JBNA Directors Report: October 2018

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All Candidates meeting: About 100 people attended the October 3 municipal all-candidates meeting for candidates seeking election in the October 20 municipal election. 26 of 29 Council candidates and 7 of 10 Mayoralty candidates participated.

Election day is on Saturday, October 20, 2018 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. You can see a complete list of candidates, learn what you need to bring in order to vote, when advanced voting takes place, and where you can vote at www.victoria.ca/election.

Gardening Committee: A new edible herb community garden is in the works for Lewis Park. Two volunteers have already indicated interest. The garden committee is planning to establish a seed library at the Discover Coffee location. It is believed that this is a first in the city. For more information about the Lewis Park garden or about the seed library, contact Kathryn at jamesbaygardens@gmail.com.

Radar Speed Reader: The JBNA received numerous suggestions regarding placement of a permanent locations for a radar speed reader. In light of so many options, we determined that the safety of children would be our priority. The JBNA Board recommended a permanent location of a radar speed reader (smiley face) to be located on Oswego Street in the vicinity of the James Bay Community School.

CRD Wastewater Update: An information session was held at the Edelweiss Club on September 25, 2018 with details about the forcemain and bicycle path routes from Clover Point to Ogden Point.

CITY OF VICTORIA INFORMATION:

Council approved the development permit with variance application to convert 672 Niagara Street into a 4 unit strata.

Council approved an amended draft policy to encourage affordable rental housing in new strata housing development projects where bonus density is requested. New affordable housing targets and levels of affordability based on most recent available information is to be updated in the Victoria Housing Strategy. The draft policy will take effect no later than March 31, 2019. Staff will report back to Council within 12 months following adoption of the policy with information on impacts to new development, benefits the community has received, and recommendations for revisions to the policy.

Development Proposals in Process: (Details: City Planning @250-361-0523 or Development Tracker) Ogden Point Master Plan: 334 Dallas; 229 Government; 121 Menzies; 415-535 Michigan; 330-363 Michigan; 672 Niagara; 430 Parry Street; 27 Pilot; 515-519 Rithet; 205 Simcoe; 38 South Turner Street; 224 Superior; 589 Toronto Street; 561-565 Toronto.

Next JBNA General Meeting: 7:00 pm, November 14, 2018, 234 Menzies (New Horizons)