



James Bay Neighbourhood Association

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Mayor Helps and Council,
City of Victoria

Re: Fairfield-James Bay Trail: An Improved Multi-Use Path Through Beacon Hill Park

Dear Mayor Helps and Councilors ,

At the invitation of Bill Eisenhauer, from late last fall through to March this year, JBNA Board members Tim VanAlstine and I met with Fairfield Gonzales Community Association colleagues, David Biltek and Don Monsour, and Bill and Julie Potter to discuss the one-time \$100,000 contribution from the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee.

Since the JBNA Board had been approached by parents seeking a route they could use to more conveniently and safely escort their children to Sir James Douglas, the enhancement of the existing route from Michigan through the park to Oliphant into a multi-use trail seemed a good fit. The FGCA representatives had also identified the need for an enhanced James Bay Fairfield trail which would provide a more welcoming link between the communities. Residents from the two communities use facilities/amenities in each other's commercial centers.

To test the concept, JBNA forwarded the concept to the general population in many ways:

- 1) James Bay Beacon - distribution to several thousand homes/residents (reach = 5-8000)
- 2) South Park School PAC Mon Feb 7 - about 40-50 present (mostly Fairfield and JB residents)
- 2) JBNA Directors' Report e-blast to ~600 e-addresses, most JB addresses, some Fairfield
- 3) JBNA February 14 meeting. 212 present - most were JB residents but not JBNA members hence would not have received e-blast
- 4) CFAX Family Day Monday Feb 12

To date we have not received any negative feedback.

We believe that this public realm improvement would be used and appreciated by both neighbourhoods, and ask that the project proceed in the months ahead.

We appreciate your facilitation of discussions, and coordination by Bill Eisenhauer and Julie Potter.

Regards,

Marg Gardiner
President, JBNA

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JBNA Board
Bill Eisenhauer & Julie Potter, Engagement

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Subject: Public realm improvements towards enhancing an east-west multi-use pathway through a portion of Beacon Hill Park.

Mayor Helps and Members of Council

The Chair of the Board Don Monsour and the entire Board of the FGCA has asked me to send the following:

Last night the Board of the Fairfield Gonzales Community Association passed the following motion

"The Fairfield-Gonzales Community Association requests that Victoria City Council direct the one-time \$100,000 contribution from the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee to the City for public realm improvements towards enhancing an east-west multi-use pathway through a portion of Beacon Hill Park. The proposed route includes upgrades to the existing path that runs from Heywood Avenue, travelling alongside the playground to Bridge Way where it connects with the existing multi-use pathway that continues to Douglas Street."

We have been working closely over the last several weeks with our counterparts in James Bay and this public realm improvement has encouraged us to work together on a project which will be much used and appreciated in both neighbourhoods.

We have been greatly aided in this by the efforts and patience of Bill Eisenhauer and Julie Porter.

Thank you for this opportunity.

David Biltek

Chair,

**Fairfield-Gonzales Community Association
Land Use Committee**

A Volunteer committee helping our neighbours engage in community planning by providing opportunities and processes to collect and forward residents' comments to City Council



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