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# South Jubilee

Neighbourhood Association



# NEWS

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## SJNA Meeting

Tuesday Feb 4 @ 7:00 pm

Victoria College of Art- corner of Bank &  
Leighton

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Update from the City
3. Marianne Alto Update
4. Historical Signs Project
5. Save King's Park Project
6. Urban Agriculture Funding
7. Spending City Grant - Ideas?
8. Bank Street School - update
9. Community building events
10. CALCULATOR
11. Open Discussion

If you live in the South Jubilee Neighbourhood as a home-owner or renter or if you own a business in the neighbourhood, please come to the meeting.

## Neighbourhood History Video

Back in 2006, South Jubilee partnered with Common Ground/Lifecycles for a South Jubilee Visioning and Mapping project. One of the products of this project was a neighbourhood walkabout with local historian John Adams. Redfern resident Brad Yahemech, a professional videographer, filmed John's walk on a very rainy March day in 2007. Brad put together a video combining John's history walk with archival photos of the area.

For years the video was only on DVD and was passed around the neighbourhood. Brad recently uploaded a copy onto Youtube so we could all watch it. Thanks, Brad, for putting in all the work for the original video and for transferring a copy to Youtube.

If you want to watch the video, search for "[South Jubilee History walk](#)" in Youtube or go to our website <http://southjubilee.ca/> and click on the Youtube symbol on the left side bar. (Note that our Facebook and Instagram accounts are available there too). - *Liz Hoar*

## Safe Walking + Biking

There are 2,000+ students in 4 schools along Fort Street and Cadboro Bay Road between South Jubilee and Estevan Village, but no safe bike lanes and sections of sidewalk that are well below standards embraced in progressive communities.

In 2016/17, Willows' parents identified these and other issues affecting safety and mobility of students using surveys and 'walkabouts' with Oak Bay Police. They shared the results and asked Oak Bay Council for infrastructure upgrades to make travel suitable for people of all ages and ability by all means - not just cars. Willows Grade 5 students also presented their vision for a safe corridor to Council.

THE BAD: over two years later, almost nothing has been done.

THE GOOD: local media is taking notice; Oak Bay Councillor Appleton says there is still momentum with Council and he would like to support action; Victoria Councillor Loveday has also expressed support.

Email [newsletter@southjubilee.ca](mailto:newsletter@southjubilee.ca) if you want to learn more about efforts to make the corridor between South Jubilee and Estevan safe for all road users and encourage lower-carbon travel.

### Next Plastic and Electronics Recycling

**Saturday, February 8th 10am—noon** at the Victoria College of Art parking lot (Bank and Leighton)  
<http://southjubilee.ca/recycling.html> for more info.

## Village Walk Bike Racks

The Village Walk building at Fort and Foul Bay is required by the City of Victoria to have 14 bike racks for visitors. Unfortunately, in late 2018, the strata removed the racks without approval. This is inconvenient for bikers, breaches the terms of the development permit, and is inconsistent with the City's commitments to addressing the climate crisis and to active transportation.

Over a year later and following numerous discussions and a news article, the strata has not complied. Most recently, in September 2019, City Planning and Engineering staff directed the strata to re-install the bike racks. On January 08, the City's new manager of Bylaw Services Shannon Perkins sent an email to the Strata Representative requiring an update and that action be taken.

No response had yet been received but the Bylaw Manager assures SJNA members that they will persist and get a resolution.

## Kings Park Update

In 2018, Saanich acquired "Kings Park" (2.2 acre green space between Haultain and Kings, between Richmond and Foul Bay) from BC Hydro for \$5.5 million. Saanich planned to preserve this unique space as parkland, but has to come up with an additional \$2.75 million to help pay for this parcel. Without new funds, Saanich will be forced to sell off some of the land for housing. As a result, there is a strong campaign to ask the Capital Regional District (CRD) to put up the remaining funds, so this unique property can remain parkland for future generations. This space is vital to South and North Jubilee, especially as our population densifies.

If you care about this land, please email your thoughts to [CRDboard@crd.bc.ca](mailto:CRDboard@crd.bc.ca), or follow the campaign at [www.facebook.com/SaveKingsCommunityNatureSpace/](https://www.facebook.com/SaveKingsCommunityNatureSpace/). The next CRD meeting is Wednesday, February 12th at 1pm and there will be a big turnout to support the park!

- Matt Dell, SJNA President.

## House Conversion Changes

The City is currently working on a project to create a 'Next Generation' of House Conversion regulations and is looking for feedback from the Community Association Land Use Committees on the proposed changes.

The intent of the update is to encourage more house

conversions and to incentivize heritage designation and the creation of rental, affordable rental and affordable home ownership units.

Over the last several decades, the House Conversion regulations have facilitated the creation of a significant number of residential units by repurposing large, existing single-family houses into smaller residential units. This has been accomplished in a manner that has had the side benefit of preserving the existing character of many of Victoria's neighbourhoods, adding to the stock of heritage -designated and registered properties and diverting demolition waste from landfills. While the current regulations are considered to be very successful, the "Next Generation Conversion Regulations" are required to ensure the ongoing health and vitality of the program.

The document the Planning department put together is available on <http://southjubilee.ca/>.

If you have any comments on the ideas put forward, please send them by Feb 10, 2020 to [developmentsservices@victoria.ca](mailto:developmentsservices@victoria.ca) and [landuse@southjubilee.ca](mailto:landuse@southjubilee.ca) - Gail Anthony, Landuse Committee

## Flash from the Past



A geodesic dome constructed in our backyard by the previous owners back in the 1970s. The dome was helicoptered to Gulf Islands where it was completed.