

## In Your Neighbourhood

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### Rezoning and Development Permit with Variances at 1417 May Street

At the June 14 meeting, 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](#)

### Fairfield Neighbourhood Plan – Fairfield Plaza

At the June 14 meeting, 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.](#)

### Gonzales Neighbourhood Plan

Staff have been making revisions to the draft neighbourhood plan based on previous feedback and Council directions and are developing a mid-level summary to help explain what's in the latest draft of your neighbourhood plan. This will be mailed to all owners and occupants in the neighbourhood and should be arriving by mid-July. Residents will have another opportunity to tell staff what they think about the plan through a series of walking events and a survey (through late July/early August). We will be back in touch soon with the dates of the events. [victoria.ca/gonzales](http://victoria.ca/gonzales)



### 2018 My Great Neighbourhood Grants – Spring Intake

At the June 14 meeting, Council approved grant funding for 21 community initiated placemaking projects and community development activities, which included 2 from Fairfield Gonzales. Since the program began in 2016, this grant program has initiated 79 placemaking projects and community development activities with \$265,981 of grant funds. Council also approved minor changes to the My Great Neighbourhood Grant Policy. [Read the staff report here.](#)

### Park Furnishing Dedication Program

At the June 14 meeting, 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. It will offer flexibility in the types of amenities offered for dedication, provide a transparent method of calculating dedication fees, and provide an improved user interface for potential donors through the City website, application form and VicMap. [Read the staff report here.](#)



### Fort Street Bike Lanes- Update

The Fort Street bike lanes are now open. The project added a two-way protected bike lane, bike signals, and new bike parking. The project retained 95% of on-street vehicle parking and includes new seating and landscape features, enhanced mid-block crossings, audible pedestrian signals, and new sidewalks. Additional accessibility features will be added in summer and fall 2018. Check out the [City's webpage](#) to learn more about free orientation rides throughout the summer for cyclists and driver tips on navigating the new signals and pavement markings.



## July 2018 Update

# Fairfield Gonzales

### City Hall Showcases Indigenous Art

You may have noticed some new art if you've been in City Hall lately. Throughout the month of June, an Indigenous multi-media art display curated by Indigenous curator Rose Spahan was installed. *Sacred* showcases a range of traditional and contemporary art forms created by eight emerging and established Indigenous artists. The installation features artworks throughout City Hall in a variety of media, including an indoor mural painted on the wall between Douglas Street and the foyer, 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. *Sacred* is part of the City's ongoing work towards Reconciliation. For information on the featured artists and artworks, visit: [www.victoria.ca/sacred](http://www.victoria.ca/sacred). Better still, come down and see it!

### Centennial Square Action Plan

Every great city has a dynamic public square where people gather for celebrations, play, or quiet contemplation. Centennial Square has been identified as a priority public space for improvement and we want to hear from you about what would make the square a more vibrant public space for the community. Watch for pop up events in the Square and an online survey in July. Visit [www.Victoria.ca/CentennialSquare](http://www.Victoria.ca/CentennialSquare) for more information.

### Summertime in the Square

Summer is here and with it, a number of free outdoor activities and concerts in Centennial Square and the Cameron Bandshell in Beacon Hill Park. In addition to the lunchtime concerts and the Thursday evening live music, people can enjoy "crafternoons," board games, singing and dance lessons in Centennial Square. The Cameron Bandshell offers weekend concerts in the park, evening folk music, some children's programming and Argentine Tango lessons. For timing and other details, pick up a copy of CityVibe or visit the guide [online](#).

### It's time to BYO Bag Victoria!

The new Checkout Bag Regulation Bylaw comes into effect on July 1. This means businesses in Victoria will no longer be providing plastic checkout bags. Here are a few tips to help remember your reusable bags:

- 1) Pop a few bags on the backseat of your car or in your panier or backpack.
- 2) Hang some bags on your coat rack or by your key chain.

Thanks for helping to reduce plastic waste in Victoria! Happy shopping! [www.victoria.ca/reusablebags](http://www.victoria.ca/reusablebags)

### Council Meetings

Committee of the Whole meets June 5, 12, 19 and 26 at 9am. Council meets June 12 and 26, beginning at 6:30pm. Residents can attend both meetings or watch them [here](#).