

In Your Neighbourhood

Local Area Plan Update

Engagement on the draft Fairfield Neighbourhood Plan continues through December. Join us at an upcoming event:

- **Open House**
Saturday, December 2, 2:30 p.m. – 5 p.m., Cook Street Activity Centre
- **Christmas Tea**
Thursday, December 7, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m., Cook Street Activity Centre, lounge
- **Planner & a Pint (we'll buy the apples) Planning for Ross Bay Village**
Monday, December 11, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m., Ross Bay Pub

Find out more and link to the online survey at victoria.ca/fairfield

2018 Budget



Council has given preliminary approval to the 2018 Draft Financial Plan and is looking for input from the public before finalizing in early January. Please [fill out the survey](#) before December 8.

Join us for a [Town Hall on November 30](#) to have your say. The Town Hall will be interactive and webcast live. Comments to the Town Hall can be provided in person, online, through social media, or by telephone.

Learn more at www.victoria.ca/budget; view the full financial plan, or review the shorter Budget Summary or four page Budget at a Glance.

Crystal Pool and Wellness Centre Replacement Project:

Check out the key outcomes for the project, new facility features, project timeline and conceptual designs for the new facility on the [dedicated project website](#). This fall we concentrated efforts on seeking funding opportunities and meeting with officials from both Federal and Provincial governments. These meetings have been encouraging as government funding programs recognize how community projects like the new pool facility break down barriers to access, keep people healthy and fit, and provide the wellness benefits of social inclusion. While external borrowing remains a potential part of the overall funding strategy, it may be possible to eliminate or significantly reduce the amount of external borrowing required. The City will know more about potential funding in 2018. If you would like to receive direct email updates on the Crystal Pool and Wellness Centre Replacement Project please send your email to crystalpool@victoria.ca requesting to be added to the email list. A project update to City Council is planned for December.

Create Victoria

Informed by community input, City staff will present the draft Create Victoria Arts and Culture Master Plan and draft Implementation Framework to Victoria City Council for consideration in December. Check out a new video that provides a glimpse of Victoria's vibrant arts and culture scene at www.victoria.ca/create.



Try it Free!

Start off your 2018 with fun and free fitness! Join us Tuesday, January 2 – Sunday, January 14, 2018 for *Try it Free*: two weeks of free sample classes offered at the Crystal Pool and Fitness Centre, Save-On-Foods Memorial Centre and at participating community centres. Take the opportunity to sample some popular activities for FREE such as yoga, swimming, Zumba or hand drumming. Participating community centres include the Crystal Pool and Fitness Centre, Save-On-Foods Memorial Centre, Burnside Gorge Community Centre, Cook Street Village Activity Centre, Fairfield Community Place, James Bay Community School Centre, James Bay New Horizons, and Oaklands Community Centre. **Registration opens December 11, 2017.** See the complete list and register online at www.victoria.ca/recreation or call 250.361.0732.



Council Meetings

Committee of the Whole meets December 7 and 14 at 9 a.m. Council meets December 14, beginning at 6:30. Residents can attend both meetings or watch them [here](#)