



February 2019  
**South Jubilee**

## In Your Neighbourhood

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### My Great Neighbourhood Grants



Twenty-two applications for My Great Neighbourhood Grants have been approved for the fall 2018 intake. The program provides grants to help residents animate public space, develop and enhance a sense of community and leave a positive legacy in our neighbourhoods. There were no grants applied for from South Jubilee residents. The next intake for this grant program opens March 1, 2019.

### Victoria Housing Reserve Fund Guidelines Update

The City has updated the Victoria Housing Reserve Fund Guidelines, including prioritizing projects with low income housing units, having two application deadlines annually, and only funding projects within the City of Victoria proper. In addition, the guidelines were further expanded to require projects to adhere to the Tenant Assistance Policy, as well as to prioritize projects that provide housing for persons with disabilities, individuals and families who are either experiencing homelessness or are at risk, and projects that have affordability in perpetuity. [Learn more about the Victoria Housing Reserve Fund.](#)

### Public Hearing Submissions and Public Comment Policy

The City's Correspondence Management Policy has been revised to include a closing time of 2 p.m. on the day of a public hearing for receiving submissions by Legislative Services to be published on an agenda, and standards for receiving those submissions. All submissions intended for input into a public hearing should only be sent to [publichearings@victoria.ca](mailto:publichearings@victoria.ca).

### Youth Film Festival

Victoria's Community Centre Network (CCN) and the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Victoria are once again partnering for "Spread the Love Film Fest" (formerly known as the "Anti-Bullying Film Festival"). The 8<sup>th</sup> annual film festival will be held Wednesday,



February 27 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Ecole Victor-Brodeur. Submissions are due by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, February 19. It is open to any youth ages 19 and under. [Registration link](#) will be updated soon. For information please contact [courom@bgcvcic.org](mailto:courom@bgcvcic.org) or 250-661-1704.

### Council to Consider Feedback on Draft Financial Plan and Draft Strategic Plan

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback on the City's 2019 Draft Financial Plan and 2019 – 2022 Draft Strategic Plan. The community was invited to provide feedback in-person and online at the Budget Town Hall on January 16; to participate in the Strategic Plan Engagement Summit on January 19 and complete an online survey which closed on January 20. Victoria City Council will consider all feedback on the draft plans at a series of meetings in early February that will be webcast [here](#).



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### **Residential Leaf Chipping**

Residential Branch Chipping starts soon! The City of Victoria provides a branch chipping service to help residents remove tree branches from their yard. Please have tree branches on the boulevard for chipping by Tuesday, February 19 at 7 a.m. City trucks make one pass down a street.

Victoria residents can drop off leaf and garden waste for free year-round at the City of Victoria Public Works Yard, 417 Garbally Road, Saturdays (excluding statutory holidays) from 7 a.m. – 2 p.m. Public Works only accepts up to 4" diameter branches. Proof of residency is required in the form of a valid driver's licence. For tips and info: [Victoria.ca/branchchipping](http://Victoria.ca/branchchipping) or call 250.361.0400.

### **BC Family Day Fun!**

On Monday, February 18 from 1- 4 p.m. come down for Free Fun and Fitness at Crystal Pool and Fitness Centre. Parents, grandparents and friends - hop in the pool and challenge your kids on the WIBIT during our Everyone Welcome Swim. Prefer to stay dry? Attend a free fitness orientation (13+). Grab a buddy and learn to work out safely and efficiently! Register to book your free spot by calling 250.361.0732

### **Council Meetings**

Committee of the Whole meets February 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Council meets February 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30pm. Residents can attend the meetings or watch them [here](#)