



**Council Member Motion**  
**For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

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**To:** Committee of the Whole

**Date:** November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**From:** Councillor Gardiner

**Subject:** Hanging Flower Baskets

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**BACKGROUND**

On November 7<sup>th</sup>, during a special Committee of the Whole meeting of Council, the decision was made to reduce the hanging basket program by 50%. The remaining program is to focus on high tourism areas only.

While the proposed changes were made in open discussion, public consultation and opportunity for input at an open forum had not occurred. Numerous emails have come to Councillors, supporting the hanging basket program and objecting to the cut-back. Submissions have come from residents of the city, and residents of nearby municipalities who are frequently in Victoria.

Those who wrote reminded us that the hanging baskets are about more than tourism. Victoria is a city where people live AND share their city with tourists. Victoria is a city which values gardens, once the City of Gardens.

The hanging baskets contribute to a valued “sense of place” for Victoria residents and those beyond the city’s boundaries.

One submission suggested that the City develop a sponsorship program to bring back the baskets to the areas targeted to no longer have hanging baskets along the streets. The 2025 boundaries for hanging baskets and the 2026 boundaries are depicted in Appendix A (attached).

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Council direct staff to:

- explore sponsorship structures which could be used to support the hanging flower basket program.
- explore the receptiveness of businesses to sponsor hanging flower baskets on a specific block in the area of the City which has been cut from the hanging flower basket program.
- explore the receptiveness of residents to sponsor hanging flower baskets on a specific block in the area of the City which has been cut from the hanging flower basket program.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C. Gardiner".

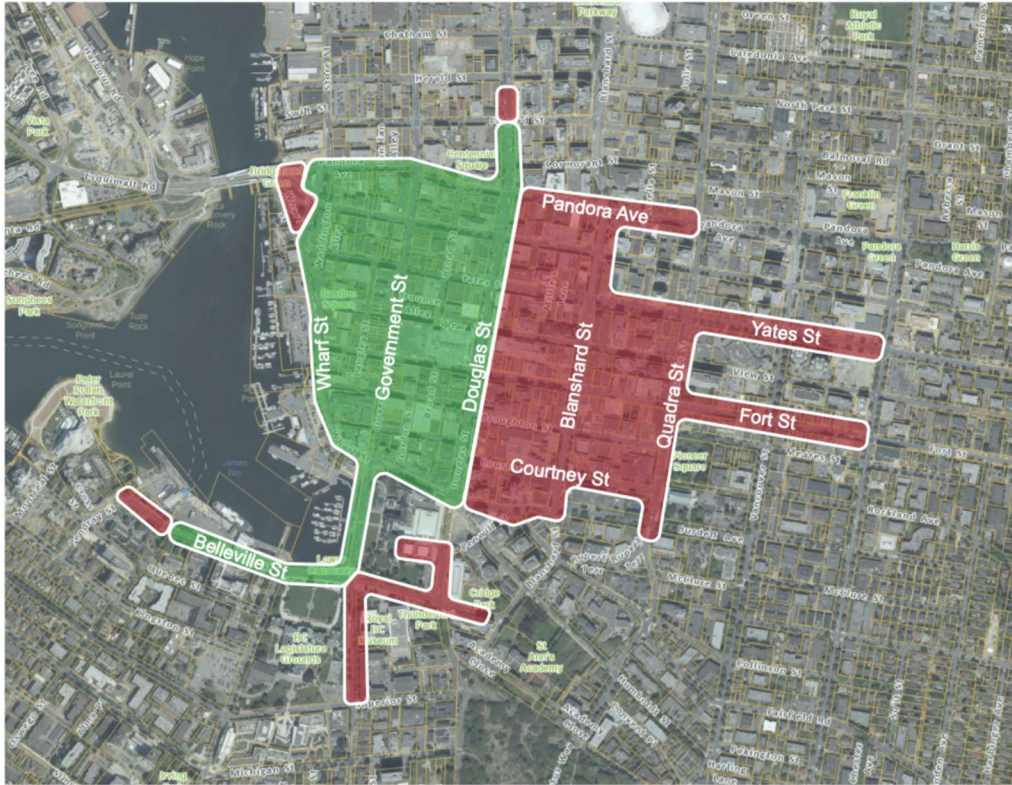
Councillor Gardiner

# APPENDIX A:



## Proposed 2026 Summer Hanging Basket Program

-  2026 Hanging Basket Area
-  Areas Removed from the Hanging Basket Program (Proposed)



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