

July 2/20 CAO Remarks

Good Morning Mayor and Council.

City Service Expansion

As you can see the public service area of City Hall has reopened for drop-in service, for those who need it. Many citizens are continuing to choose to do business online and we have produced a short video for the public. This is the first day that we have been open and we've served between 55 and 70 people through the Public Service Centre today.

Everyday Creativity -- Creative Spotlight Programming

As part of Creative Spotlight programming, performers were deployed along Government St. (near the View St intersection) last weekend on Saturday and Sunday during the afternoon shopping hours.

Good reception from people sitting on the patios and passing by including a father dancing with his daughter in the middle of the street! Performers will continue all summer long in public plazas, parks and neighbourhood shopping villages.

My Great Neighbourhood Grants

25 applications

Build Back Victoria

59 apps received

29 permits issued

Local Champions Program

One of the positives of the pandemic is that communities and neighbourhoods have intensified their collaboration on a number of fronts as evidenced through out local champions program.

While the City is playing a support role on a number of initiatives such as participatory budgeting and My Great Neighbourhood grants, we are seeing neighbourhood groups spearheading many activities to increase connectedness of neighbours and to strengthen the community.

Some of these Local Champion Projects include:

The Creekside Concert Series

Friday, July 3, 2020

6:30 to 8:00 pm

On the eastern banks of Bowker Creek near Haultain St. and Trent St.

Lekwungen welcome by TEALIYE/Brianna Bear

Poetry by Serap Brown

Music by Dana Sipos

Real Cities Victoria – launched by Finn Kreischer

Real Cities Victoria has launched! The goal is to leverage community power to create a more sustainable city by changing the places we live. This will be a site for community members to exchange information share wisdom and to work together.

Progress at the Net Zero House

From Wendy Littlefield:

The Fernwood Reno is coming along and recently it received a new set of helping hands. Cam Owens is a professor at UVic and teaches Geography 406. Typically, he takes his students to Copenhagen to study just urbanism but with travel restrictions in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic, they had to stay closer to home this year. Luckily for his students and for our Local Champions, the Fernwood project has provided heaps of opportunity for collaboration!

Get Growing Program

From Kathleen, Donna and Kim:

Local Champions Kathleen, Donna and Kim in action with the Get Growing Program in the South Jubilee neighbourhood

Summer Homework

1. Please Join the [Local Champions Slack Workspace](#) and **post a message to the "General" channel by July 5**. Instructions for joining our Workspace are outlined below!

2. Throughout the summer, **post at least one update (and images if possible)** to the whole cohort on Slack about progress on your practicum and any Local Champions activities you are undertaking. Examples could be:

- Photos of your prototypes or any project work you are doing over the summer
- Updates from your Pod
- Reflections or questions to the group (ask for feedback)

3. **Meet with your Pod** to prepare your group presentation for our Sept. 26th session

- Each Pod will have up to 15 minutes as a group to present your learnings and/or pitch your practicums. A group of external mentors and resource people will be available to offer feedback.
- We encourage you to make it visual and get creative!

4. **Submit your [Final Practicum](#)** (Project Proposal and/or Learning Report) to Gary no later than October 15 (time to integrate feedback from Sept. 26!)