Official Community Plan Update

Updates to the Official Community Plan

The Official Community Plan, or OCP, is the high-level policy document that guides decisions like: Where will new housing and businesses be located? How will our transportation systems function? And how should we respond to climate change? The OCP provides a vision for Victoria in 2041, and goals, objectives, and policies to get us there. Part of regular maintenance of the OCP includes updating the plan, often through comprehensive local area planning processes. In recent years, we have also engaged the community to create other city-wide plans that focus on other priorities. They include: The Climate Leadership Plan, Go Victoria: Sustainable Mobility Strategy, The Transgender, Non-Binary and Two-Spirit + Inclusion Action Plan, Accessibility Framework and Victoria 3.0 – our economic action plan for recovery and resilience.

We are now updating the OCP to align it with these plans which represent the community's shared values on these important topics. All of the amendments will help us respond to emerging issues like the housing crisis and improve clarity and understanding of the OCP. This is your Official Community Plan. Have your say during this first phase of early engagement. More specific information and questions will be available in the next round of engagement. Please visit Official Community Plan Update | Have Your Say (victoria.ca).

CULTURAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT

New Cultural Infrastructure Grant

The City of Victoria has launched the new Cultural Infrastructure Grant with $125,000 to support Victoria-based, non-profit arts and cultural organizations in 2021. Non-p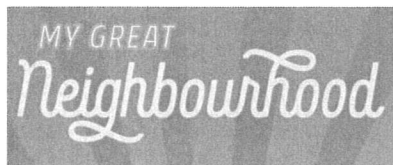rofit organizations can apply for up to $25,000 for physical infrastructure upgrades, equipment and land purchase or up to $10,000 for a planning or feasibility study to help build organizational capacity in areas including business development, real-estate development, facilities planning and architecture. Applicants can apply for only one type of funding support. The Cultural Infrastructure Grant encourages artist collaboration and the sharing of non-profit art facilities and resources between diverse artistic mediums and cultural communities. Applicants can submit either individual or joint applications for one type of funding only. The deadline for submissions is May 31, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. To learn more, visit victoria.ca/CIG

City Accelerates Infrastructure Renewal

You may have noticed crews breaking ground in late April on renewal of critical infrastructure, with funding support of $15.3 million from the Government of Canada's Disaster Mitigation and Adaption Fund. 2021 DMAF underground infrastructure renewal projects include Sanitary Sewer Main Replacement on Cook Street - Hilda to McClure (Spring 2021)

- Stormwater Main Replacement Superior Street – Oswego to Menzies (Spring 2021) and Dallas Road – west of St. Charles Street (Summer 2021)
- Water Main Replacement Yates Street - Quadra to Cook (Summer/Fall 2021) and Cook Street - Yates to Pandora (Summer/Fall 2021)

Local residents and businesses will be notified in advance of the work, and resident access will be maintained during any temporary road closures. The City is coordinating works with other

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Victoria's neighbourhood associations, community associations and seniors centres will receive $1.5 million in funding to deliver important services and programs to residents and help make the community healthier and age-friendly for seniors.There will be a continued focus on public safety with $60.89 million for police services, $18.68 million for fire services and $2.77 million in bylaw and licensing services.

Also, in line with Victoria's Strategic Plan, the City will continue to seek deeper and more engagement with the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations, including with both hereditary and elected chiefs. As part of this work, $37,500 has been allocated to scope out potential future positions to advance a new Indigenous Relations and Elders in Residence Function in 2022. The Victoria Reconciliation Dialogues series will continue once large-scale public events can be held again.

Personalized Bylaw Enforcement Strategy Supports People Moving Inside

On April 20, Council released a closed meeting report containing a strategy for enforcement of prohibited daytime sheltering as of May 1. The report outlines an individualized approach to support people who have accepted indoor spaces. People who accept an offer for housing and are preparing to move from parks will not be required to pack up daily. Bylaw officers will allow time for moving into the transitional housing locations and will assist with downsizing belongings. When indoor spaces are ready, Bylaw and outreach workers will assist people with packing their items in totes and helping people move. People sheltering outdoors will begin moving into transitional housing in Vic West starting the first week of May and at the Tiny Homes Village near Royal Athletic Park the following week. Together these sites will house about 100 people. BC Housing will be offering people a spot in either location this week.

Effective May 1, people who do not accept an offer will be required to take down, pack up and remove their tent and belongings daily by 7 a.m. Any tent or property unlawfully left in place after 7 a.m. will be subject to impound and can be retrieved through Bylaw Services.

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.
May	6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th	6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th	13th & 27th

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.

Temporary Relocation of Council Meetings

Council and Committee of the Whole meetings will be held at the Capital Regional District Board room between March 11 and June 15, 2021 to allow for HVAC work to occur at City Hall to improve air quality.