



FAIRFIELD GONZALES  
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Mayor and Council  
City of Victoria  
1 Centennial Square  
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October 5, 2021

Dear Mayor and Council,

**Re: Proposed FGCA Board priorities for input to City of Victoria 2022 Financial Plan**

On behalf of the board of Directors of FGCA, I am pleased to submit for your consideration a list of priority inputs into the City of Victoria's 2022 Financial Plan.

Our Neighbourhood Improvement Committee and Executive Director sought and received input from parent council members at Sir James Douglas and Margaret Jenkins Schools, and the wider community through our social media channels.

The list may be longer than some other neighbourhoods have provided in the past, due to the population and size of Fairfield Gonzales.

**Transportation Priorities for the Fairfield Gonzales Neighbourhood for 2022 Financial Plan**

1. Pedestrian-controlled crosswalk signal at Chandler & Richmond.
2. Upgrade the crosswalk at Fairfield and Linden to a higher level of pedestrian safety (e.g. flashing light).
3. Pedestrian-controlled crosswalk signal at the intersection of Irving & Fairfield or at Richmond & Fairfield.
4. Fairfield and Moss Intersection improvements - such as:
  - a. replacing pedestrian "beg button" with automatic pedestrian crossing on every signal, or pedestrian diagonal crossing (aka scramble)
  - b. have no pedestrian movement during vehicle green light phases, allowing for vehicles to turn with less danger of conflict and less delay.
5. Work with residents to install speed humps on streets experiencing high levels of non-local cut-through traffic ("rat running), particularly in proximity to schools.
6. Revisit/consider crosswalk improvements as the Richardson project progresses (at Lillian & Fairfield, at Foul Bay & Fairfield).



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**Park and Greenspace Priorities for the Fairfield Gonzales Neighbourhood for 2022 Financial Plan**

1. Work with residents to undertake a Park Review for the Fairfield Gonzales neighbourhood, with adequate resources, for the purpose of: (1) improving access to parks in under-served areas with larger populations; and (2) creating additional off-leash areas.
2. Park improvements: Playground and amenities (basketball courts fixed, new playground equipment/water features for kids), covered picnic areas.

**Other Important Items for Fairfield Gonzales Neighbourhood for 2022 Financial Plan, and for future years**

- Cook St: changes to slow traffic south of Fairfield, and expand pedestrian space.
- Crosswalk at the bottom of Richmond Ave, where it meets Crescent.
- Pedestrian activated button on Fairfield & Kipling.
- Speed bumps along Linden - or crosswalks at a minimum.
- Move some of the pick-up and drop-off (certain grades?) for Margaret Jenkins school from Fairfield to Chandler.
- Close the northbound lane at corner of Cornwall and Fairfield, and same at Harbinger and Fairfield, Linden, Arnold and other streets drivers cut through.
- Changes on May street to calm traffic and improve safety for the many children and adults walking North-South on the streets that intersect with May.
- The small plaza at Moss and Oscar St should be redeveloped into a gathering hub for people on foot and bike.
- Upgrade basketball court and hoop at Hollywood Park.
- If "continue to allow street parking on both sides of the residential streets off Fairfield (Cornwall, Harbinger, Linden), make them one way".

Many thanks for your consideration.

Yours truly,

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