

In Your Neighbourhood

Construction Site Notices

Residents in some neighbourhoods have had difficulty finding out where to direct their questions or concerns about construction activities in their areas.

Beginning on May 14, 2018, the City included a [bylaw requirement](#) for a “Notice of Construction Poster” with each issued building permit. The poster provides information to neighbours including the building permit number, address, project scope and contact information. These posters are to be visible from the street and remain in place while the permit is active.



The image shows a 'Notice of Construction' poster. At the top, it says 'Notice of Construction' in a blue banner. Below that, the project address is '1234 PANDORA STREET'. The project scope is 'NEW - MULTI FAMILY 6 STOREY'S'. The site contact is 'DEVELOPER CORP.' with a representative 'JANE SMITH', phone '250.613.9596', and email 'JANE@DEVELOPER.CA'. There is a checkbox for 'Home Owner' which is unchecked, and a building permit number 'BP012345'. At the bottom, there is a note: 'When starting a residential construction project, you may need to submit a Notice of Project to WorkSafeBC. Please visit [worksafebc.com/builders](#) for more information, or call 250.881.3418. Please post this notice so that it is visible from the street.' There are also logos for the City of Victoria and WorkSafeBC.

Please contact Ryan Morhart, the Manager & Chief Building Official Permits & Inspections, at 250.361.0241 if you have questions about the new notification requirement.

Love Food Hate Waste

The City of Victoria is proud to be a founding partner in a national program to reduce food waste in Canada. The Love Food Hate Waste campaign aims to change Canadians' behaviors around food and dramatically reduce the significant amount of food wasted across the country every day. *Did you know?*

- Canadians are among the worst of the developed nations when it comes to food waste, with about 47 percent of food waste occurring in the home.
- 63% of household food waste in Canada is avoidable.
- An average household throws away \$1,000 of edible food per year.
- For Canada as a whole that amounts to almost 2.2 million tonnes of edible food wasted each year, costing Canadians in excess of \$17 million and contributing to Canada's greenhouse gas emissions.

The campaign offers practical and easy tips for keeping and storing fresh food, using up existing ingredients and better planning to avoid over-purchasing food. Let's stop wasting food. Learn more [here](#). Stay tuned for more details this fall!

Centennial Square Action Plan

Council has directed staff to develop a draft action plan to guide future programming and design improvements. We need your ideas and input on how to transform Centennial Square into a destination that offers something for everyone. Engagement events have been held during events in the square throughout July. You can still complete an [online survey](#) by Monday, August 6. Draft concept plans will be shared with the public for feedback this fall prior to the draft action plan being presented to Victoria City Council for consideration. Please visit the [project webpage](#) for much more information.



August 2018 Update

Fairfield Gonzales

Special Joint Committee of the Whole Meeting with the District of Saanich

At the July 12, 2018 meeting, Council approved adding a question on amalgamation between the District of Saanich and the City of Victoria. Preliminary estimates note that the process could cost up to \$750,000 and take two fiscal years to complete. Provincial government funding of up to \$60,000 may be available to each municipality per year towards the study, which could cover close to one-third of the estimated cost. [View the update report.](#)

\$1 Million Dollars for Crystal Pool

The City of Victoria has been awarded \$1 Million from the Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities towards the Crystal Pool and Wellness Centre Replacement Project. As part of Jumpstart's Play Finds A Way movement, a \$50-million fundraising commitment to removing accessibility barriers to sport and play, Jumpstart Accessibility Grants support capital costs of construction and renovations to improve physical accessibility to and inclusivity in recreation facilities. Eligible organizations include municipalities and public recreation centres and facilities, schools and community organizations with publically accessible facilities, and public recreation spaces owned and operated by private foundations. This investment will be applied to features such as lifts for pool tanks, fully accessible change areas, as well as adaptive sport and fitness equipment.

Council Meetings

Committee of the Whole meets August 2 and 9, at 9am. Council meets August 9, beginning at 6:30pm. Residents can attend both meetings or watch them [here](#).