

## **South Jubilee Neighbourhood Association Community Meeting Minutes of Meeting April 1, 2026**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm. Chair Molly S. welcomed guests and gave a land acknowledgement. The minutes from the Feb 4, 2026 meeting have been posted on the website for review and have been approved.

### **Chair/Co-Chair Update (1 min) – Molly S.**

- Updates were shared on meeting format, community communications, and ideas for relevant guest speakers.
- Parkfest is scheduled for August 16 at Redfern Park. Volunteers, artists, and musicians are encouraged to get involved.
- Work is underway to strengthen board organization and accountability. A special thank-you was extended to Charlotte for her significant contributions.

### **Treasurer Update (1 min) – Charlotte G.**

- Finances are up to date, all accounts are in good standing, and current funds are sufficient.
- The Get Growing Grant has been approved; the City of Victoria has requested that the association increases the use of these funds.

### **Neighbourhood Engagement Update (1 min) – Anna G.**

- Parkfest 2026 on August 16
  - If you would like to volunteer, please email [engage@southjubilee.ca](mailto:engage@southjubilee.ca).
  - We are looking for musicians/bands for Parkfest! If you or someone you know is a musician and would like to play a 45-minute set at Parkfest, please send your portfolio with samples of your music to [engage@southjubilee.ca](mailto:engage@southjubilee.ca).
  - Little Piggy Catering is back for 2026! Come join us at this event for the free BBQ (hot dogs) from 12-2pm or until supplies run out.

### **Get Growing Update (1 min) – Susan W.**

- Saturday, May 23rd seedling giveaway
  - Looking for volunteers for the event.
- Summertime seedling distribution is Saturday, August 15

### **Neighbourhood Liaison (VCAN) Update (1 min) – Susan W.**

- At the latest VCAN meeting, neighbourhoods raised concerns about increased vandalism across the city.
- Fernwood shared updates on changes to the Neighbourhood Block Watch

- program.
- Burnside announced two \$1,000 student bursaries for students in need.

### **City Neighbourhood Liaison Update (2 mins) – Gary Pemberton.**

Gary was absent at our meeting – his notes have been added to the minutes.

- Threshold for Placemaking grants boosted back up to 8K, Resilience grants to 5K and Activity grants to 1.5K.
- Bring Your Dream Neighbourhood Project to Life
  - Apply for up to \$8,000 in My Great Neighbourhood Grants. Have fun working with your neighbours on a new vibrant space, community event or a project such as a community garden, emergency preparedness planning or something climate-related. Apply early to secure your funding in this popular program. Learn more: [victoria.ca/neighbourhoodgrants](https://victoria.ca/neighbourhoodgrants).

### **CALUC Update (2 mins) – Ruan W.**

- Fort and Davie 6 storey building on pause (Development Tracker Folder No. DPV00248)
- Redfern St development proposal has been granted (updates to single family dwelling)
- The Turner Building has officially broken ground. The site will contain a six-storey building, with 55-rental units and three commercial spaces.
- In addition to the homes and commercial space, the development, named Tallinn, will add a publicly accessible plaza along Birch Street, which will create a meaningful, pedestrian-oriented gathering place and a new neighbourhood landmark for North Jubilee
- Bank Street School: No updates have been received from the City or SD61.
- SJNA has engaged MLA Diana Gibson, requesting a meeting with all stakeholders and updates on the site's future.
- Any updates received will be shared broadly with the community.

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

- No updates specific to South Jubilee.
- City Council discussions included this year's property taxes. Marg was not clear on the rate increases, however this information is publicly available.
  - Council approved the 2026 property tax rate at \$0.4790 per \$100 of assessed property value, representing a 1.7% increase over 2025.
  - The Fiscal Year 2026 Budget was officially adopted on September 9, 2025, which included the approved tax rate—an increase of \$0.0083 per \$100 of assessed value.

- This tax rate applies to both residential and commercial properties across the City of Victoria and supports municipal programs and services such as police and fire services, road maintenance, parks, and capital improvement projects.

### **Garden Coordinator Update (1 mins) – Christina C.**

- Recent vandalism has required increased intervention and coordination with VICPD for added patrols.
- Some furniture damage was reported, though plantings remain intact.
- Efforts continue to encourage welcoming community use of the green space while discouraging damage.
- The March Garden clean-up was successful; more events will be promoted through newsletters, email, and social media.

### **Neighbourhood Talk – Christina Cook on Spring Gardening Tips (20 mins)**

- Guest Speaker: Christina Cook (Redfern Commons Coordinator)
- Covered spring gardening tasks and organic fertilization (including a demonstration using sweet pea seeds).
- Shared best practices for supporting insect habitat year-round, including:
  - Leaving leaf litter
  - Creating brush and rock piles
  - Allowing plants to go to seed
  - Leaving plant stems standing over winter
- Discussed spring planting schedules (learn more at [Planting Calendar & Schedule for Victoria, BC](#))
- Broom enriches soil with nitrogen (not possible in garry oak meadows). You have to cut the broom rather than pulling it as the seeds last in the soil for 80 years.
- Gave demonstration on how to use nitrogen fixing bacteria. Sprinkle the seeds with water. Two parts in the bacteria; one that is bacteria and one that is food for the bacteria. 1/8 of a teaspoon (as they are microscopic), and then add a few sprinkles of the bacteria food (which is composed of sugars). Shake your container. [Gardenerspantries.ca](#)

### **Open Discussion (5 mins)**

- Question about fencing in the dog park in Redfern park. The city has not yet agreed to fence the area and SJNA encourages residents to contact the city directly to request this update.
- Questions were raised about recent paving on Bank Street. Paving is complete, and the City is developing strategies to manage ongoing road conditions.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06pm.

**The next SJNA Community Meeting will be the South Jubilee Neighbourhood Association's Annual General Meeting, on Wednesday, June 3, 2026, at 7:00 PM at the Lai Brothers Lecture Theatre at the Royal Jubilee Hospital (Room S169), and additionally via Zoom.**