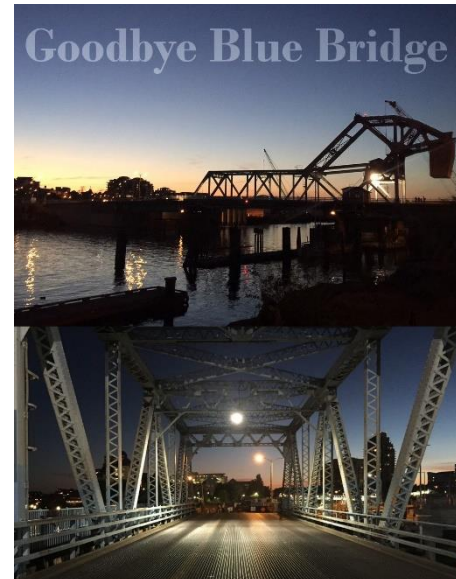


In Your Neighbourhood

Hello New, Goodbye Blue

The new Johnson Street Bridge opened to traffic Saturday, March 31, following an official opening and community celebration event. In addition to opening the new bridge, the pedestrian bridge spanning Esquimalt Road connecting the Galloping Goose and E&N trails was also opened for public use. The new pedestrian walkway (south side) of the new bridge will remain closed until deconstruction of the old bridge is complete. Work continues for the next several months to complete the project. Work shifts immediately to removing the old bridge span and completing the interim treatments for public spaces at both the east and west approaches to the bridge, public plazas and a new waterfront park in Victoria West. The public can expect periodic lane closures on the new bridge and traffic detours during the final phase of construction until the project is fully completed later this summer. Additional closures of the new bridge will be required when the Dynamic Beast crane barge removes the old Johnson Street Bridge.



David Foster Harbour Pathway Extension – Johnson Street Bridge Underpass

Council has directed staff to finalize detailed designs and proceed with procurement and construction of the proposed Johnson Street Bridge Underpass. A project budget has been set at \$544,000 for the extension of the David Foster Harbour Pathway under the new Johnson Street Bridge, consisting of \$444,000 from the Harbour Pathway Capital Budget from the deferred pedestrian bridges and \$100,000 contribution from the Trans Canada Trail Foundation. Read more [here](#).

Neighbour Day – Sunday, May 6

Neighbour Day is an opportunity to open our doors and engage with our neighbours in fun and creative ways. It is dedicated to creating safe, resilient neighbourhood communities by increasing inclusion and reducing isolation through neighbour-to-neighbour connections. When neighbours know each other, people are more engaged in their neighbourhoods, they share a sense of belonging and neighbours are safer. Children and seniors and other vulnerable residents are watched over and cared for, and your neighbourhood thrives. How you connect with your neighbours is up to you. Learn more about Neighbour Day and download a [Neighbour Day kit](#) to get some ideas.



Victoria Fire Department Headquarters Replacement Project

Council approved allocating \$35.9 million from the City's Debt Reduction Reserve for the procurement of a new Fire Department Headquarters to be located at a new parcel fronting Johnson Street, near Cook Street. A new Victoria public safety building will be built downtown under an agreement reached with local developer Dalmatian Developments Limited Partnership. The new facility will house fire and rescue services and Victoria's first purpose built Emergency Operations Centre. In addition, BC Emergency Health Services (BCEHS) has agreed to lease 3,200 square-feet of space from the City to operate a stand-alone facility for paramedics and four ambulances under a planned 20-year co-service agreement. The agreement is subject to Dalmatian Developments bringing their overall project through the rezoning process, which includes the construction of the new public safety building. Read the report [here](#).

Update – Crystal Pool and Wellness Centre Replacement Project

Projected Timeline



The Crystal Pool and Wellness Centre Replacement Project is currently in the pre-construction, stakeholder engagement and design phase. Feedback from the community, along with best practices and trends in aquatic and recreation centre design, will advance the building and site design toward construction-ready documents later this year. You can learn more and share your feedback [here](#). Read the Council update [here](#).

Info Session: Be Tsunami Smart

In British Columbia, Tsunami Preparedness Week is recognized annually the second full week of April. The City of Victoria invites you to attend the FREE *Be Tsunami Smart Information Session* on Monday, April 9 to kick off Tsunami Preparedness Week. Although tsunamis are rare, it's important to understand what a tsunami is, the impact of a tsunami on Victoria, and what to do in the event of a tsunami warning.

Monday, April 9, 2018

6 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.

City of Victoria Antechamber



Register at emvic@victoria.ca or call 250.920.3373. View the [event notice](#) and learn more on [how to be prepared for a tsunami](#).

Council Meetings

Committee of the Whole meets April 5, 12, 19 and 26 at 9am. Council meets April 12 and 26, beginning at 6:30pm. Residents can attend both meetings or watch them [here](#).

GET INFORMED - TYPES OF ALERTS

THERE ARE FIVE ALERT LEVELS AND EACH OF WHICH HAS A DISTINCT MEANING. THE ALERT LEVELS ARE:

		ACTION
 WARNING	FLOOD WAVE POSSIBLE	FULL EVACUATION SUGGESTED
 ADVISORY	STRONG CURRENTS LIKELY	STAY AWAY FROM THE SHORE
 WATCH	DANGER LEVEL NOT YET KNOWN	STAY ALERT FOR MORE INFORMATION
 INFORMATION STATEMENT	MINOR WAVES AT MOST	NO ACTION SUGGESTED
 CANCELLATION	TIDAL GAUGES SHOW NO WAVE ACTIVITY	CONFIRM SAFETY OF LOCAL AREAS