

In Your Neighbourhood

North Park Village

Storm drain upgrades at Cook and Pandora/Balmoral on the western border of Fernwood, will be complete in the first week of June. Centre medians are being installed and the new crosswalk at North Park Street will open in the first week of June. Increased concrete requirements have pushed back the completion of the road work through the village, possibly to the middle of July.

Great Neighbourhood Grants

The Great Neighbourhood program has now closed and applicants will be informed of the success of their applications following Council's review of staff recommendations in late June. Three grants were received for projects in the Fernwood neighbourhood, including one from the Pandora Arts Collective for an art display panel, one for Rock Bay Creek Revival, and one from Fernwood NRG for overhead lighting in over Fernwood Road.

Neighbourhood Block Parties

Block parties are a great way to get to know your neighbours. You will need a permit to use the street, which is free unless you want to have amplified music (\$50 noise permit). The City can assist with insurance, typically \$10-\$25 depending on your event. Block parties can take place on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. Block Party guidelines and forms can be found here [about halfway down the page](#). It takes about four weeks to process your permit, so be sure to get your application in early.

Create Victoria

The City has developed the draft Create Victoria Arts and Culture Master Plan, which includes a vision and a set of goals and actions to stimulate activities and guide investment over the next five years. The City is now seeking the community's feedback on the draft plan's vision and goals, and the potential actions set out to achieve these them. The community is invited to learn more and provide feedback through:

- Completing the [online survey](#) by July 2, 2017
- Visiting the Pop-up Engagement Stations – Spirit of 150 Victoria, Thursday, June 22, 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. at Ship Point (July and August events TBD)
- Attending the Open House on Saturday, July 8, from noon – 5:30 p.m.

Public feedback will inform the draft Create Victoria Arts and Culture Master Plan that will be presented to City Council in a workshop in mid-July. The final plan will be presented for adoption and implementation in early September.

Short Term Vacation Rentals

Council will receive a [staff report](#) on June 8 with recommendations for reducing the impact of short term vacation rentals on Victoria's supply of housing stock. The report emphasizes regulation of the industry through use of business licensing regulations and appropriate enforcement, rather than zoning.

Canada at 150

To commemorate Canada's 150th anniversary, there will be 11 days of over 100 free performances from June 21 to July 1, 2017 at Victoria's Inner Harbour. Family-friendly activities, multicultural performances and local food vendors will lead up to Canada's 150th birthday fireworks show. For more information, visit Spirit150Victoria.ca.



June 2017 Update

Fernwood

Public Engagement Roadmap

Council approved the Public Engagement Roadmap report at its [June 8 meeting](#). Included is an Engagement Framework which describes how decisions are made at City Hall and how the required level of public engagement is assessed and planned. It describes the roles of various participants and the City's commitment to an open and accountable process. A graphic outline of important upcoming projects requiring public engagement over the next year is also provided.

Council Meetings

Committee of the Whole will meet June [8](#), [15](#) and 22 at 9 a.m. and Council will meet June [8](#) and 22 at 6:30 p.m. You can watch the live broadcast and find agendas [here](#).

Comments on Neighbourhood Updates?

Is there something you would like to see in the neighbourhood updates that is currently missing? Is there anything else you would like to comment on about their presentation or content? Please let me know at mhill@victoria.ca. Thanks!