enter into conversation with the Host Nation about details on the City's administrative, in-kind and/or financial support. The Songhees Nation is working with other south Vancouver Island First Nations on a bid to host the 2020 North American Indigenous Games, one of the largest sporting and cultural gatherings of Indigenous Peoples in North America. The Games provide Indigenous youth ages 13-19 an opportunity to showcase their athletic abilities through 14 sports and to celebrate their heritage through numerous cultural events. [Learn more.](#)

## **Rezoning Application for 475 Gorge Road East**

At a public hearing, Council did not support an application to rezone 475 Gorge Road East to allow for the retail sale of cannabis.

## **Rezoning Application for 603 Gorge Road East**

At a public hearing, Council approved an application to rezone 603 Gorge Road East to allow for the retail sale of cannabis, pending the registration of the required legal document.

## **Update on Rezoning Application and Development Permit with Variances Application for 1201 Fort Street and 1050 Pentrelew Place**

Council asked staff to prepare the necessary bylaws and Official Community Plan amendment to forward this application to a public hearing. [Read the report.](#)

## **Presentation: CRD Clover Point Pump Station and Dallas Road Forcemain Project Update**

The CRD provided Council an update on the Clover Point Pump Station and Dallas Road Forcemain Project. The station will be upgraded and expanded as part of the Wastewater Treatment Project. Council requested that the CRD Project Team work with City staff to soften the interface between the lower foreshore walkway at Clover Point and the loading bays/retaining wall, to better align with this waterfront park. The quality of materials and design need to be improved for the lower foreshore walkway so that it serves as a functional pedestrian walkway in the waterfront park. The plan will be shared with the Accessibility Working Group for input. [Read the report.](#)

### **Animal Responsibility Bylaws**

City staff will report back at the next quarterly update on the resource implications of updating the City's current Animal Control Bylaw and Vehicle for Hire Bylaws. [View the report.](#)

### **Protecting Local Waterways and Wild Fish Species**

Council endorsed a resolution for protecting local waterways and wild fish species for consideration at the 2018 annual meeting of the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC). Staff will forward this resolution to the First Nations governments on Vancouver Island and local governments belonging to the AVICC to request favourable consideration. Staff will submit the City's resolution by December 15 to Fisheries and Oceans Canada as part of the input on the draft Wild Salmon Policy Implementation Plan. [Learn more.](#)

### **Advocacy to Shift Investment to Low Emissions Transportation**

On behalf of Council, the Mayor will write to the Prime Minister of Canada and the Premier of British Columbia, requesting that they fully implement their commitment in the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change in the transportation sector, to shift investments "from higher to lower-emitting types of transportation" within the Capital Regional District. This letter will be forwarded to the CRD and member municipalities, and copied to the federal and provincial ministers responsible for climate action, infrastructure and transportation. [Learn more.](#)

### **Endorsing the Communities on the Move Declaration**

Council endorsed the *Communities on the Move* declaration with the provision that Council has some reservations about setting an annual amount. This endorsement will be communicated in a letter from the Mayor to the BC Healthy Living Alliance. [Learn more.](#)

## **SECTION B- Other Items of interest**

### **1) Cast Your Vote: How Would You Invest \$50,000 to Improve Life in Victoria?**

Victoria residents are invited to vote on which community projects should receive funding from Victoria's first Participatory Budgeting process. Eight shortlisted projects are vying for up to \$50,000 in funding.

Twenty-eight proposals were submitted by individuals and organizations this fall. The ideas were vetted to ensure they were viable and worked to improve life in Victoria. Now it's the community's turn to weigh in.

The shortlisted projects are:

- An art and music program for seniors with dementia.
- A pop-up garden and native bee art installation with educational workshops.
- Solar power and batteries for the aquaponics system at the Compost Education Centre.
- An employment training program, connecting vulnerable adults with local employers.
- An arts program for marginalized people in the Victoria area.
- A new electronic community resource board at Victoria High School to serve the Fernwood community.
- A pedal-powered Victoria Bike Music Festival and summer concert series.
- A community learning garden in the courtyard by the Downtown Branch of the Victoria Public Library.

The projects that receive the most votes from the community will receive funding. Vote online at [www.victoria.ca/pbvic](http://www.victoria.ca/pbvic) or in person at City Hall through until January 20<sup>th</sup>.

The Participatory Budgeting “Street Team” will also be hosting pop-up voting stations in the community. Watch for them at the Fernwood Student Dinner Night on January 10 and at other community events.

Participatory budgeting is a democratic process in which a municipality allocates a portion of its budget for residents to propose and vote on community projects. The Steering Committee, an independent citizen group of volunteers, has been working since May to develop Victoria’s participatory budgeting process.

“The Participatory Budgeting Steering Committee would like to thank the many enthusiastic individuals, groups, and community organizations for the thoughtful and diverse proposals we received,” said Julien Braun, a member of the Steering Committee. “The creativity of each proposal is a testament to this city having great people with innovative ideas and a drive to make a difference. It’ll be a tough choice at the ballot box!”

The winners will be announced in late January and the funding will be distributed in early 2018. To learn more about the Participatory Budgeting process and cast your vote, please visit [www.victoria.ca/pbvic](http://www.victoria.ca/pbvic).

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## 2) Make Emergency Preparedness a New Year's Resolution – Attend a Free Workshop

Are you and your family prepared for an emergency such as a power outage, winter storm, earthquake or tsunami? Your family needs to have enough food, water and supplies to cope for at least seven days without outside assistance, depending on the emergency.

Make emergency preparedness your family's New Year's Resolution and attend a free workshop offered by Emergency Management Victoria. Learn about the hazards that can affect Victoria, what to include in your emergency kits, what you can do to protect your home from an earthquake, and how to reunite with your loved ones after a disaster.

Free Emergency Preparedness Workshops will be held in the Antechamber at Victoria City Hall on:

Tuesday, January 9	1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, January 24	7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday, February 6	1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, February 21	7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 7	1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 27	7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Friday, April 6	1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 25	7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 8	1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 23	7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, June 6	1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, June 27	7 pm – 8:30pm
Friday, September 7	1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, September 26	7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Friday, October 5	1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Tuesday, October 30	7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, November 7	1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Tuesday, November 27	7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Register for a free workshop at [emvic@victoria.ca](mailto:emvic@victoria.ca) or call 250.920.3373.

Emergency Management Victoria is the City of Victoria's resource for helping our community prepare for an emergency. For more information and to sign up for *Vic-Alert*, the City's emergency notification service, visit: [VictoriaReady.ca](http://VictoriaReady.ca)

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### **3) New Ideas for Topaz Park – Ready for Community Input!**

Design concepts for the future of Topaz Park are ready for community feedback. The two concepts have been developed based on public feedback and direction from the Parks and Open Spaces Master Plan. For the next six weeks, the community is invited to learn more about potential changes to Topaz Park and share feedback.

Community input on the ideas in the design concepts will help inform a Park Improvement Plan for Topaz Park, which will guide future investment in the park.

Some of the potential improvements and new activities being considered for Topaz Park include a skateboard/all-wheels park, pickleball courts, better walking trails, and a fenced dog leash-optional area.

Residents can view the design concepts and learn more about what's being proposed for the park online at [www.victoria.ca/parks](http://www.victoria.ca/parks).

Tell us what you think:

- Online survey: available until January 28<sup>th</sup> at [www.victoria.ca/parks](http://www.victoria.ca/parks)
- Community Open House: Saturday, January 20, 2-5 p.m., Quadra Elementary School Gym (3031 Quadra Street)

In May and June 2017, the City received feedback about Topaz Park from over 1,000 residents, including ways to improve existing amenities within the park as well as many requests for new types of activities. This next phase of community engagement will inform a draft improvement plan which will be brought back to the community for a final round of feedback in late winter 2018. A proposed improvement plan will be presented to Council next spring.



### **About Topaz Park**

Topaz Park, Victoria's third largest park, is located in the Hillside Quadra neighbourhood (between Topaz Avenue and Finlayson Street). It is home to Victoria's only artificial turf field, outdoor lacrosse box, three grass sports fields, two dog off-leash areas, fitness equipment and a playground. The park also includes two public washrooms, a natural area and three surface parking lots.

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## **4) Contract for Design of Crystal Pool and Wellness Centre Project Awarded to Victoria Firm**

HCMA Architecture + Design has been awarded the contract to provide architectural and engineering services for the Crystal Pool and Wellness Centre Replacement Project.

HCMA will lead the next phase of planning for the new facility, which includes further community engagement to develop a detailed design and construction schedule.

The HCMA consultant team has extensive experience in designing environmentally-sustainable, accessible and inclusive recreation facilities. In the last five years, the HCMA team has completed more than \$200 million worth of aquatic and recreation facilities. Notable projects include the City of Vancouver's Hillcrest Centre and the City of Surrey's Grandview Heights Aquatic Centre, which has recently won awards for accessibility, design and structural excellence. The firm is currently operating from coast to coast, completing community, recreation and sport facilities across Canada.

In February 2017, Council voted unanimously to replace the nearly 50-year-old Crystal Pool complex with a new facility, approving a budget of \$69.4 million for the project. The City has committed \$10 million from its Building and Infrastructure Fund to the project, and is actively seeking to fund the balance from external sources including other levels of government.

The detailed design work being undertaken by HCMA is necessary to have the project shovel-ready following government grant announcements expected in 2018. Funding partnerships may eliminate the need for the City to hold a referendum to borrow funds for the project.

A new universally-accessible pool and wellness centre is anticipated to increase visits by 35 per cent annually. The facility will include a 50m x 25m pool, universal and family



change rooms, an expanded fitness area, multipurpose rooms for events and programs, in a welcoming community space with lots of natural light.

The proposed site for the new centre is next to the current facility in Central Park. The current Crystal Pool and Fitness Centre will remain open while the new facility is being constructed.

For more information about the Crystal Pool and Wellness Centre Replacement Project visit: [www.victoria.ca/poolfuture](http://www.victoria.ca/poolfuture).

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## **5) Installation of Steel Rings and Counterweight For New Bridge to Start December 8**

The skyline around the new Johnson Street Bridge was transformed with the arrival of one of the largest cranes in Western Canada in early December. The Dynamic Beast crane barge was parked in the marine channel under the existing bridge for five days starting December 8. The massive crane barge towered high above the new bridge as it lifted and placed the steel rings and the lower counterweight into the bascule pier.

Over the course of those five days, the public was able to view the Dynamic Beast lifting the lower counterweight and steel rings into the bascule pier. During the major steel ring and counterweight lifts there will be significant impacts to the public as the existing Johnson Street Bridge will be periodically closed to all pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicles. These closures could be several hours in length and are necessary to ensure public safety. The best view of the construction activities will be from the northeast side of the bridge near Canoe Club and Mermaid Wharf or online on the project webcam.

### Day 1

- The Dynamic Beast crane barge passed under the current bridge into the Upper Harbour
- An approximate 45-minute closure of the existing bridge will occur sometime between 7 a.m. – 9 a.m.

### Day 2

- The Dynamic Beast crane barge was positioned in the channel under the existing bridge. An approximate 45-minute closure of the existing bridge will occur sometime between 7 a.m. – 9 a.m.

- The Dynamic Beast crane barge also lifted the lower counterweight and north ring into the bascule pier
- Intermittent bridge closures occurred for several

### Day 3

- The Dynamic Beast crane barge will lift the south ring into the bascule pier and depart Victoria
- Intermittent closures will occur between 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. and an approximate 45-minute closure will occur when the crane barge exits from under the current bridge between 2:45 p.m. – 5 p.m.

The steel rings are part of the main superstructure pieces that make up the new bridge. The lower counterweight is one of the main pieces that help raise and lower the new bridge. In January, the bridge deck span, currently on a barge being worked on in Victoria's Upper Harbour, will be attached to the rings.

For the latest information on the project or to view the webcam, visit [www.JohnsonStreetBridge.com](http://www.JohnsonStreetBridge.com)

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## **6) 2017 Fourth Quarter Activities Report from SportHost Victoria**

The Victoria region hosted 21 major sporting events during the fourth quarter of 2017. These included the BC Provincial Marathon Championships and the U Sports University Swimming Championships. These Championships added significantly to the nine annual invitational events that attracted thousands of visitors from around the World.

The 8 major events in October were highlighted by the Goodlife Fitness Victoria Marathon that attracted more than 6 thousand visitors to the Island and again this year served as the BC Provincial Marathon Championships.

There were 6 major events held in November featuring the Canadian West University Swimming Championships, the Bennett Cup Swimming Championships, and three representative minor hockey tournaments that attracted more than 30 teams from across Canada.

The 7 December events were highlighted by the Canadian University X – Country Championships and included the annual Pacific Coast Christmas Swimming Championships that again attracted more than 700 athletes.

.These events attracted more than 15,000 athletes, officials and supporters.

Of the 21 events hosted in the region, those highlighted above generated more than 8,000 of the reported 11,000 hotel room nights that resulted from hosting these events in October, November and December.

Bids initiated, being research and/or finalized for future hosting include:

- 2019 and 2020 Canadian University Men’s Basketball Championships
- 2018 Canadian National Swimming Championships
- 2018 World Coastal Rowing Championships
- 2018 World Sailing Championships
- 2019 World Junior Hockey Championships
- 2020 Canadian Little League Baseball Championships

Note of interest:

December concluded an outstanding year for hosting sport related events in our region. The region hosted 118 major events in 2017 (10 more than in 2016) that contributed to more than \$125 Million of economic activity in the Greater Victoria Region.

### **About SportHost Victoria**

SportHost Victoria is a non-governmental, member-based, capacity building organization that promotes sport tourism as a grassroots economic development initiative at the community level.

SportHost services its members, national and provincial sport, multi-sport and major games organizations and a variety of other sport and tourism industry partners.

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## **Regional Events hosted in the next Quarter**

### **January**

- \* Jan 11-13– **Victoria City Police High School Basketball Tournament - SMU**
- \* Jan 13 – **38<sup>th</sup> Annual Potluck Underwater Hockey Tournament – Saanich CP Pool**
- \* Jan 15– **BC Independent Schools Swim Meet – Saanich CP Pool**
- \* Jan 19-20 – **CARHA Pacific Cup Hockey Tournament**
- \* Jan 28-29– **Masters Swim Meet PCS Fast Meet – Saanich CP Pool**
- \* Jan 28 – **Monster ERG – Canadian Indoor Rowing Championship**
- \* Jan 27-28– **Glenlyon Norfolk High School Basketball Tournament**

### **February**

- \* Feb 2/9/10/14/16/17/23/24. – **Victoria Royals Home Games – SOFMC**
- \* Feb 9-11 – **Jesters PNW Junior Squash Championships – Cedar Hill Rec Centre**
- \* Feb 9-12 – **BC Youth Field Lacrosse Championships – UVIC Fields**
- \* Feb 15-18 – **Valentines Water polo Tournament – Saanich Pool**
- \* Feb 15-19 – **Canadian Women’s Golf Team’s Development Camp – Bear**

#### **Mountain**

- \* Feb 20 – Mar 6 – **Canadian National Mountain Bike Team Training Camp – Bear Mountain**

### **March**

- \* Mar 6-7-9-11-17 – **Victoria Royals Home Games – Save On Foods Memorial Centre**
- \* Mar 7-10 – **Canadian College Men’s Volleyball Championships – PISE**
- \* Mar 8-11 – **John White Memorial Atom Hockey Tournament – Ian Stuart Centre**
- \* Mar 16-18 – **Sting Dive Meet – Saanich Pool**
- \* Mar 16-18 – **Victoria Atom A Spring Classic Hockey Tournament – Ian Stuart Centre**
- \* Mar 20-24 – **Playmakers Hockey Tournament – Pearkes Arena**
- \* Mar 23– **Vancouver Island Soccer League’s Cup Finals: Peakes Challenge, Smith U21, Groves Masters, Jackson Cup – Royal Athletic Park**
- \* Mar 30 – **Grand Pacific Open Chess Tournament – Hotel Grand Pacific**
- \* Mar 31 – **Canada Cup Cycling – Bear Mountain**
- \* Mar 31-Apr 1 – **BC Indoor Archery Championships- West Shore Rec Curling Rink**