

In Your Neighbourhood

Hot in the 'Hood

The extended hot weather we are having in the area can be of concern for residents' health. Seniors are particularly vulnerable because as we age, we lose our ability to regulate our body temperature and have a delayed sense of thirst. Avoiding strenuous activity, seeking shelter from heat and drinking water are key measures for seniors to stay healthy. If you are aware of seniors living in your neighbourhood who are living alone and may be vulnerable, you may want to check up on them and see if they need assistance.

Fernwood Night Market

The Fernwood night market continues in Fernwood Square on Thursday evenings from 4-9 p.m. through to August 31. The Oaklands Community Association and Fernwood NRG hope to host a farmers market on Wednesday nights in the square through September.

North Park Village

The Cook Street improvements are complete. Banner poles and gateway signage will follow once fabricated. Funding allowed for an additional median and planting at Balmoral Street. The median at Pandora will be deferred until final street layout is confirmed for the bike path running south of Pandora Avenue. New crosswalks are now open!

Great Neighbourhood Grants

The next phases of both Fernwood NRG's of overhead lights and Rock Bay Revival signage were approved at Council's meeting on [August 3](#), 2017. Council also approved a second intake in the fall with some new approaches to offering the program, such as facilitated placemaking project workshops and community activity projects with staff participation.

Neighbourhood Team

Council approved the Neighbourhood Team's work plan on [August 3](#). The staff report outlined the initiatives currently underway and those planned for coming months.

Councillor Liaisons

At the same [meeting](#), Council approved terms of reference for their role as liaisons to neighbourhood associations. This will provide some clarity both for neighbourhoods and Councillors with regards to their expectations of the relationship. Note that Council amended working in Communicate (2) from "advocating for and representing" to "communicating" neighbourhood priorities.

Public Engagement Roadmap

On July 27, Council approved the [Engagement Framework](#), which describes how the City will conduct its engagement activities in the future. The framework responds to requests from residents for greater clarity, consistency and improvement to the City's public consultation process. The report included a Public Engagement Road Map that highlights major consultation to occur over 2017 and 2018.

Supervised Consumption Site

Council received an [update](#) on the construction of a supervised consumption site at 941 Pandora Avenue, next to Our Place. A request for proposals for operating the service will be posted in September and federal government approval for the facility is still being processed. Pending these, the facility is scheduled to be open following construction in early 2018.



August 2017 Update

Fernwood

More Housing from Development

On July 27, Council approved a [report](#) recommending replacement of the City of Victoria Density Bonus Policy with "...a proposed Inclusive Housing and Community Amenity Policy to better support the provision of non-market housing units within developments seeking density beyond the existing legal entitlement in the Zoning Regulation Bylaw". Council directed staff "...to invite comment on the proposed changes from Community Associations" and to examine "...actions identified within the Victoria Housing Strategy Implementation and other housing-related initiatives" which could be expedited for completion in 2017 or early 2018.

Council Meetings

Committee of the Whole (COTW) meets August [3](#) and 10 at 9 a.m. and Council will meet August 10 at 6:30 p.m. You can watch the live broadcast and find agendas [here](#).