



# May 2019 Update

## Fairfield Gonzales

### In Your Neighbourhood

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#### Neighbour Day

Sunday, May 5 is Neighbour Day in Victoria. It's a great opportunity for residents to get out and spend a little time with their neighbours. When neighbours know each other, people are more engaged in their neighbourhoods and have a shared sense of belonging.

Neighbourhood Associations are invited to join City staff this year as we visit several of our neighbourhoods to promote Neighbour Day on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will be setting up sidewalk stands, asking people on the street what they might do to connect with their neighbours on Neighbour Day. We will also answer questions people may have about the City and provide information on neighbourhood programs like Emergency Preparation and how to hold a Block Party. Satchels of tea will also be handed out for residents to share with their neighbours.

#### Party on the Block this Summer!

Hosting a neighbourhood Block Party is a great way to spend a Saturday or Sunday afternoon having fun and getting to know your neighbours. It's easy. Just...

1. Reach out to the residents of your block a few months before to see if they are in. This is a great way to create a "Block Party Team" and make sure that everyone is okay with closing the block for a few hours.
2. Think about the types of things you would like to do and take a look at the permit form. Don't worry – the permit is free. And we can help you with any concerns you have about the paperwork! [victoria.ca/eventpermits](http://victoria.ca/eventpermits)

Have questions or need ideas? Feel free to reach out to us at [neighbourhoods@victoria.ca](mailto:neighbourhoods@victoria.ca).

#### Parking

On April 4, Council received a [staff report](#) relating to parking services. Council resolved to:

- Direct staff to bring forward amendments to the Streets and Traffic Bylaw to authorize charging fees for metered on-street parking on Sundays,
- Direct staff to update the Parking Rates Policy to reflect monthly rate increases, and
- Direct staff to implement a four hour time limit on Sundays and rates in 90 minute zones to be at \$2 per hour and \$1 per hour in other areas.

#### Inclusionary Housing and Amenities

On April 11, Council approved the policy in a [staff report](#) providing an update to Council on the Inclusionary Housing and Community Amenity and provided the following direction to staff:

- Apply the Inclusionary Housing and Community Amenity Policy, 2019 to rezoning applications received after April 11, 2019;
- Issue an Expression of Interest to non-profit housing and government agencies to purchase and/or operate inclusionary housing units;



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- Monitor the requirements for staff resources needed for policy implementation, administration and monitoring and report back in one year with requests for additional resources as needed;
- Report back on policy results in three years following policy implementation (2022).
- Report back within 6 months with a progress update on the impacts of the policy to date.

### Expanding Public Transit Ridership

On April 28, Council approved a [Council member motion](#) requesting endorsement of a resolution regarding climate action through a major expansion of public transit ridership. Council's resolutions included:

- Embracing determined climate leadership through a major expansion of public transit ridership in the Capital Region, focused on the phasing out of user fees and a substantial improvement in service levels and fleet electrification.
- Beginning implementing this climate-action policy with a pilot programme in the 2020 budget eliminating user fees for people 18 years of age and younger, replacing revenues currently generated through fares with adjustments to provincial transfers and the property tax requisition.

### 331 St Charles Street

On May 2, Council will receive a staff [report](#) providing information and recommendations regarding an application to subdivide two lots in order to create a third lot and construct a single-family dwelling with a secondary suite on the new lot and recommending it be forwarded to an opportunity for public comment.

### Help Invest in Youth

The [Participatory Budget](#) Steering Committee is inviting individuals or organizations to apply for up to \$50,000 for projects that will benefit youth in the City of Victoria. Anyone with an idea for a project or activity is encouraged to [apply online](#) by May 6, 2019.

### All About Grants

Join Volunteer Victoria and the Greater Victoria Community Funders Network for this blended [workshop designed to support grant writing](#). Participants will have an opportunity to:

- Gain key insights for guiding future grant proposals
- Develop a greater understanding of funder perspectives in Greater Victoria
- Share your future learning needs with the Greater Victoria Community Funders Network
- Network with your professional associates working in community.

The workshop will be held May 8th, 2019 from 8:30-2:30pm at the Baumann Centre (925 Balmoral Rd)

### Hanging Basket Workshop

Have you ever wanted to create a beautiful hanging basket like the ones in downtown Victoria? Using a commercial grade hanging basket this course you will learn to plant your own basket with all the same materials as the baskets downtown. All materials are provided, including expert instruction by City of Victoria greenhouse staff. Find more information and [register here](#), or call the Crystal Pool and Fitness



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Centre at 250.361.0732.. The event takes place on Saturday, May 11, 2019 from 10 a.m.–12 p.m. Crystal Pool and Fitness Centre.

### **Council Meetings**

Committee of the Whole meets on May [2](#), 9, 16 and 23 at 9am. Council meets on May [2](#), 9 and 23 beginning at 6:30pm. Residents can watch recordings of the meetings [here](#).