

## South Jubilee Neighbourhood Association Community Meeting

### Minutes of Meeting February 4, 2026

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at **7:05 pm**.

**Land Acknowledgement:** Delivered by President.

**Welcome:** President Molly Sullivan welcomed attendees.

**Approval of Previous Minutes:** No questions were raised regarding previous meeting minutes. Minutes approved.

#### **Guest Presentation: Oak Bay High Street Group**

##### **Presenters:**

- **Emily**, House of Savoy
- **Stacey**, FLØRE Botanical Perfumery

A group of **61 local business owners** in the Oak Bay Avenue area (between Richmond and Foul Bay) has come together to support one another and increase visibility of the area through joint marketing, fairs, events, and participation in initiatives such as the Oak Bay Art Walk.

The group is seeking **SJNA support** to apply for a [My Great Neighbourhood Grant](#) for pole flags, signage, holiday lights or other visual elements, especially along the trees on the six-block stretch

The goal is to create a strong **visual identity** and help people recognize when they are in the neighbourhood.

Proposed area names discussed include Oak Bay High-Street, High-Street Village, Redfern Village, Jubilee Village, Vic East.

The group will survey existing light poles, gather cost information, propose potential signage locations. There is potential to **partner with other neighbourhood associations** to share costs.

##### **Next steps:**

- The SJNA Board will discuss the level of involvement and support.
- SJNA will launch a **community survey** to understand what residents currently call this area.

##### **Additional request:**

- Stacey (FLØRE) expressed interest in installing a **mural** on her building. She will review the mural guidelines on the SJNA website and submit a proposal to the Board.

### **Chair Update**

- **2025 Grant Report** has been submitted, outlining how funds were used, community engagement activities, and plans for 2026.
- **Parkfest 2026** is scheduled for **August 16**. Budget development is underway and promotion will begin on social media.
- **Welcome to Christina Cook**, the new Redfern Commons Garden Coordinator.

### **Garden Coordinator Update – Christina Cook**

- Transitioned smoothly with helpful information from the previous coordinator.
- Applied for a **City grant and micro-grant**; decisions expected in April.
- Planning: Nine volunteer work parties, Garden growing dates, Parkfest garden activities

### **City Liaison Update – Gary**

- [Residential Branch Chipping](#) Scheduled for **Monday, February 23**. One pile of branches per household
- **City Grants:**
  - [My Great Neighbourhood Grant](#) open for applications. Contact Gary with ideas. Grants reduced this year due to budget constraints.
- [Local Champions Program | City of Victoria:](#)
  - Local Champions is a community-based leadership development program for Victoria residents to gain the skills, confidence and relationships to become more active and engaged in their community. Participants gain hands-on experience in community organizing and facilitation. Sessions focus on building practical skills, confidence and relationships. After graduation, you will be well prepared to take part in local projects and associations. Applications open mid-February. If you have any questions

about this program, please email [neighbourhoods@victoria.ca](mailto:neighbourhoods@victoria.ca) or phone Gary Pemberton at 250.361.0548.

- **[NeighbourSpace | City of Victoria:](#)**

- Centrally located at 708 Douglas Street, on the outside of the Victoria Conference Centre, the NeighbourSpace is a great place to host community building activities, casual gatherings and meetings. The City of Victoria is committed to making this free space available to help foster collaboration and connection among residents.

**Location:** 708 Douglas Street (close to the Douglas Street entrance to the Victoria Conference Centre)

**Hours of Operation:** 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., daily

### **Treasurer Update**

- Finances are in **good shape** and books are balanced.
- 2025 grants have been submitted.
- Planning underway for **2026 grant applications**, including a schedule of deadlines throughout the year.

### **Get Growing Update**

- [Get Growing, Victoria! | City of Victoria:](#) The Get Growing, Victoria! program supports communities in need through partnerships with non-profit organizations. This City of Victoria program helps distribute seedlings and soil-building materials to residents who face barriers to growing their own food.
- Additional **Get Growing grants** have been applied for.
- Meeting scheduled for **February 5** to confirm dates:
  - Soil distribution – **March 20**
  - Seedlings – **May 23**
  - Summer seeding – **August 15**
  - Fall soil/compost – **September 25**

### **CALUC Update**

- **1923/1929 Davie & 1905/1907 Fort:** Development Tracker Folder No. **DPV00248** - Requesting a height variance.
- **1908 Foul Bay (& Bouchier):** Development Tracker Folder No. CLC00459 - Surveying has started; no construction date yet.
- **1513 Amphion & 1964 Oak Bay:** Development Tracker Folder No. DPV00291- Revised designs sent back to the developer following City feedback.
- **1527 Redfern:** Proposal to add an additional house behind the existing lot.

### **Marg Gardiner- Council Liaison Update**

- Budget engagement process completed.
- Marg plans to run for re-election in October. Should she win another term, she may be reassigned to another association after the election.

### **Open Discussion: Topic: Increasing community attendance at meetings**

#### **Ideas discussed:**

- Hosting meetings at **Christie's Pub**, which can accommodate up to 40 people at no cost to SJNA. There is no minimum spending requirement.
- **Decision:** The next community meeting in April will be held at Christie's.
- A portable projector was suggested. **Charlotte** will connect with Christie's.
- Suggestion to send newsletters **earlier** to allow more planning time.
- Inviting **new and engaging presenters** on topics relevant to the neighbourhood. Each Board member will bring one presenter idea forward.

### **Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 PM**