



LATEST NEWS

# Every day, Victoria residents throw away over 75,000 single-use items.



## City Proposes New Actions to Reduce Single-use Waste and Plastic Pollution

With over 75,000 single-use items thrown out every day in Victoria, the City is asking for feedback on ways to curb waste from disposable coffee cups, takeout containers and plastic products including foam products, stir-sticks, and utensils. Residents and businesses are being encouraged to review a recently published Consultation Paper that outlines the City’s plans to reduce the distribution and disposal of single-use items and fill out the survey until November 22. To reduce single-use item waste commonly found in Victoria, the City is proposing policies that will encourage people to shift to the regular use of reusable products like reusable mugs and takeout container sharing programs. Plastic products labelled as “compostable” or “biodegradable” are identified within the Consultation Paper as being particularly problematic. These materials cannot be recycled, and they do not breakdown in regional compost facilities, often ending up in the landfill as a result. Reducing single-use item waste was one of the priority actions identified in Zero Waste Victoria which Council approved in December 2020. The plan guides Victoria’s transition to a future where products and materials are avoided, reduced and reused instead of disposed in the landfill. Visit [engage.victoria.ca/reducesingleuse](https://engage.victoria.ca/reducesingleuse) to learn more and share your feedback.

### Community Virtuals – November Lunch & Learn



Wed, Nov 17, 2021 | noon - 1:30pm  
**A Community Where Nothing is Wasted**



Every day across the City of Victoria, over 120 tons of materials are disposed and sent to the landfill. This includes demolished buildings, uneaten food and paper packaging, and old clothes and furniture. Zero Waste Victoria was adopted in 2020 to tackle our waste challenges, with a target of 50% reduction in landfill disposal by

2040. Learn more about Zero Waste Victoria and how residents and visitors are making a difference in the City’s waste reduction efforts. Register: [nothingwasted.eventbrite.ca](https://nothingwasted.eventbrite.ca)



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## Participatory Budgeting

### Vote on Your Favourite Projects

Victoria residents are invited to cast your vote on which neighbourhood projects should receive funding in this year's community-led Participatory Budgeting initiative. Eight community projects, in two categories, are vying for a portion of \$50,000. Now it is the community's turn to weigh in. To view all eight projects and cast your ballot, visit [engage.victoria.ca/pb](https://engage.victoria.ca/pb). Online and in-person voting runs through until November 19, 2021. In-person voting will take place in the City Hall foyer as well as pop-up locations around the city. The winning projects will be announced in December and the projects will come to life in 2022. To learn more about the City of Victoria's Participatory Budgeting process and cast your vote, please visit [engage.victoria.ca/pb](https://engage.victoria.ca/pb). If you have a barrier to voting, please contact the Engagement department at 250.361.0210 for assistance.

### Call for Nominations: Youth Poet Laureate for 2022

The City of Victoria, in partnership with the Greater Victoria Public Library, is seeking nominations for next year's Youth Poet Laureate. Applications will be accepted until November 8, 2021. Applicants for the Youth Poet Laureate position must be 14 to 24 years of age and reside in the Capital Region, including the Gulf Islands. Candidates must demonstrate an involvement in the poetry community, have clear and innovative ideas for the vision of their role as Youth Poet Laureate, and be skillful in presenting their work to the public. The Youth Poet Laureate will be given a \$1,750 honorarium, \$2,000 of project funding, and the option to engage in a mentorship with the City of Victoria's Poet Laureate during the year. The term for the Youth Poet Laureate is from January to December 2022. For submission guidelines and more information, visit [victoria.ca/youthpoetlaureate](https://victoria.ca/youthpoetlaureate).

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2022 CITY OF VICTORIA  
Youth Poet Laureate



### Missing Middle Housing - Have Your Say

In response to an earlier round of community engagement and technical analysis, the City of Victoria is now looking for broad community feedback on how to make it easier to build alternatives to single-detached homes. The Missing Middle Housing initiative is about creating housing choices in between single detached homes and mid to high-rise condos, such as houseplexes (duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes, fiveplexes and sixplexes) and corner townhouses. It also could include opportunities to conserve homes with heritage merit by allowing new homes to be built in some of these backyards. The City is now looking for input to help navigate these important choices and trade-offs. Visit [engage.victoria.ca](https://engage.victoria.ca) to learn more and share your feedback through our online Open House and survey or RSVP to participate in an Ask a Planner session.

### 100th Anniversary of Shelbourne Memorial Trees Honoured

The Shelbourne Tree Memorials in Victoria and the District of Saanich are now bookending the 100 year old Planetrees that serve as a living memorial for fallen soldiers and nurses from BC in the First World and Boer Wars. Made of granite repurposed from old curbs, Victoria's memorial was constructed by City of Victoria staff and designed in collaboration with Saanich. Watch the [documentary](#) *Trees of Remembrance: Shelbourne Memorial Avenue* to learn more about the significance of the memorial.



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**Volunteer Opportunities:**

- Art in Public Places Committee
- Advisory Design Panel
- Heritage Advisory Panel

Learn more and apply by November 7, 2021

**Now Recruiting: City Committee and Advisory Panels**

Want to help shape Victoria’s future? The City is accepting applications from individuals to serve on 3 committees and provide advice to City Council on a variety of arts and culture, design, planning and development projects, programs and initiatives.

Learn more & apply by November 7 [victoria.ca/committees](https://victoria.ca/committees)

**Leaf Collection Begins October 18**

Residential leaf collection begins on October 18, 2021. Each fall, the City collects approximately 7,000 tonnes of leaves from over 40,000 trees. Residential leaf collection helps keep leaves out of storm sewers which can cause flooding, maintain clean streets and boulevards, and produce quality mulch for City parks and community programs. Residents have three options for leaf collection. Leaves and garden waste can be dropped off year-round at the Public Works Yard, 417 Garbally Road on Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Leaves can also be dropped off at the Parks Yard in Beacon Hill Park, 100 Cook Street, on Sundays from 12-3 p.m. from November 7 to December 12.



If you want to have your leaves picked up, pile your leaves on the boulevard in advance of the collection start date for your neighbourhood. Bags are not required for leaf collection. City trucks will make one pass down each street following each collection start date. Collection dates are weather dependent and crews prioritize areas that are prone to flooding. Crews will start leaf collection in your zone on the collection start date and for the following three to four weeks. Go to [victoria.ca/leafcollection](https://victoria.ca/leafcollection) to check the start dates for your neighbourhood. Residents can also call or email for pick-up service from October 18 to December 17, 2021 for service within five business days. Leaves must be bagged in clear, certified-compostable bags. Bags must contain leaves only, no other garden waste accepted. **Limit one pick-up per household.** Learn more at [victoria.ca/leafcollection](https://victoria.ca/leafcollection).

**WHAT'S UP AT COUNCIL?**

	<b>Committee of the Whole (COTW) 9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>(Closed) Council Meeting After COTW meetings as required</b>	<b>Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.</b>
November	4 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , & 25 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , & 25 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup>

Decisions made at Council can be found on our Council Highlights page. 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.

At this time due to the COVID-19 pandemic, public access to City Hall is not permitted. Meetings may be view on the City’s [live stream webcast page](#).



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