



# SOUTH PARK FAMILY SCHOOL

March 2, 2018

Mr. Bill Eisenhauer  
Head of Engagement  
City of Victoria  
1 Centennial Square  
Victoria, BC V8W 1P6

RE: Beacon Hill Park Pathway

Dear Mr. Eisenhauer,

On behalf of the South Park Family School Parent Advisory Council and our school community, I am writing this letter in support of the James Bay Neighbourhood Association's proposal to enhance the existing Beacon Hill Park Pathway.

By widening this pathway, the City of Victoria will help create a multi-use trail that will serve as an alternative route connecting the James Bay and Fairfield communities. With the proximity of these two communities to each other, along with amenities and destinations that residents from these two major neighbourhoods access frequently, it is an important consideration to provide other ways to travel between these two locations other than driving. The enhanced pathway will provide a safer and convenient travel option for individuals, families with young children, and seniors who are on mobility scooters or anyone who would simply prefer to walk, cycle, scooter, skateboard, etc.

Promoting and encouraging active transportation while enjoying one of our city's most beautiful parks is a move in the right direction. Providing access to nature as part of people's daily routine is an important investment to the long-term benefit to people's health, safety, and to the environment. The South Park community strongly supports JBNA's initiative to improve access between James Bay and Fairfield and hope that the City of Victoria will take immediate action on this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Joanna Verano'.

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