

In Your Neighbourhood

Neighbourhood Webpages

The City has refreshed its [neighbourhood webpages](#). Please take a look at the information and let us know if there is something you would like to see included or amended. We will begin posting the monthly updates in the near future.

Neighbour Day

On May 3, the Neighbourhood Team visited four neighbourhood villages, including Fernwood. The team was asking folks whether they were aware of Neighbour Day on Sunday, May 4 and encouraging them to acknowledge the day in some way. Packets of local pollinator flower seeds were handed out – one for the receiver and one for their neighbour. Almost all of the 53 people interviewed responded that they knew the names of their neighbours, regularly greeted them and helped or received help from them from time to time. It was an amazingly positive response from Victoria’s residents!



Strategic Plan Grants

Recommendations from the External Grant Review committee will be considered by Council on May 10. Fernwood applications from Fernwood NRG to support several seniors initiatives (\$7,000) and Victoria Compost and Conservation Education Society to support youth programs (\$6,000) have been recommended for approval.

Honorary Citizen Award

Do you know someone that makes our community a better place? Nominate them for an [Honorary Citizen Award!](#) Honorary Citizen Awards celebrate those who have performed outstanding service for the betterment of our community, and personal achievements. Nominees must be a current or former resident of the local First Nations or the Capital Region. Deadline for nominations is May 25. [Learn more](#)

Short-Term Rental Business Licences

New regulations allow short-term rentals for eligible operators, subject to a Business Licence and compliance with operating requirements. Eligible operators must have a Short-Term Rental Business Licence. To learn more about the process, [click here](#).

Amalgamation

At their Committee of the Whole meeting on April 28, Council will discuss a [report and recommendation](#) “that Saanich and Victoria hold a joint Committee of the Whole meeting to determine which question both local governments will place on the October 20, 2018 municipal election ballot in order to receive elector assent to explore the costs and benefits of the amalgamation between the District of Saanich and the City of Victoria.”

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EVENT DETAILS
COMING SOON**



May 2018 Update

Fernwood

BYO Bag Victoria Video Contest

Love making videos? Want to help reduce plastic bag litter and waste in your community? Create a video to encourage the use of reusable bags in our community and win up to \$1,000! There is one Youth category and one All Ages category, plus a People's Choice Award. Submit your video by May 30, 2018. Learn more at victoria.ca/reusablebags

2018 Victoria Book Prizes

Submissions are now being accepted until May 22 for the 2018 [Victoria Book Prizes](#). The prizes include the \$5,000 City of Victoria Butler Book Prize and the \$5,000 Bolen Books Children's Book Prize. Celebrating its 15th year, the Victoria Book Prize Society's annual fall awards gala showcases the literary achievements of authors and illustrators who make Greater Victoria their home.

Council Meetings

Committee of the Whole meets May [3](#), [10](#), 17 and 24 9am. Council meets May [3](#), [10](#) and 24 beginning at 6:30pm. To view a webcast in process along with the related agenda, click to view the HTML version of the agenda.