

## Staff Report June 2021



The City of Victoria is recruiting for **one citizen appointee** to serve on the Greater Victoria Public Library Board for a two-year term. The Greater Victoria Public Library Board (GVPL Board) provides joint management, maintenance, improvement, operation and control of library branches. The Library has 12

locations in the Greater Victoria Area including a Central Library in the heart of downtown Victoria and the sxwenxwen tenexw James Bay Branch. A citizen appointee must have resided in the City of Victoria for at least six months preceding the appointment. <u>Learn more and apply</u> by midnight on Monday, June 21.

## It's Property Tax Time

Property taxes are due July 2, 2021. Payment can be made multiple ways – online banking, mailing or dropping a cheque in the Pandora entrance to City Hall, through your mortgage company, pre-authorized payments and in person. New this year: Home Owner Grant applications are now processed through the Province's online system at <a href="mailto:gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant">gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant</a> or by phone at 1.888.355.2700. Municipalities no longer accept applications. Visit our <a href="mailto:webpage">webpage</a> for more information.



Participatory Budgeting 2021- Neighbourhood Spaces Stay tuned mid-June for an announcement about this year's Participatory Budgeting Process. The community-based Participatory Budgeting Steering Committee will be seeking proposals, which will see \$50,000 invested for projects that

enhance and enrich neighbourhood spaces throughout Victoria. Participatory Budgeting is an innovative, democratic process that gives the entire community the opportunity to participate and decide how to invest a portion of the City budget in projects that matter to the people who live here. Full details about this funding opportunity and the application form will be available mid June. You can learn about Participatory Budgeting <a href="here.">here.</a>

## 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.
June	3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> , & 24 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> , & 24 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup>

Decisions made at Council can be found on our <u>Council Highlights</u> 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.

