

In Your Neighbourhood

Application for a Liquor Primary – The Beagle Pub

After conducting a review with respect to noise and community impacts on May 11, 2017, Council supported the application for a structural change to the existing Liquor Primary Licence at The Beagle Pub at 301 Cook Street. This support will be provided to the Liquor Licensing Agency, the final arbiter of liquor licensing decisions. If approved, the licence will allow for a new outdoor patio for the pub.

Create Victoria

In early spring, the community was asked to share “What does a creative city look like?” to guide the City of Victoria’s cultural planning. Based on public input, the City has developed the draft Create Victoria Arts and Culture Master Plan, which includes a vision and a set of goals and actions to create conditions for creativity to flourish and guide investment over the next five years. The City is now seeking the community’s feedback on the draft plan’s vision and goals, and the potential actions to achieve these goals. The community is invited to learn more and provide feedback by way of

- an online survey victoria.ca/create by July 2, 2017
- email culture@victoria.ca and tweet @CityofVictoria #CreateVictoria to share your feedback
- attend a kiosk at Car Free Day on Saturday, June 18 from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. on Douglas Street
- stop by the Create Victoria kiosk on Thursday, June 22 from 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. at Ship Point, or
- attend the Open House on Saturday, June 24 from noon – 5:30 p.m.

Public feedback will inform the draft Create Victoria Arts and Culture Master Plan that is presented to City Council in a workshop in mid-July. The final plan will be presented for adoption and implementation in early September. “Nurture Our Arts, Culture and Learning Capital” is an objective in the City’s Strategic Plan, and the development of an Arts and Culture Master Plan is both an action and outcome.

Crystal Pool and Fitness Centre Update

Crystal Pool and Fitness Centre is an important community asset that provides citizens opportunities to enhance health and social wellbeing. In February City Council voted unanimously to replace the facility, based on an in-depth study, community engagement conducted last year and recognition that investing in Crystal Pool is investing in the community. This fall, the City will be asking the community for permission to borrow funds to pay for the new facility through a referendum. Over the course of the summer, more information will be shared through community events, and online, to ensure everyone has all the information they need to inform their decision.

If you would like to stay informed please send us an email and we will be sure to let you know of updates as they arise crystalpool@victoria.ca. Up-to-date information is available [here](#).

Spirit of 150 – 11 Days of Canada 150 Events in Inner Harbour

To commemorate Canada’s 150th, there will be 11 days of 100+ free performances on two stages from June 21 to July 1, 2017 at Victoria’s Inner Harbour. Downtown Victoria will be the place to be to enjoy family-friendly activities, multicultural performances and local food vendors leading up to Canada’s 150th, culminating with spectacular fireworks. A detailed event schedule will be shared with the community in early June. For more information, visit Spirit150Victoria.ca.

Pandora Protected Bike Lanes

On May 1, Victoria’s first protected bike lanes in the downtown core area and the south edge of North Park were opened. The Pandora Avenue two-way protected bike lane is the first of five corridors that are designed to encourage and support riders of all ages and abilities. City staff and volunteers will be out on Pandora throughout first next two weeks to share information and answer questions from road users.

Key features:

- New traffic signals for bicycles
- Painted green “turn boxes” provide dedicated space at intersections for bicycles to safely turn off Pandora and on to other streets
- No vehicle right-hand turns on red lights – motorists must wait for green arrow signals
- New bus stop locations on medians
- Reconfigured on-street parking - positioning on-road parking in between the bike lane and moving traffic
- New mid-block pedestrian crossings

There is more information, including an introductory video, on the [City website](#).

Parks and Open Spaces Master Plan

On May 11, 2017, Council approved the Parks and Open Spaces Master Plan as presented by staff. Council has also directed staff to provide active support for food systems in implementing the plan including: policies and programs to support pollinators; expansion of community gardens into each neighbourhood; and increased selection of native, edible and medicinal plant species within the municipal park system.

Did You Know?

Block parties are a great way to get to know your neighbours and in the City of Victoria, they are easy to make happen. Block parties can take place on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. You'll need a permit to block the street (free unless you want to amplify sound for which you'd need a Noise Bylaw exemption permit. That costs \$50). You'll need some insurance as well. The City can supply this for a nominal fee (\$10-\$25 depending on number of participants). It takes about 4 weeks to process your permit so be sure to get your application in early. Block Party guidelines and all the forms can be found [here](#) about halfway down the page.

Council Meetings

Committee of the Whole meets June 8, 15 and 22 beginning at 9 a.m. Council meets June 8 and 22, beginning at 6:30. You can watch the live broadcast and find agendas [here](#)

City Permitted Events

Van Isle 360 Yacht Race Finish Line 2017, Jun 21-22. A motor home will be parked at Clover Point for approximately 24 hours to finish boats in the Van Isle 360 International Yacht Race arriving from Ucluelet. Set up time starts at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, June 21 and will be completed and cleaned up by Thursday, June 22, 4 p.m.