

## **South Jubilee Neighborhood Association Minutes of Meeting February 6, 2024**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. Chair Murray Gudmunson gave a land acknowledgement.

The minutes from the previous meeting on November 7, 2023 were approved.

### **City Neighbourhood Liaison Update**

- Welcome to our new liaison, Gary Pemberton!
- Reminder: Check out the new City of Victoria website and the multitude of newsletters - from City governance updates to neighbourhood news - some are quarterly, weekly, etc. Sign up for a newsletters here: [www.victoria.ca/city-government/news/sign](http://www.victoria.ca/city-government/news/sign)
- **My Great Neighbourhood (MGN) grant** - Rolling application/funding deadline. Gary and the neighbourhood team are available to help with grant applications. Associations can apply for 1 project per category per year and can sponsor residential projects. Learn more: [www.victoria.ca/city-government/city-grants/my-great-neighbourhood-grants](http://www.victoria.ca/city-government/city-grants/my-great-neighbourhood-grants)
- **Application deadline for City of Victoria Local Champions program: March 1st** 24 participants this year. Take part in a project practicum including applying for a City grant in the process. The program cost is \$250 and food is supplied. 6 sessions in total starting in mid-March on Saturdays downtown at 709-711 Douglas St. Apply online: [www.victoria.ca/community-culture/neighbourhoods/local-champions-program](http://www.victoria.ca/community-culture/neighbourhoods/local-champions-program)
- **City-wide/downtown initiative: Inaugural Winter Arts Festival - February 16-19** Participate in evening activities from 5-9pm. Check out the event schedule: [www.victoria.ca/city-government/news/winter-arts-festival-february-16-19](http://www.victoria.ca/city-government/news/winter-arts-festival-february-16-19)
- **Upcoming City event: Welcoming City Conference - February 28-29** - Free to attend [www.victoria.ca/community-culture/events/welcoming-city-conference-day-1](http://www.victoria.ca/community-culture/events/welcoming-city-conference-day-1)
- **Important Date: Curbside branch chipping - February 26 - 7am** - Residents can place chipping on curb for residents (max pick up size is approximately 4x6 ft bundle. [www.victoria.ca/home-property/waste-collection/yard-garden-waste#:~:text=Residential%20Branch%20Chipping.by%207%20a.m.%20for%20chipping](http://www.victoria.ca/home-property/waste-collection/yard-garden-waste#:~:text=Residential%20Branch%20Chipping.by%207%20a.m.%20for%20chipping).
- **Gearing Up for Construction Season** - Transportation department has outline maps for each of the neighbourhood. Fort Street is now complete. View activity on City website: [www.victoria.ca/getting-around/road-maintenance/current-construction-closures](http://www.victoria.ca/getting-around/road-maintenance/current-construction-closures)
- **Amphion Street Improvements** - SJNA Residents mentioned the delay in hearing about Amphion street upgrades (3 weeks ago was the last contact). Residents are looking to add a boulevard with trees and plants, etc. Gary noted he will inquire with the City for a status update.

### **City Council Liaison Update – Marg Gardiner**

- **Citizen Assembly looking at possible amalgamation of Saanich and Victoria** - the process begins in April 2024; schedule permitting, the public engagement representatives/organizers are extending an invitation to host a special meeting on the topic of amalgamation with SJNA and residents via Zoom after April start (Meeting date

TBD, before SJNA AGM). More information can be found here:

[www.saanich.ca/EN/main/news-events/news-archives/2023-news/team-appointed-to-lead-victoria-saanich-citizens-assembly-on-municipal-amalgamation.html](http://www.saanich.ca/EN/main/news-events/news-archives/2023-news/team-appointed-to-lead-victoria-saanich-citizens-assembly-on-municipal-amalgamation.html)

- **City Budget** - will be brought to council on April 11 and public hearing will follow
- Reminder: Thursday Feb 8 Committee of the Whole meeting:  
[www.victoria.ca/city-government/mayor-council/council-committee-meetings](http://www.victoria.ca/city-government/mayor-council/council-committee-meetings)  
Residents are encouraged to continue to reach out to staff and council - send letters/emails: [engage.victoria.ca/ocp](mailto:engage.victoria.ca/ocp)
- **Blue box replacements - New pick up location:** any Victoria residents can receive blue box and blue bag for the public service counter at Victoria City Hall on Fisgard; must show proof of address for City of Victoria; 1 box, 2 bag limit per household.

### Chair/Co-Chair Update

- Currently developing a welcome package for condos and apartments; will be contacting building developer and property managers to distribute to new residents. It will include a welcome letter, guide to the neighbourhood and what a neighbourhood association does, volunteer opportunities, meetings, events, etc. and brochure about our recycling program. SJNA to inquire for MGN grants for placemaking initiatives to help offset printing costs.
- These welcome packages will also be available for new homeowners in the neighbourhood; residents are encouraged to reach out to SJNA to coordinate delivery or connect with SJNA at an upcoming Recycling Day to pick up a welcome package (in the near future!)

### Treasurer Update

- Murray provided a verbal update from Ryan's report via email. Grant tracking and excel systems are in development and going well. Email [treasurer@southjubilee.ca](mailto:treasurer@southjubilee.ca) for more information.

### Neighbourhood Engagement Update

- Parkfest planning is starting (summer 2024 - date TBD)! Volunteers can sign up by emailing [engage@southjubilee.ca](mailto:engage@southjubilee.ca)
- Note about updating the newsletter distribution volunteer listing - please email [newsletter@southjubilee.ca](mailto:newsletter@southjubilee.ca) if interested in delivering 20-60 paper newsletters in your neighbourhood.
- Reminder to check out the [Community Bulletin Board](#) to connect and post your ads!

### VCAN UPDATE

- Discussed Bill 44 (*no public hearings on residential housing project which is current OCP compliant*) Provincial government legislation and subsequent City hall changes.
- VCAN is meeting with Mayor and Council - at least one councillor and staff person at a time join VCAN meetings hear all the City neighbourhoods and their owners.

- City Hall does not have a registry of lobbyists - no screening done of people who write in supportive emails so that the public can know if they are resident or are they associated with developers.
- Want to encourage developer to talk to neighbourhood associations prior to development submissions.
- Suggested Town hall meeting with full council and mayor but only with the neighbourhood to collect ideas on what we would like to do (presentations, mock ups, etc.)

### **Greening Committee Update**

First activity in 2024 is with SJNA Coolkit a climate action group: Free trees for south Jubilee Residents. Emails and posters and notices have been sent out to coordinate. Interested adding a tree to your property? Email [coolkit@southjubilee.ca](mailto:coolkit@southjubilee.ca). First come, first serve - April 6 pick up/delivery day

- SJNA will be participating in the Get Growing! program with the City. Susan is organizing this year's plant or compost distributions - dates TBD. Wood chips and leave mulch distribution will be at Bank Street school.
- Update at Redfern Commons: Gardens have been in maintenance over the winter. A volunteer coordinator will continue to be supported by a City grant. Interested in getting involved as a coordinator? Email [redferncommons@gmail.com](mailto:redferncommons@gmail.com)
- Greening Committee is not applying for another grant for the garden this year.

### **CALUC Update**

Updates as mentioned in previous meeting and no active development updates currently.

### **Bank Street School Committee Update**

- Will be meeting and getting together in the coming months.
- Noted that the larger lot is in four quadrants, owned by the City (Bank Street School) and owned by the school district.

### **Around the Neighbourhood**

- 1606 Bank St is the site of a missing middle development - 6-plex small apartment - difficult to find information from developers of what it will look like.

### **Other Business**

- Interest in Lobbyist registry
- Residents interested in pursuing open townhall meeting with council to address future developments and share ideas about what the neighbourhood could look like without a developer host - a pre-meeting, a public meeting as an open house may be an option?

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

***Next community meeting will tentatively be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 7:00pm via Zoom. Date TBD following Easter Weekend.***