



Staff Report January 2021

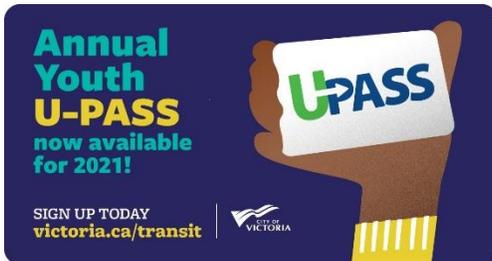
Town Hall Budget

The City of Victoria is seeking the community's feedback on its 2021 Draft Budget. You are invited to read the plan, or for a quick read, view the Budget Summary and complete an online survey. Plan to participate in the City's Virtual Budget Town Hall, an interactive event that will be webcast live on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Starting Monday, January 4, the community will be able to provide questions and/or comments on the 2021 Draft Budget for Council on Twitter using #victownhall, in an online form or by telephone, then tune in to the live webcast for the answers. [Learn more and fill out the survey by January 10.](#)



Youth Bus Pass

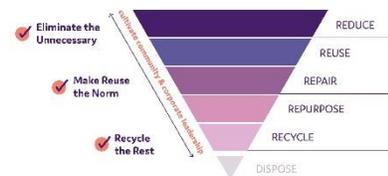


The annual Youth U-Pass is now available for 2021! Youth between the ages of 6-18 years of age living in the municipality of Victoria are invited to apply for a free BC Transit Youth U-PASS valid from February 1 to December 31, 2021. The U-PASS allows youth to explore the city on the Victoria Regional Transit System and travel for free to school, work, shopping and recreation (youth under 6 already ride for free). Learn more at: victoria.ca/transit

Reduction and Reuse Key to Zero Waste Victoria

The City and the community will work to reduce waste sent to landfill by 50 per cent by 2040 thanks to *Zero Waste Victoria*, which was approved by Victoria City Council in December, 2020. *Zero Waste Victoria* guides the city's transition to a future where products and materials are avoided, reduced and reused instead of disposed in the landfill. The City plans to reduce waste and increase reuse across the community by following 40 strategies that eliminate unnecessary products, make reuse an everyday activity and improve our current recycling system.

Waste Reduction Hierarchy



As Victoria moves towards zero waste everyone can expect to see more options for reusable alternatives and new services across the city to ensure materials are managed responsibly. A recent example is the recent installation of 25 new zero waste stations across the community. Construction waste is a particular challenge, making up close to 40 per cent of the material that Victoria sends to landfills. With the approval of *Zero Waste Victoria*, City staff will prioritize the reduction and salvage of construction waste, implement requirements for source separation at multifamily and commercial properties, and introduce new single-use item reduction bylaws.

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Vehicle Access Changes in Beacon Hill Park

At the November 26, 2020 meeting, Council approved re-opening vehicle access to the Beacon Hill summit from Circle Drive and directed staff to report back during the 2022 Financial Planning process on options and implications of undertaking ecological restoration and/or a “road diet” in some paved areas, parking areas and other disturbed areas in the vicinity of Meegan (Beacon Hill) and the roadway leading to the summit.



Participatory Budgeting 2020 Results

The 2020 Participatory Budgeting process has concluded for another year. This year’s theme was projects that benefit newcomers, defined as immigrants and refugees to Canada who have settled in Victoria. Projects to receive funding this year range from food sustainability to gardening,

financial literacy, programs to build relationships between newcomers and Indigenous community groups, an app to make it easier for newcomers to access healthcare, and workshops to educate the community on how they can help combat racism by being stronger allies to visible minorities. Read more about these projects and the 2020 Participatory Budgeting initiative [here](#). The next round of Participatory Budgeting, which will focus on neighbourhood spaces, will kick-off in early 2021.

What’s Up at Council?

	Committee of the Whole (COTW) 9:00 a.m.	(Closed) Council Meeting After COTW meetings as required	Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.
January	7 th , 14 th , 21 st , & 28 th	7 th , 14 th , 21 st , & 28 th	14 th & 28 th

Decisions made at Council can be found on our [Council Highlights](#) page. And if you are interested in knowing how the councillors voted on anything, you can now see and track Council voting records with the City [Council Meeting Dashboard](#).

