



Mission

Strengthening the Oaklands community by providing programs, services and resources for its residents, businesses and visitors.

Oaklands Community Association Land Use Committee May 31, 2016 Meeting Minutes

1. Doncaster Pathway Update

- The City of Victoria heard from over 150 people through the on-site information board and most of the feedback was positive.
- Some of the concerns included:
 - darkness along the pathway as a result of no lighting; and
 - improving the pedestrian/bike connection.
- Based on recommendations and further studies, the City of Victoria will:
 - include junction boxes along the pathway – which can be used to install more lighting in the future if the pathway needs more lighting; and
 - remove the dash line on the pathway – can be added later if needed.
- Construction is planned for June 6th, 2016 and construction is anticipated to end by the end of July, 2016.
 - Construction will start on the intersection first; then work on the pathway. The bike lane on the north side of Doncaster will be painted green.
- The interpretive sign that is currently along the pathway will not be moved.
- Bollards will be placed at both ends of the pathway (1 at the north end and 4 at the south end).
- It was suggested by residents that having the information board that was placed on the site, should have been put up at the beginning of the project, rather than at the end.
 - It was recommended that the City of Victoria add informative boards for projects in public spaces early on in the project.
- Residents also noted it would have been helpful if there was someone or something onsite to let or show users of the pathway what the new design would actually look like.
 - This is in addition to providing maps and diagrams. Allows people to get a feeling what the new design would look like.
- Residents also mentioned concerns about the lack of notification, specifically:
 - Who receives letters? And when?
 - What is the minimum distance of affected households?
 - Who gets notified and who does not?

- The City of Victoria representatives indicated that the City accepts feedback any time (phone and email).
 - They will assess the complaints and concerns and determine a course of action if necessary.
- It was also suggested by residents that when the project is complete, the City complete another bike counter to determine the volume of bicyclists.

2. Parking on Myrtle Avenue

- Residents are concerned if parking on Myrtle Avenue becomes 2 hour parking.
- Concerns were mentioned about extra cars parking on Myrtle Avenue and cars potentially looping around the neighbourhood to find parking.
 - There would be an increase in traffic, which would be an issue.
- The City of Victoria has not received any formal request to change the current parking on Myrtle Avenue to 2 hour parking.
- It was noted by City representatives that parking on Myrtle Avenue could become residential parking only.
 - The community could be proactive with the process and apply to the city to make the street residential parking.
 - It was suggested residents follow-up with the transportation supervisor at the City to get clarification on the process to apply to the City, as well as what steps will be taken to notify affected neighbours if a formal request is submitted to the City for a parking change.
- Parking on Myrtle and Doncaster will accommodate for pedestrian and cyclist safety.
- City representatives noted they would follow-up with transportation supervisor to let him know about the residents' concerns about potential changes to the current parking on Myrtle Avenue.

3. Myrtle Avenue (between Doncaster Green and Shakespeare Street)

- Management of the greenspace on the north side of Myrtle Avenue is an issue.
- OCA will look into working with the Hillside commercial businesses and residents to discuss management of the greenspace.
- Residents and OCA will contact the City Planner to confirm the zoning requirements and whether landowners in are contravention of the bylaw.
- Need to determine if property owners would be willing to work with the Land Use Committee.
- Concerns about garbage; overgrowth of shrubs; people hanging out and sleeping in area; needles.
 - It was recommended to call the City Bylaw services.
- If the area was cleaned up, it may lead to fewer issues.

4. May Update for Oaklands Neighbourhood from City of Victoria

- City Neighbourhood Coordinator provides a monthly overview of City projects in the neighbourhood, including capital and maintenance projects; parks and recreation; art, culture and special events; engagement; and announcements.
- Going forward, the e-newsletter will have a link to the “Updates” document from the City.
- Capital Projects for 2016 include
 - Surface rehabilitation on Ryan St from Roseberry Ave to Asquith Rd starting early June to mid-August.
 - Water main replacement on Ryan St from Asquith St to Avebury St starting late May to late July.
 - Water main replacement on Victor St from Haultain St to Kings St starting in October to late November.
 - Storm drains replacement on Basil St mid-block to Cook St starting in late June to late July.

5. Next Land Use Committee Meeting

- June 28, 2016.