# NO MORE STALLING!!

# UNFINISHED GAS STATION at 308 MENZIES ST. in JAMES BAY

A Presentation to City of Victoria Council by Jen Reimer, Petitioner on September 26, 2024

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## 2017

- SAVE ON GAS CLOSED leaving James Bay with no fuel, propane
- New tanks and pumps installed
- Intermittent renovations on first floor
- Second storey added to building

## Dec 2021

- MINIMAL monthly progress to keep building permits intact
- Due to numerous complaints, City of Victoria Council discusses the unfinished site
- Councillors Alto and Thornton-Joe direct bylaw staff to strengthen bylaws to intervene with derelict properties
- Directive resulted in Item H.2 of December 9, 2021 minutes

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# Dec 9, 2021 Minutes

# H.2 <u>Council Member Motion: Supporting Bylaw Services in Addressing</u> Unsightly or Unsafe Properties

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated December 6, 2021 from Councillor Alto and Councillor Thornton-Joe requesting a report back on the feasibility and implications to increase bylaw staff's ability to address unsightly or unsafe properties.

**Moved By** Councillor Alto **Seconded By** Councillor Thornton-Joe

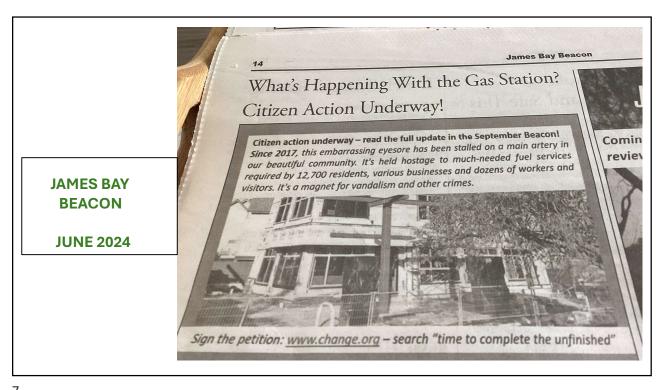
That Council direct city staff to report back on the feasibility and implications of amending relevant city bylaws to increase and/or augment bylaw staff's ability to address unsightly or unsafe properties, whether abandoned or not, in a more efficient and effective manner.

## June 2024

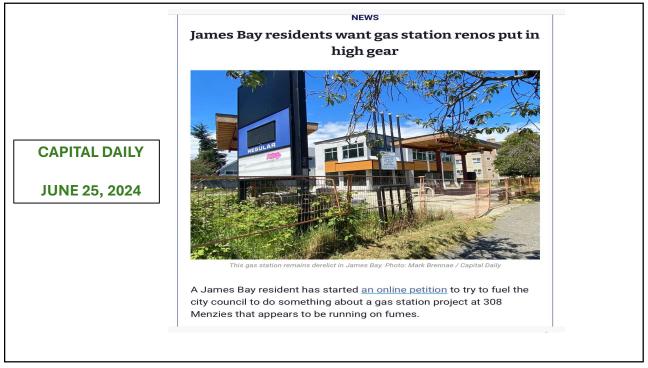
- Change.org petition posted online on June 7 by Jen Reimer
- James Bay residents/local media quickly support initiative
- 500 signatures collected within 2 weeks
- 1,000+ signatures (electronic/written) within 2 months

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## Sept 2024 Questions

- What progress has been made since 2021 to strengthen building permit bylaws for unsightly properties?
- What happens when building permits expire without completion? Will they be extended under conditions?
- How can you facilitate timely completion of the property?

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## THANK YOU

for your attention to this

#### **IMPORTANT MATTER**

in JAMES BAY.