



June 2019 Update

Fairfield Gonzales

In Your Neighbourhood

Town Hall – We’re Listening

One of Council’s priorities identified in the Strategic Plan is to host quarterly Town Halls. The first session is scheduled for June 6 in Council Chambers. It will be an open format and topics will be decided by those present. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the discussion will run from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Residents can set the agenda and guide the discussion with Council. Future Town Halls will focus on themes – such as accessibility and other community priorities.



CityVibe Festivals and Events Guide

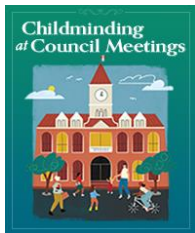
The city’s annual guide to festivals and outdoor events was released in mid-May. *CityVibe* showcases close to 40 festivals and outdoor events downtown and over 100 free outdoor music concerts and activities at Centennial Square and Cameron Bandshell in Beacon Hill Park. You'll also find listings for public markets, museums and art galleries. Many of the events featured in *CityVibe* are recipients of the City's annual Festival Investment Grant. Look for *CityVibe* at your local library, recreation, community or seniors centre, at the Destination Greater Victoria Visitor Centre and at Victoria City Hall. You can also view the guide online at victoria.ca/cityvibe.

Summer Camps

Another summer of fun, adventure and variety is planned for kids and teens! Find out about all the many types, times and locations of summer camps through Crystal Pool and Fitness Centre. We have playground camps with different themes, adventures in our Jettin’ Extreme program, kayaking, sailing, horseback riding, computers, farming, robotics, soccer and even surfing. Click [here](#) for the camp flyer and register [here](#).

Victoria’s Canada Day

Join us on Monday, July 1 at *Victoria’s Canada Day*, a free family-friendly, multicultural celebration at Victoria’s Inner Harbour that will culminate in spectacular fireworks. www.canadayvictoria.ca.



Child Minding at Council Meetings

The City offers free childminding services during Council meetings to help more people participate in local government. Drop off your children, ages six months and older, for two hours of child care so you can attend Council meetings. Program leaders will provide a safe and fun environment for children to play games, interact with one another and build crafts. For details please visit our website [here](#)

Have Your Say

The City is always interested in engaging with our residents through a variety of manners. In case you can’t attend an open house or other event in person, you have the option of submitting your comments on our website. Check out [Have Your Say](#) to see what projects are currently open for input.



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Property Tax Deadline

Property taxes are due on Tuesday, July 2. As of July 3, a 10% penalty will be applied to all outstanding current year taxes and/or unclaimed Home Owner Grants.

We are pleased to offer [a number of convenient ways to pay your taxes](#) including:

- Online through your financial institution
- By mail
- After hours drop off box
- Credit card (note: this is a third party service and will result in an additional service fee)
- In person
- Preauthorized Payments

Thinking ahead to next year's taxes, you may wish to enroll in the monthly automatic pre-payment program. This program allows you to pay on a monthly basis instead of one lump sum, making budgeting easier and helping you avoid the risk of a 10% penalty. [Learn more about preauthorized payments.](#)

Point Ellice Bridge Closures

The Point Ellice Bridge will be closed to vehicle traffic in the eastbound direction (towards downtown) starting Tuesday, May 21 after 9 a.m. until approximately the end of October. The closure is necessary to safely complete comprehensive upgrades to the bridge to ensure it serves the community for decades to come.

Pedestrian and wheelchair access will be maintained during the project and eastbound cyclists must dismount and walk their bikes across with pedestrians. Cyclists and pedestrians using the Galloping Goose Trail may experience minor delays as equipment is moved into place. The trail will remain open for the duration of the project. For more information about the Point Ellice Bridge Rehabilitation Project visit: victoria.ca/pointellicebridge.

Council Meetings

Committee of the Whole meets on June 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 9am. Council meets on June 13 and 27 beginning at 6:30pm. Residents can watch recordings of the meetings [here](#).