Sent: Friday, Oct 13, 2017 8:18 AM

Subject: RE: Feedback on Vict West Neighbourhood Draft Plan

From: Kristina Bouris

Sent: October 12, 2017 2:14 PM

To: Malcolm Maclean < mmaclean@victoria.ca>

Subject: FW: Feedback on Victoria West Neighbourhood Draft Plan for inclusion in the 'public record' for Council

Hi Malcolm,

One more letter for redacting by Rob. Right on the deadline!

Thanks, Kristina

From: jane baigent personal information

Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2017 12:00 PM

To: Kristina Bouris

Subject: Feedback on Victoria West Neighbourhood Draft Plan for inclusion in the 'public record' for Council

Hello Kristina, my feedback is below, thank you, Jane

The the Victoria West Neighbourhood Draft Plan "WHAT WE HEARD" does not support, and often contradicts "HOW THIS PLAN ADDRESSES WHAT WE HEARD" in the "BIG MOVES" - examples below:

Big Move #1 - Strong Village Hearts

"What we heard" includes "Craigflower Village is valued for its small shops, local flavour and friendly ambiance. Neighbours would like to maintain the character while supporting the existing businesses and providing more space for a few new shops and additional housing." (italics mine)

So how did that become a Plan to extend our small scale village into 6 blocks with major density increases - buildings up to 4 storeys? encouragement for whole blocks of existing modest houses to be transformed into double row townhouses? 3 storey apartments for 3 blocks along Skinner Road up over Catherine St hill - the highest in our neighbourhood and right through the Heritage Conservation development permit area? no parking requirement for businesses? There is very little street parking now - where will the vehicles park?

Big Move #3 - Add housing that fits neighbourhood character in older residential areas "What we heard" includes "a deep appreciation of older residential areas with their low scale housing" and the "community wants to see this character maintained..."

So how did that become what seems to be an encouragement for massive redevelopment in our neighbourhood? Yes, garden cottages, secondary suites, perhaps even duplexes are forms of development that a home owner/resident might consider - a gentle increase in density that the neighbourhood can address. However, under this Plan, ALL of the traditional areas of Victoria West could see townhouses, most would see double rows of townhouses, some with suites, and in some areas, apartments. This would all be developer built, much of it would require land assembly, all would create massive disruption of life for the residents.

We are left living with unpredictability - never knowing when the properties next to us will be transformed with something out of scale, shading our houses and gardens, disrupting our lives. For the life of this Plan.

Throughout the very short feedback period of this process - a few weeks in summer and into the busy month of September - we have been informed that this Plan was intended to be 'provocative' to present 'the extreme' of density and development, to see IF people would 'push back'. This is not appropriate.

Many people do not even know this is happening. Most do not have the time to thoroughly peruse a long complicated document (it took me two days) or the experience to translate FSR or other terms into a reasonable image of what these changes in housing and density would look/feel like in context.

We have been asking for specific indication of how much development this plan will encourage, of how it will change our community. There has been no capacity analysis available to us - we have not been sufficiently informed about how this will change our neighbourhood.

We need to SEE a computer massing model or drawing that accurately conveys what our "traditional community" will look like from eye level when it is built out to maximum.

This Plan would be more accurately called the Victoria West DEVELOPMENT and DENSIFICATION Plan.

Affordable?? If this plan is approved, ALL houses in the traditional neighbourhood will be marketed for their "development value' - they will not be affordable as homes.

Regarding the Open House process of 'feedback' - green dots on a big board might indicate that people are interested in the idea of rowhouses or apartment buildings but that doesn't mean those dots indicate people understand the impact of that sort of development throughout most of the traditional neighbourhood. And who put the green dots on the board? Who put the sticky notes there? There is no accountability on that sort of feedback.

We are told 'everything in this Plan came from the community'. Who? How? There are only two documents online with minutes from 'working groups'. So where did these ideas come from? People who live here? People outside the community? Developers? - there were plenty of those in all the open houses and walking tours.

As do many others in my community, I feel my quality of life in Vic West is threatened by this Plan.

Sincerely, Jane Baigent Personal information Alston Street Victoria

From: Peggy personal information
Sent: Peggy personal information
Thursday, Aug 31, 2017 10:00 AM

To:engage@victoria.bcSubject:questions re Vic West plan

Hello

I've read through the Vic West Neighbourhood Plan brochure and would like clarification as to what specifically the phrase "employment uses" means re Esquimalt Road under point #6. And under the heading "Support for Businesses," what exactly does "lighter industrial" for Esquimalt Road include? Unfortunately I cannot attend the open houses or area specific pop-ups to ask these questions.

Also, please do send me plan updates.

Many thanks,

Peggy Day

Sent: Thursday, Oct 12, 2017 11:53 AM

From: Jack Meredith [mailto: personal information Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2017 10:23 AM

To: Kristina Bouris <KBouris@victoria.ca>; Jack Meredith personal information

Subject: VIC WEST NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FEEDBACK

Kristina,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment further on the Vic West Community Plan. Obviously, a lot of work has gone into it and I hope as many community members as possible are able to read and digest it and provide feedback on the document.

I have some feedback on the Vic West Neighbourhood Plan that I hope will be useful for you and council. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Jack Meredith

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VIC WEST NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (VWNP) FEEDBACK

1. General:

- 1. I had some problems linking the various aspects of the VWNP to one another (i.e. Big Moves, Neighbourhood Plan Goals, Intent Statements (which are numbered and I think are intended to be sub-goals), Improvements [Actions?] (which are numbered differently and Action Plans (Section 15 which are not numbered but I assume should line up with improvements and goals). I recommend at a minimum numbering the items in the Action Plan for ease of following up. Continuity in numbering would be even better to ensure nothing is missed.
- 2. I think these may just be typos but I thought I would mention that the Neighbourhood Plan Goals (on Pages 17 & 18) don't match the Goals in each section later in the report in all cases, particularly Chapter 3 Transportation; Chapter 4 Parks, Open Spaces & Waterways; Chapter 9 Employment Lands; and Chapter 14 Arts, Culture and Placemaking.
- 3. The major developments with MDAs are mentioned briefly in a separate section and are not integrated into the VWNP. I think it is very important to note the major elements of these developments in each appropriate section. For example the Round House will be a major "village" and could have very significant impact of developments in the surrounding areas. Similarly, Dockside Green has the potential to have a village of its own. I think it is important for a reader of the VWNP to understand everything that will be happening in Vic West. This holds for most aspects of the VWNP, such as Transportation, Residential Areas, Employment, Infrastructure & Green Development, Food Systems, Neighbourhood Well Being and Arts, Culture and Placemaking.

2. Introduction (Chapter 1):

1. Population Growth:

- 1. The Introduction notes Victoria will be increasing in population by 20,000 people by 2041 and later in the VWNP it is noted that the "snap shot" of current Vic West population is 6,800. I think the VWNP needs to state a vision of the Vic West population in 25 years, in a format similar to the format in the Victoria OCP (i.e. 10,000 more people in Urban Core; 8,000 people in the Urban Villages and 2,000 people in the remainder of the City). I think it would be useful to know what amount of this growth is anticipated for Vic West? Some people are coming up with scare mongering numbers which suggest most of the 20,000 people will be coming to Vic West. I think it is vital to cut off this speculation by having an estimated number or range in the VWNP.
- Specific growth projections for each category (Urban Core; Urban Village and other) would also help people to understand how the VWNP would impact the feel of Vic West.
- 3. Similarly, it would be helpful to note the numbers in each of the planned major developments of the Railyards; Dockside Green and Bayview as well as each indicated Villages of Westside Village; Catherine Village and Craigflower Village.

3. Neighbourhood Context (Chapter 2):

- 1. I think this Chapter provides a great perspective of where Vic West has been and where it has come. I think it also offers a great template for including in the VWNP a vision of where we are headed with the VWNP. I would really like to see somewhere in the NWNP targets or outcomes in some of the key areas such as:
 - 1. Population (as mentioned above) 6800 (2016) vs ??? (2041)
 - 2. Percent of Victoria's population 9% vs ???
 - 3. Housing types 68% apartments vs ???
 - 4. Rental vs Ownership 59% owned vs ???
 - 5. Number of employees 3000 vs ???
- 2. Neighbourhood Specific Plans Most people have only a general idea of the plans of the major developments in Vic West (i.e. Railyards; Dockside Green and Bayview/Round House). I think it is vital that the plan provide more context (and education) about what is to be built in these developments and consequently their impact on Vic West. At a minimum, I would like to see site plans (or block plans) of the final build out of these developments, included in the VWNP. Without this information, people can be asking for community improvements that duplicate or conflict with elements in these developments. Providing this information should also energize the community around the exciting aspects and benefits of these developments.

4. Transportation and Mobility (Chapter 3)

- 1. As mentioned above back on Page 3 Transportation Goals only list three of the five goals and is labeled as Transportation versus Transportation and Mobility.
- 2. Map 2 on page 28 has very few "destinations" (RED STARS). I think many "destinations" are missing, particularly: Point Hope Shipyard observation plaza; Hilltop Park; Rainbow Park; Mary Street Park; Raynor Park; Hereward Green; Westside Village; Catherine Street Village; Banfield Park dock; Dockside Green "village" (Fol Epi; Caffe Fantastico; Deli; Pro City); plus future destinations such as the future park adjacent to the new Johnson Street bridge; future Round House; future Dockside Green plaza. I recommend adding these destinations in order to provide the transportation network with context.
- 3. Improvement 3.3.11 Alston and Langford Street sidewalks are noted as being "completed" through redevelopment of the major properties. Currently, there is no sidewalk at all on either street and it is a very unpleasant and unsafe place for pedestrians despite this it is being highly used. I strongly recommend that something is done to improve safety on these streets. At a

- minimum curbs should be installed to slow traffic and make it clear that pedestrians are welcome. Perhaps the owners of these major vacant properties should be "encouraged" to pay for this in some fashion that improves their community reputation. I judge this should be considered part of the costs of holding and not improving land in the community.
- 4. Improvement 3.3.12 The report says to seek ways to improve the informal connection to the E&N Rail Trail at Sherk Street. Currently, Sherk Street leads directly to the E&N Rail Trail where there is a worn trail about 5 feet long through brush and grass where people access the trail. This should be considered a relatively minor maintenance item. It could be dealt with simply by trimming the bushes and putting in some gravel. This should be in a quick win category, however, I could not find it in the Action Plans.
- 5. Improvement 3.3.17 Improve Wilson Street experience (between Victoria West Park and Westside Village). An idea that received significant support during the Plan's Walk Abouts was to eliminate on street parking between the shopping centre and the park since there is lots of parking at (and under) the shopping centre. This would make this 100 meter strip a two lane road (as it currently is) and the parking areas could be easily turned into "people spaces" instead of "parking spaces" (the removed parking spaces are often used by people parking their cars for long periods of time and leaving the neighbourhood). I judge removing the dozen or so parking spots and replacing them with human spots would attract more people to this "village" and be another quick win.
- 6. The VWNP talks about "taming the major roads" and then notes some ideas in section 3.4. However the VWNP often says "evaluate" or "consider" or "encourage" (3.4.2 b, 3.4.3, 3.4.4, 3.4.5). Many of the items in 3.4 have been identified in the past and have been evaluated and considered but nothing has happened. Stronger wording is required in order to have these ideas actually get implemented.
- 7. I believe most people in Vic West would like to see traffic calmed on Craigflower Road, Esquimalt Road and Wilson Street. I think one of the "Big Moves" in the plan should deal with managing the traffic on these streets. I recommend shifting the focus from facilitating commuting to making the streets welcoming to pedestrians. A good example of this is the way Esquimalt has improved Esquimalt road in their jurisdiction via road improvements which include medians with lush plantings.
- 8. One traffic calming tool that we have been promised are speed readers on Craigflower Road but we have yet to see it. Speed readers have been successful in other jurisdictions and they appeared to work when we briefly tried them. It seems like a minor issue to have to include in a 25 year plan but we have tried everything else to get these installed.
- 9. Portions of the major roads (Craigflower, Esquimalt & Wilson) are already posted as 30 kph. Is there any reason why the entire length of these roads, in Vic West, can not be made 30 kph? Many of us would like Vic West to be known as the 30 kph Neighbourhood (moto: slow down enjoy Vic West).
- 5. Parks, Open Spaces and Waterways (Chapter 4):
 - 1. I was disappointed to not see many people in the pictures on 38 of the VWNP. It would be great to see how animated these spaces are when they are actively used by people. I was also surprised that the Gorge Waterway was not highlighted (I think the picture of Arm Street park is actually in the Esquimalt section of the park). The Gorge Waterway is in high use on a daily basis with rowers, dragon boater, kayaker and swimmers. Protecting and promoting this unique feature in Vic West is essential. I would be happy to provide pictures of the Gorge Waterway crowded with users if that would be helpful.
 - 2. 4.2.4 support community led efforts to create new and/or improve existing docks... I appreciate the intention to enable more people to use the Gorge Waterway, however, I am concerned about the onus being put onto the community to take the lead on this. I would much prefer to see the wording of this to be a partnership. My vision is that the community and City

- could bring the Gorge Waterway back to its glory days of being the City's summer resort through funding from multiple layer of government, as well as the private sector. I think this should be handled similarly to another infrastructure improvements.
- 3. 4.3 Enhance Parks I was surprised that a park by park review was not done (at least at a high level). It would be nice to at least see what the current priorities are for the various parks. At a minimum could the parks five year plans or long range plans be included?
- 4. 4.9 A "park improvement plan" for Banfield Park would be great to see, particularly if it included the interface to the Gorge Waterway. When would this happen? It would be great to have some high level planning done this year.
- 5. 4.10 Arm and Burleith Parks are absolute gems and have incredible potential to bring people to the Gorge Waterway. I would like to see some clarity as to what "future planning" means. I would like to see some high level planning done asap (i.e. within this year).
- 6. 4.14 Railyards redevelopment commitments. It would be nice to see a graphic of these plans.
- 7. 4.15 Dockside Green redevelopment commitments. It would be nice to see a graphic of these plans.
- 8. 4.16 MISSING Shouldn't there be a similar statement about Bayview/Round House redevelopment commitments?
- 6. Future Land Use Map (Chapter 5):
 - 1. This seems out of place to me. I recommend it be moved to an appendix.
- 7. Residential Areas (Chapter 6);
 - 1. The four goals on page 51 of the NWNP (mix of housing, affordable housing, innovative housing and heritage proection) do not seem to line up with the intents that immediately follow them:
 - 1. 6.1 Skinner Street Area 6.1.2 four story buildings on Skinner and Russell. Three story buildings on Raynor.
 - 2. 6.2 Esquimalt Corridor 6.2.1 five story buildings between Russell and Mary Streets.
 - 3. 6.5 Traditional Residential sub-areas Skinner and Esquimalt Corridor this encourages "house conversions" that include apartments up to three stories. I don't think many in the community are asking for fewer houses and more apartments as 6.5 suggests. I am supportive of the other options of townhouses, row houses, duplexes with secondary suites, garden apartments, etc.
 - 4. 6.6 and 6.7 seem like reasonable ways for the residential areas of Vic West to evolve over the next 25 years. I think most people in the community are okay with these "ground-oriented" solutions and support the goals of a mix of innovative and affordable housing.
- 8. Special Planning Areas and Master Planned Areas (Chapter 7):
 - 1. Similarly to the Future Land Use Map (Chapter 5) this seems out of place to me. I recommend it be moved to an appendix.
 - 2. As mentioned earlier, I recommend the appropriate elements of these development plans and commitments be integrated into the VWNP so that everyone can get what the whole community looks like rather than having large areas "blanked out".
- 9. Urban Villages (Chapter 8):
 - 1. In addition to the three noted villages of West Side Village; Catherine Village and Craigflower Village, I think it is important to note in the VWNP that both Dockside Green and Bayview will also be creating villages (most notably the Round House project).
 - 2. 8.5.2 Six story buildings for the Westside Village. I highly recommend that any future "village" buildings be kept to "Human Scale". Human Scale is increasingly being understood to

- mean the distance at which people can be recognized and consequently connected to one another. In terms of connecting people in buildings to people at the ground level this translates into 3-4 stories at maximum. Further information on this can be found in the book "Human Scale" (chapter 11) by Kirkpatrick Sale (Chelsea Publishing).
- 3. Figure 28 page 73 I think there is a typo in the note left bottom corner. I believe it should read "Emphasize Wilson as a pedestrian friendly high street with NO on street parking, canopy trees, crossings fronted with shops and patio dining on the SOUTH WEST." [CAPITALS denote recommended changes].
- 4. 8.5.4 Similar comment on 8.5.2 regarding keeping this human scale for a "village" context which means 3-4 stories maximum.
- 10. Employment Lands (Chapter 9):
 - 1. 9.4.1 Similar comment on 8.5.2 and 8.5.4 regarding keeping this human scale for a "village" context which means 3-4 stories maximum.
- 11. Heritage (Chapter 10):
 - 1. I support the innovative ways to modify older houses to make it economic for owners to renovate them rather than demolish them. Secondary suites and Garden apartments should be allowed on large enough properties. I believe this should be allowed on any large existing property even if house is not deemed heritage. Existing houses can be renovated to be Net Zero Energy and provide affordable housing far more economically than tearing down and building new.
- 12. Infrastructure and Green Building (Chapter 11):
 - 1. 11.4.1 Eliminate heating oil use in Vic West. There are a disturbing number of heating oil systems in houses in Vic West. They are all aging and increasingly prone to failure. The consequences to an owner can be catastrophic in financial terms as clean up costs can extend to pollution that travels beyond their properties. More critical is the potential impact on the environment, particularly the Gorge Waterway and the Harbours which surround Vic West. I highly recommend a program be established to identify the existing heating oil systems and establish an education program for owners to understand their risks with keeping their system. This should be coupled with some kind of financial loan program to help people eliminate these high risk systems. THIS SHOULD BE ONE OF THE HIGHEST PRIORITY ACTION ITEMS IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN.
- 13. Neighbourhood Food Systems (Chapter 12):
 - 1. I was surprised this section was so small. Was the Vic West Food Security Collective asked to help develop strategies?
- 14. Neighbourhood Well Being (Chapter 13):
- 13.1.1 Victoria West Community Center Society is unfamiliar to me. Do you mean the Victoria West Community Association which manages the Victoria West Community Centre?
 15. Arts, Culture and Placemaking (Chapter 14):
 - 1. Looks good!
- 16. Action Plan (Chapter 14):
 - 1. It would be really helpful to have the Actions Plan reference the numbers in the NWTP so that the various items could be tracked.
 - 2. Arm and Burleith Parks planning is medium term (i.e. 2020-2022). This seems too far away. Can't some high level planning be done before that?

- 3. Improving pedestrian safety on the trail through Banfield Park is long term (2023+). Close calls happen almost every day. This should be a high priority item.
- 4. I tried to find various plan recommendations in the Action Plan but found it very difficult. I highly recommend some method to ensure nothing gets dropped between the cracks.

From: Kristina Bouris

Sent: Monday, Sep 18, 2017 10:08 AM

To: Malcolm Maclean

Subject: FW: Garbage cans for the Gorge? **Attachments:** received_10155590157023480.jpeg

Can you add this to feedback received on Vic West? Thanks.

From: Kristina Bouris

Sent: Monday, September 18, 2017 10:07 AM
To: Leigh Campbell < LCampbell@victoria.ca>
Cc: Marc Cittone < mcittone@victoria.ca>
Subject: Garbage cans for the Gorge?

Sharing this idea shared at one of the Vic West pop-ups yesterday with the Swim-a-Month club. One of the participants (13 year old) liked what he saw on the Cowichan River.

K.

From: Aaron Cummings [mailto: personal information

Sent: Sunday, September 17, 2017 5:11 PM **To:** Kristina Bouris <KBouris@victoria.ca>

Subject:

Thanks

-Aaron Cummings

From: Malcolm Maclean

Sent: Friday, Sep 22, 2017 9:12 AM **To:** Marc Cittone; Kristina Bouris

Subject: RE: Correction from Vic West Open HOuse

Agreed. To that end, this is now saved in our correspondence folder.

From: Marc Cittone

Sent: September 22, 2017 9:10 AM

To: Kristina Bouris <KBouris@victoria.ca>; Malcolm Maclean <mmaclean@victoria.ca>

Subject: RE: Correction from Vic West Open HOuse

Thanks, Kristina. Let's consider these comments with the revisions to Vic West Plan

From: Kristina Bouris

Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 8:49 AM
To: Malcolm Maclean < mmaclean@victoria.ca >
Cc: Marc Cittone < mcittone@victoria.ca >

Subject: FW: Correction from Vic West Open HOuse

For the engagement files. I've acknowledged it.

Marc, great feedback here about the proposed residential areas, from a developer.

From: JOHN dietrich [mailto: personal information Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 11:49 PM To: Kristina Bouris < KBouris@victoria.ca>

Subject: Re: Correction from Vic West Open HOuse

Hi Kristina,

Thank you for getting back to me so quickly.

As you probably know, I've lived in Vic West for more than 10 years and in that time have been heavily involved in providing 1 to 3 bd rental suites through renovating and rezoning under utilized houses long since past their prime.

, which is why I am so pleased with the draft

proposal presented by the City this month.

Your

proposal addresses this in all 3 proposed residential zones by allowing for more than 2 units in one building, and showing flexibility in parking arrangements.

Another thing I like is that by increasing density and total floor space it automatically allows for attics and basements to be used in existing particularly older heritage homes.

I do have three points I would like you to consider and share with your fellow planners, things that will directly increase my ability to retain my existing buildings and, more importantly, increase the rental space in a very meaningful way;

My property at 424 Skinner is a nearly completed 100yr old, 4000ft 4 plex on a 8000ft lot. By having some flexibility in parking location, parking alternatives (car share, etc) I can

Replace the garage at the rear with a similar sized building but with a basement, adding another 3 bd rental to the market. I know of several other large old houses lovingly restored in your Zone 1 (skinner corridor) that would certainly increase lot density / rental units by adding carriage houses at the rear and moving parking up front behind privacy hedges. This would protect existing older rental buildings from demolition. The same rationale applies to my 4000ft duplex / 8000ft lot at 418 skinner; a carriage house would go great, as allowed in your RK zone, but with closer setbacks.

My other suggestion has to do with properties along Craigflower from Russell to Alderman on the South side of Craigflower.

I feel these properties are perfect for a continuation of your Zone 1 density / use as on Skinner. They are all very large (many over 6000, a few over 10,000 ft) lots, consisting of either small tear downs of dated (60s) large duplexes, on a busy street serviced by buses, near the park and proposed expanded village center. I personal information

Lastly, I hope there is **flexibility in lot size / width / building design**, as these have been barriers to great design / use in my experience, particularly when rental housing is offered. I feel strongly that because individual lots differ on what lies on either side of them, the direction they face, location of trees, elevations, soil and rock composition, they need individual attention with respect to development; what works on one may not work on another, especially at todays development costs.

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Again, thank you so much for this opportunity to produce more rental housing in a truly great neighborhood. For your consideration,

John Dietrich personal information

From: Kristina Bouris < KBouris@victoria.ca> Sent: September 19, 2017 12:01 PM

To: personal information

Subject: FW: Correction from Vic West Open HOuse

Hi John,

Kristina here, one of the planners you talked to at the Vic West Open House last night. We were talking about 3-storeys along Skinner and Craigflower Roads. I have to apologize as I gave you some wrong information. After you left, I rechecked the OCP and realized that I read the Transportation map incorrectly. Craigflower is in fact a collector, and not an arterial. As a result, 3-storey apartment buildings are not currently supported along Craigflower. I am sorry for any confusion that this might have caused. You had asked why the 3-storeys along Craigflower would be limited at Belton St. THe rationale was to concentrate new housing and people close to the village. That being said, this is the opportunity to provide feedback on this idea and the other ideas in the plan, so please let me know via email or survey if you think we should consider a different approach. Thanks, and my sincere apologies for my mistake. Kristina

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Vic West Neighbourhood Plan http://www.victoria.ca/vicwest

From: Malcolm Maclean

Sent: Tuesday, Oct 3, 2017 11:27 AM

To: personal information

Cc: Rebecca Penz; Engagement; Marc Cittone

Subject: RE: Last comments before Sept. 26, Vic West Neighbourhood Plan - for Marc Cittone

and Malcolm Maclean.

Attachments: image001.gif; image002.png; image003.gif; image004.gif; image005.gif; image006.jpg;

image007.png

Hello Jacques,

Thank you for sharing this additional information and comments. We will review this as we revise the draft Vic West Neighbourhood Plan.

Kind regards,

Malcolm MacLean Community Planner Sustainable Planning and Community Development City of Victoria 1 Centennial Square, Victoria BC V8W 1P6

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From: Rebecca Penz

Sent: October 3, 2017 11:22 AM

To: Malcolm Maclean <mmaclean@victoria.ca>

Subject: FW: Last comments before Sept. 26, Vic West Neighbourhood Plan - for Marc Cittone and Malcolm Maclean.

Can you please confirm that you received this. Thanks!

From: Engagement

Sent: Monday, September 25, 2017 2:51 PM

To: Rebecca Penz <rpenz@victoria.ca>; Jackie Hache <jhache@victoria.ca>

Subject: FW: Last comments before Sept. 26, Vic West Neighbourhood Plan - for Marc Cittone and Malcolm Maclean.

Maureen Gordon Auxiliary Support, Engagement City of Victoria 1 Centennial Square, Victoria BC V8W 1P6 250 361-0505









From: Jacques Sirois [mailto personal information

Sent: Monday, September 25, 2017 12:29 PM

To: Engagement < engage@victoria.ca >

Subject: Last comments before Sept. 26, Vic West Neighbourhood Plan - for Marc Cittone and Malcolm Maclean.

Thanks Marc Cittone for your presentation at the Gorge Waterway Initiative on Sept. 20.

A few more and brief comments:

- 1- Please identify clearly historic Victoria Harbour Migratory Bird Sanctuary on your maps. It is Vic West's front yard since Oct. 27, 1923, now part of the Greater Victoria NatureHood since July 12, 2017.
- 2- Mention why this unusual bird sanctuary was created in 1923 (to control hunting) and why it is still relevant in 2017 (home to remarkable and valued urban wildlife, including, birds, fishes, molluscs, eelgrass beds, etc.; after serious cleanups, restoration and rewilding in recent decades in Gorge Waterway, Selkirk Water and Victoria Harbour \$100s of millions (>500 \$M) spent... an amazing story).
- 3- The new Greater Victoria NatureHood was recognized by Nature Canada and the Lt. Gov. of BC in July 2017: a great place to connect urban Canadians to remarkable wildlife in "Nearby Nature", where we live.
- 4- Identify at least 10 species of wildlife on Vic West's seafront, 10 "non human" neighbours: Bald Eagle, Pacific Great Blue Heron, Western Purple Martin, Coopers's Hawk, Bufflehead, American Wigeon, Coho Salmon, Pacific Herring, Olympia Oyster, Eelgrass. More: Mallard, Double-crested Cormorant, Belted Kingfisher, Pacific Harbour Seal, Northern River Otter, Northern Racoon + butter and other clams billions of clams, massive bed clams on Vic West seafront... arguably the largest ecological asset.

I can send you bird lists for the Gorge Waterway and Victoria Harbour, if interested.

- 5- Mention the Canada Goose invasion: an emerging, serious, urban wildlife problem. Canada Geese are trashing public spaces and wildlife habitat in the bird sanctuary. Ideally, we need to remove 100s of them.
- 6- Please, do not open up all wild sites to human access. Good to see wild, quiet areas for wildlife, if you want to keep wildlife around. There is plenty of access to humans as is.
- 7- Consider Green Shores guidelines and certification. Improving shorelines for water quality and wildlife is important (e.g. keep dead trees for roosting sites, remove invasive species, maintain and enhance tidal wetlands, keep vegetation along shoreline, etc.).
- 8- Showcase and highlight Migratory Bird Sanctuary at various locations. It is a neat story. Clean waters and urban wildlife are fuelling urban renewal in Victoria.
- In 2017, Victoria Parks installed 4 official "loon" sanctuary markers (1 each in Banfieild Park, Arm Park, Regatta Landing and West Bay Walkway, near Esquinalt border).

More and better signage - with an actual map of the sanctuary - is needed.

9- Engage Point Hope Maritime and Victoria International Marina, in particular. These private groups want a smart shoreline, clean water, urban wildlife and bird sanctuary signs. I am in touch with them. They are engaged...

10- Same comments essentially for other Victoria plans, or soon-to-be-plans, in Gonzales Fairfield, Ship Point, Harbour Pathway, Clover Point, etc.

All of Victoria's seafront is in Victoria Harbour Migratory Bird Sanctuary; an unusual and interesting story/asset, in the heart of Victoria, in the heart of the Salish Sea.

Victoria is a Salish Sea city - a window on the Salish Sea. Must be mentioned and championed in your plan. Vic West is on the Salish Sea.

- 11- Exceptional natural (and cultural) heritage, overall, needs to be better identified.
- 12- Year after year, the Vital Signs report of the Victoria Foundation identify the Natural Environment as being our #1 asset. I agree entirely. This is what makes Victoria special. Please refer to this report (2017 version coming on Oct. 3.)

Confirmation of reception always appreciated.

Thanks from a very engaged,

Jacques Sirois

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rep., Victoria Harbour MBS and Greater Vic. NatureHood member, GWI

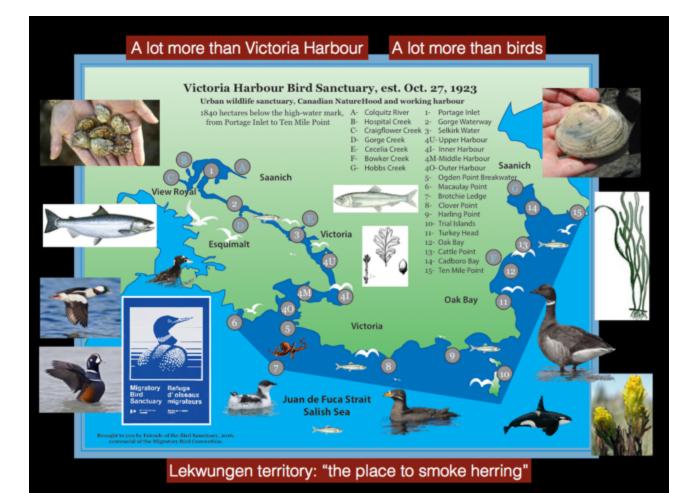
P.S. I am in regular contact with Nature Canada in Ottawa, and the Canadian Wildlife Service, Env. Can,, in Delta, BC.

Victoria Harbour Migratory Bird Sanctuary is technically under CWS's jurisdiction. CWS is now engaged after decades of neglect.

The revitalization of this historic bird sanctuary will continue to unfold as we go toward 2023, its centenary.







From: Malcolm Maclean

Sent: Wednesday, Sep 20, 2017 8:49 AM

To: 'Peggy'

Cc: Engagement; Marc Cittone; Rebecca Penz; Kristina Bouris

Subject: RE: questions re Vic West plan

Attachments: image001.gif; image002.png; image003.gif; image004.gif; image005.gif; image006.png

Hi Peggy,

Thank you again for the thoughtful and encouraging comments. I just want to briefly follow-up on your question regarding how we plan to manage local traffic as the community continues to grow and develop.

Many streets, intersections, and crossings are flagged in the "Action Plan" section (page 93 of the draft plan) for assessment over the coming years. The action plan will also be periodically (every 3-5 years) reviewed with the community to consider changing circumstances. These assessments lead to the identification of any needed changes, which are then prioritized for funding and implementation.

Additionally, significant developments like Bayview, Railyards, and Dockside undertake Traffic Impact Assessments (TIA) to understand their impacts on the road network, informing the adaptive management of the transportation network and traffic management approaches.

Kind regards, Malcolm

From: Peggy [mailto: personal information

Sent: September 13, 2017 9:17 AM

To: Malcolm Maclean <mmaclean@victoria.ca>

Cc: Engagement <engage@victoria.ca>; Marc Cittone <mcittone@victoria.ca>; Jackie Hache <jhache@victoria.ca>;

Rebecca Penz <rpenz@victoria.ca>
Subject: Re: questions re Vic West plan

Hello Malcolm

Thank-you for your generous and helpful response to my questions as well as providing me with directions toward accessing the more nuanced draft Vic West Planning doc. It has taken me a while to digest this information; hence my delay in getting back to you.

Broadly speaking, the development plan pretty much mirrors what I had hoped that my neighbourhood would look like in the coming years. I bought in Vic West a little over 3 yrs ago precisely because I envisioned it becoming the kind of living environment that the planning doc articulates. The term "lighter industrial" initially gave me pause but once you/ the planning doc clarified that noisy, dirty and disruptive businesses would be excluded, I'm good with that. Having skilled, well-paid jobs available in the neighbourhood would indeed be a desirable thing.

A few further comments:

- the notion of taming Esquimalt Rd traffic is indeed appealing to me, but I'm still unclear about where all the increased traffic from the increased housing density is supposed to go. The plan says non-local traffic should go onto arterial and collector routes, but I don't see any of said routes identified on the plan map, and I don't see the question of increased local traffic directly addressed at all. I get that you're counting

on/planning for walking, cycling and public transport to alleviate an increased number of private vehicles but realistically, do you think you can discount an increase in local traffic?

- I don't recall exactly where it was in the draft plan, but somewhere the plan urged cooperation with Esquimalt on a particular issue. Another important reason I bought where I did was proximity to the Esquimalt community centre, most specifically because of its indoor pool and aqua programming, as well as the nearby public library. I hope your planning people recognize the importance of these facilities.

Thanks again for your response (and don't worry, I don't expect another one),

Peggy Day

From: Malcolm Maclean <mmaclean@victoria.ca>

Sent: August 31, 2017 4:18:32 PM

To: personal information

Cc: Engagement; Marc Cittone; Jackie Hache; Rebecca Penz

Subject: RE: questions re Vic West plan

Hi Peggy,

Thanks for getting in touch with your questions. Employment uses is an umbrella term to cover both commercial (offices, and in some cases storefronts, restaurants, etc.) and light industrial uses. Some current light industrial uses in Vic West include breweries, navigational & guidance instrument manufacturing, cabinetry, working artists, seafood canning and distribution. By contrast, the Ship Yard is an example of heavier industry in Vic West. Lighter industrial uses generally need to be on the ground floor and have higher floor to ceiling heights and often need some loading bay access. Light industrial uses can also have "ancillary sales" – using part of their floorspace to sell products primarily made or processed on site. Examples of this in Victoria include hand-made furniture, ice cream and coffee roasteries.

The lighter industrial uses for Esquimalt Road are intended to strike a balance of being compatible with office and residential uses in the same building or nearby, while still providing viable spaces for the light industries that can't operate in conventional office settings, and which often provide well-paying jobs. Compatibility will limit some of the types of businesses that could operate here (particularly with regard to off-site impacts on surrounding uses).

In case you want a little more detailed information, a pdf of the draft plan is available online; just visit the Vic West Plan webpage at Victoria.ca/vicwest. I have also copied below the sub-section (see page 76) from the Employment Lands section of the plan which outlines the proposed policies for light industrial uses, with specific mention of frontages on Esquimalt Road:

- 9.2.4. The following guidance should apply to Industrial Employment and Industrial Employment-Residential Areas: a) Ground floors should be designed to accommodate light industrial uses (e.g. with high floor-to-ceiling heights, and loading bay access).
- b) The range of light industrial uses should be limited to those which are compatible to upper-floor or adjacent residential uses, as applicable, and do not generate significant impacts (e.g. dust, noise, odours, glare, or truck traffic outside of daytime work hours) on these adjacent uses.
- c) Ancillary sales of products produced on site is encouraged.
- d) Buildings should feature active frontages with storefront-type windows and entries at grade facing Esquimalt Road
- e) Work-live uses are encouraged to be designed so that the "work" portion of the development is located on the ground floor, and the "work" and "live" portions can be occupied or leased separately, allowing businesses to change over time.

Thanks again for getting in touch.

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From: Engagement

Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2017 10:31 AM
To: Malcolm Maclean < mmaclean@victoria.ca >
Subject: FW: questions re Vic West plan

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Engagement
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From: Peggy [mailto: personal information Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2017 10:02 AM To: Engagement < engage@victoria.ca > Subject: Fw: questions re Vic West plan

Hello again

Please read the above attachment. I sent it to the wrong email address the 1st time around. Thanks.

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Sent: August 31, 2017 11:59 AM

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From: Kristina Bouris

Sent: Wednesday, Oct 4, 2017 9:47 AM

To: personal information

Cc: Rebecca Penz; Malcolm Maclean

Subject: RE: Thank you!

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Sairah,

Thanks very much for sharing what you are hearing from people. I really appreciate it. Thanks as well for your advice on how to approach next week's meeting. I'll check in with Justine to see her preference for how to structure it. I see the benefit of not having a presentation, but also know there will be new people in the room.

Thanks again,

Kristina

From: Sairah Mae [mailto: personal information

Sent: Tuesday, October 03, 2017 2:38 PM **To:** Kristina Bouris <KBouris@victoria.ca>

Cc: Rebecca Penz <rpenz@victoria.ca>; Malcolm Maclean <mmaclean@victoria.ca>

Subject: Re: Thank you!

Hello Kristina et al,

A quick note to say that I am hearing a LOT of dissatisfaction about the engagement period ending too soon (given a busy busy August/September for many people) and also about too much change, too much height and density, and too much current and future traffic in the Craigflower Village area in particular.

My suggestion for the 10th is that the City does <u>not</u> present, so that there is more time for comments. Of course the presentation will be handy to have on hand and loaded, but my feeling is that people want to be heard and that those who show up are showing up because they HAVE read the plan, and they want the chance to speak...

In my opinion, more important than hitting or surpassing the initial consultation targets is that people feel understood, and that the plan (including the Craigflower Village portions) represents a vision that Vic West is excited by and supportive of.

Thank you, Sairah

On Tue, Oct 3, 2017 at 12:26 PM, Kristina Bouris < KBouris@victoria.ca> wrote:

Hello Working Group members!

We made it! The engagement period for the draft plan has formally closed, and I wanted to say a big thank you to everyone who helped plan, promote, attend, host and gave feedback over the last few weeks. We knew that September would need a different approach, and your suggestions to extend the engagement period to six weeks and take advantage of the nice weather with outdoor events helped get a solid participation level!

The Community Association has requested a Q&A session on the draft plan on October 10 (date to be confirmed) as there wasn't enough time at their meeting last week to answer all of the questions. A few people said that September was too busy for them to participate, so this meeting will also give them another chance to share their feedback.

We'll be holding a workshop with Council on October 19 to present the draft plan as well as the summary of what we've heard. Rebecca and Malcolm will be hard at work analyzing the results in the next week. The early survey and open house results show strong support for most parts of the plan. As expected, there are some differing opinions about additional growth in Skinner and Esquimalt Road and a few other locations. I'll present the range of viewpoints in my presentation to Council.

We'd like to meet with the Working Group in mid-October to debrief the engagement and go over what we've heard. I'll send out a meeting request in the next day or so.

In summary, here were the participation numbers:

- an on-line survey (187 responses)
- two formal open houses (110+ participants)
- a youth pop-up event at the Vic West Skate Park (25 participants)
- three area-specific drop-in events at Westside Village, Esquimalt Road and Craigflower Village (50+ participants total)
- two pop-ups at the Swim-a-Month event and Vic West Corn Roast (110+ participants)
- four "Pizza and a Planner" living room meetings hosted by community members (85 participants)
- a presentation to the Victoria West Community Association (30 participants)
- meetings with the Gorge Waterway Initiative and the Tyee Co-op (35 participants).

Thanks again for your on-going support. It's been a full few weeks, and we're happy to have all of you working with us!

Kristina and team

Kristina Bouris MCIP RPP

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Vic West Neighbourhood Plan

http://www.victoria.ca/vicwest

Sairah Mae

From: Malcolm Maclean

Sent: Tuesday, Sep 26, 2017 9:57 AM **To:** personal information

Cc: Engagement

Subject: RE: Vic West Distribution List - Traffic Calming on Craigflower

Hi Stephan,

Thank you for getting in touch with this comment. We will consider all comments received along with the survey and open house feedback as we work to revise the draft plan over the coming weeks.

We plan to share a revised plan back with the Vic West community later this fall.

Kind regards,

Malcolm MacLean Community Planner Sustainable Planning and Community Development City of Victoria 1 Centennial Square, Victoria BC V8W 1P6

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----Original Message----

From: webforms@victoria.ca [mailto:webforms@victoria.ca]

Sent: Monday, September 25, 2017 6:11 PM To: Engagement <engage@victoria.ca> Subject: Vic West Distribution List

From: Stephan Jacob

Email: personal information

Reference: http://www.victoria.ca/EN/main/residents/neighbourhoods/vic-west/victoria-west-neighbourhood-

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I'm questioning the need to traffic-calm Craigflower side streets ... all this traffic will be on Craigflower - more people

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Sent: Thursday, Oct 12, 2017 4:28 PM **Subject:** RE: Vic West Neighborhood plan

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From: Malcolm Maclean

Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2017 9:01 AM

To:P

Cc: Engagement <engage@victoria.ca>; Kristina Bouris <KBouris@victoria.ca>; Lindsay Milburn <lmilburn@victoria.ca>

Subject: RE: Vic West Neighborhood plan

P.S. Margaret,

We just caught one detail in my last email that needs correction; the draft plan supports additional density but not additional height in some areas in exchange for on-site non-market affordable housing. The feasibility of this will have to be determined at a more-site specific scale, as opportunities or development proposals arise in the future.

Thanks again, Malcolm

From: Malcolm Maclean

Sent: September 14, 2017 8:27 AM

To: personal information

Cc: Engagement <engage@victoria.ca>; Kristina Bouris <KBouris@victoria.ca>; Lindsay Milburn <lmilburn@victoria.ca>

Subject: RE: Vic West Neighborhood plan

Hi Margaret,

Thank you for getting in touch with your question.

We are definitely thinking carefully about how we can make housing more affordable in Vic West, and in the City as a whole. The <u>draft plan for Vic West</u> aims to help increase the supply of housing units in the neighbourhood. Some strategies for this include identifying additional housing types where legal suites would be allowed (duplexes, small lot homes, townhouses), and identifying areas where more dense forms of housing would be considered (e.g. apartment buildings in Village Centres and near transit service). The draft plan also includes policies for special planning areas (co-op / non-market housing) to ensure that all affordable housing units on these sites are retained or replaced in the event of redevelopment, and identifies some sites where the City would consider supporting a development proposal with additional height in exchange for the development providing on-site non-market housing.

That being said, a neighbourhood plan is somewhat limited in how much it can do to solve the problem of housing affordability. However there are several City-wide housing initiatives currently underway, several of which are included in the <u>Victoria Housing Strategy 2016-2025</u>. The strategy contains affordable housing targets, including specific targets for family units, and identifies actions to improve the availability and diversity of housing for low-moderate income earners such as a newly launched Market Rental Retention study, updated Secondary and Garden Suites Policies, increases to the Victoria Housing Reserve Fund to prioritize affordable family housing units, and much more. Other affordable housing work underway at a citywide level includes Short-term Rental Regulations and the development of an Inclusionary Housing policy.

Thanks again for your question and, if you haven't already, consider taking our online survey or attending our open house at the DaVinci Centre this Monday, Sept 18 anytime between 6:00 and 8:30 pm (the time and place is also on the brochure).

Kind regards,

Malcolm MacLea 1 Community Planner Sustainable Plan 1 ing and Co 1 imunity Development City of Victoria 1 Centennial Square, Victoria 3C V8W 1P6

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From: Engagement

Sent: September 12, 2017 3:3) PM

To: Malcolm Maclean < mmaclean@victoria.ca Subject: FW: Vic West Neighborhood plan

Maureen Gordon Auxiliary Support, Engagement City of Victoria 1 Centennial Square, Victoria 3C V8W 1P6 250 361-0505









From: Margaret Jeana personal information

Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 3:17 PM
To: Engagement engage@victoria.ca
Subject: Vic West Neighborhood plan

Yes I would like to receive plan updates by email

I am very interested in any 1ew builds that will be under marke value rentals. with 3 or 4 bedrooms.

personal information

and full market rates and too high.

I am in the mid le and good housing is very hard to find. With all these proposals on your brochure does any of it take into cons deration people who are in my kind of situation.

Thank you and cind regards,

Margaret

From: Kristina Bouris

Sent: Thursday, Oct 5, 2017 10:44 AM

To: Cathy Carolsfeld

Cc: Malcolm Maclean; Rebecca Penz; Carolsfeld - Yoqi

Subject: RE: Vic West Neighbourhood Plan

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Thanks very much! Kristina

From: Cathy Carolsfeld [mailto:personal information

Sent: Thursday, October 05, 2017 10:21 AM **To:** Kristina Bouris <KBouris@victoria.ca>

Cc: Malcolm Maclean <mmaclean@victoria.ca>; Rebecca Penz <rpenz@victoria.ca>; Carolsfeld - Yogi

<personal information</pre>

Subject: Re: Vic West Neighbourhood Plan

Dear Kristina,

Thank you for writing back so quickly. I was worried that I might have been too late! Yes, that is the correct location that you have marked on the map, below.

I look forward to seeing how things progress with our Vic West Neighbourhood Plan.

All the best,

Cathy.

Catherine Carolsfeld WestWind SeaLab Supplies

Tel: 250-386-8036

From: Kristina Bouris

Sent: Thursday, October 05, 2017 10:03 AM

To: personal information

Cc: Malcolm Maclean; Rebecca Penz
Subject: RE: Vic West Neighbourhood Plan

Dear Cathy,

Thank you very much for your email and sharing your suggestion for this special place in Vic West. Can you confirm if I understand the right location, on the map below?

I'll include your suggestion with the formal feedback we've received on the draft plan, and will talk to our Parks and Engineering staff regarding your suggestion. We will be back with any proposed changes or revisions to the plan based on community feedback later this year or in January.



Thank you, and I really appreciate you taking the time to write. Kristina

From: Cathy Carolsfeld [mailto personal information

Sent: Wednesday, October 04, 2017 4:29 PM

To: Engagement < engage@victoria.ca > Cc: Carolsfeld - Yogi < personal information Subject: Vic West Neighbourhood Plan

Hello,

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With appreciation,

Cathy.
Catherine Carolsfeld
personal Henry St., Victoria, B.C.
information

From: Kristina Bouris

Sent: Monday, Sep 18, 2017 10:41 AM

To: Richard Adam

Cc: Malcolm Maclean; Steve Hutchison

Subject: FW: Follow up: Vic West Neighbourhood Plan

Rich.

I think you mentioned that you would follow up with Brian and Danielle with the new results. Can we touch base this week regarding the traffic studies and the messaging out? Malcolm (copied here) is leading a 'pizza and a planner' discussion session on the plan at their house, and we need to bring him up to speed on the issue and your evaluation so far.

Thanks, Kristina

From: Brian & Danielle [mailto: personal information

Sent: Monday, September 18, 2017 9:32 AM **To:** Kristina Bouris <KBouris@victoria.ca>

Cc: Steve Hutchison <shutchison@victoria.ca>; Richard Adam <RAdam@victoria.ca>

Subject: Re: Follow up: Vic West Neighbourhood Plan

Hi Kristina,

Apologies for our delayed acknowledgement of your response. Thanks for your update. We look forward to hearing more in the future. We will look at the wording in the draft plan.

In the interim we have put our name forward to host a planner with a pizza for residents in our area.

Regards

Brian and Danielle

On Sep 7, 2017, at 4:25 PM, Kristina Bouris < kbouris@victoria.ca> wrote:

Hi Brian and Danielle,

Thanks for your email and asking about the Rothwell in the draft Vic West Plan.

Our Transportation staff have done some preliminary assessments of Rothwell since our meeting in June and are doing a bit more work. Rich Adams will follow up with you shortly with the results.

You may have seen these already, but there are a few policies in the draft plan that relate to Rothwell that have been included based on your input and our meeting in June.

3.6.5. assessment for vehicle speed, commercial traffic volume and road designation. (The formatting is awkward here and should be its own bullet, we'll correct that for a future version)
3.6.6. assessment for vehicle speed and cut-through traffic on Hereward Road and Rothwell St.
Action Plan: The assessment of Rothwell Street is identified as a 2019 action (p. 94), pending budget approval.

As you point out, Rothwell doesn't show up on the map on p. 30. This map summarizes the improvements in the active transportation section of the chapter, and Rothwell is in the Traffic Management section. I know this sounds like splitting hairs, but the map is just a visual summary and the written policies are what is important. To this end, I'm looking forward to getting your feedback on these policies and others in the draft plan, either through the survey, an open house or through email. We'll have Transportation staff on hand at all of the open houses if you'd like to discuss things further.

Thanks, Kristina

From: Brian & Danielle [mailto: personal information

Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 8:46 PM **To:** Kristina Bouris < KBouris@victoria.ca>

Subject: Follow up: Vic West Neighbourhood Plan

Hello again!

We just found the neighbourhood-identified priority transportation improvements map on the website. Noticed that Rothwell is not identified as connected to the adjacent priority pedestrian and/or cycling routes highlighted for Hereward and Esquimalt roads. (And, as you know, we provided written and verbal feedback to this effect during the planning process.)

Thanks again.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Brian & Danielle personal information

Subject: Vic West Neighbourhood Plan Date: August 29, 2017 at 8:33:17 PM PDT To: Kristina Bouris kbouris@victoria.ca

Hi Kristina,

We recently received the Vic West Neighbourhood Plan update in the post. We recall that at our meeting on June 22, you mentioned that the Rothwell/Hereward/Wilson/Dominion/Viewfield intersection had been highlighted as a problem area during the planning process. However, we don't see the identification of this (and other associated traffic problems) reflected in map and brochure.

Can you give us an update on where you are at with with your identified priority projects and Council approval? Is this still anticipated to move forward this fall?

Best regards, Brian and Danielle

From: Malcolm Maclean

Sent: Thursday, Oct 5, 2017 11:00 AM

To: Rob Gordon

Subject: FW: Vic West Neighbourhood Plan 2

Attachments: image001.png

Hi Rob,

Just updating you that I have changed one file in the previously linked folder of correspondence received re the Vic West Neighbourhood Plan to include these latest two emails in this thread.

Thanks again, Malcolm

From: Kristina Bouris

Sent: October 5, 2017 10:44 AM

To: Cathy Carolsfeld personal information

Cc: Malcolm Maclean <mmaclean@victoria.ca>; Rebecca Penz <rpenz@victoria.ca>; Carolsfeld - Yogi

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Subject: RE: Vic West Neighbourhood Plan

Thanks very much!

Kristina

From: Cathy Carolsfeld [mailto:personal information

Sent: Thursday, October 05, 2017 10:21 AM **To:** Kristina Bouris < KBouris@victoria.ca>

Cc: Malcolm Maclean < <u>mmaclean@victoria.ca</u>>; Rebecca Penz < <u>rpenz@victoria.ca</u>>; Carolsfeld - Yogi

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Subject: Re: Vic West Neighbourhood Plan

Dear Kristina,

Thank you for writing back so quickly. I was worried that I might have been too late! Yes, that is the correct location that you have marked on the map, below.

I look forward to seeing how things progress with our Vic West Neighbourhood Plan.

All the best,

Cathy.

Catherine Carolsfeld WestWind SeaLab Supplies

Tel: 250-386-8036

From: Kristina Bouris

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Sent: Thursday, October 05, 2017 10:03 AM

To: personal information

Cc: Malcolm Maclean; Rebecca Penz
Subject: RE: Vic West Neighbourhood Plan

Dear Cathy,

Thank you very much for your email and sharing your suggestion for this special place in Vic West. Can you confirm if I understand the right location, on the map below?

I'll include your suggestion with the formal feedback we've received on the draft plan, and will talk to our Parks and Engineering staff regarding your suggestion. We will be back with any proposed changes or revisions to the plan based on community feedback later this year or in January.



Thank you, and I really appreciate you taking the time to write. Kristina

From: Cathy Carolsfeld [mailto:personal information

Sent: Wednesday, October 04, 2017 4:29 PM

To: Engagement < engage@victoria.ca>
Cc: Carolsfeld - Yogi < personal information
Subject: Vic West Neighbourhood Plan

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Rob Gordon

From: Engagement

Sent: Friday, Sep 1, 2017 2:48 PM

To: Malcolm Maclean

Subject: FW: Vic West Neighbourhood Plan

Attachments: MigratoryBirdSanctuaryOuter.Final.pdf; MigratoryBirdSanctuary.Inserts.VicHarbour.pdf;

MigratoryBirdSanctuary.UrbanSanctuaryProject.pdf; FINAL media release BC LG

reception July12.docx; 20177-27NatureLabel.jpeg; JacquesSirois_MigBirdSIGN_rev8.pdf;

JacquesSirois_Buffelhead_sign_rev4.pdf; image001.png

Please see attached and below.

Jackie Haché
Engagement Coordinator
Engagement
City of Victoria
1 Centennial Square, Victoria BC v8w 1P6



From: Jacques Sirois [mailto personal information

Sent: Friday, September 1, 2017 2:44 PM
To: Engagement <engage@victoria.ca>
Cc: John Mullane <harbour@victoriawest.ca>
Subject: Re: Vic West Neighbourhood Plan

Dear Victoria Engagement,

Thanks for your draft plan. My brief comments here, more if interested.

You need to give more info and a good map on what Victoria Harbour Bird Sanctuary is all about your special front yard. Your entire seafront is in this unusual bird sanctuary, a home for Pacific Great Blue Herons, Western Purple Martins, Buffleheads, Hooded Mergansers, Olympia Oysters, Coho Salmon, billions of clams, eelgrass meadows, etc., etc., etc.,

I suggest that you spell out why this bird sanctuary, the first in Pacific Canada, was created in 1923 and why it is still relevant today, reinvented as a NatureHood - connecting urban Canadians to "Nearby Nature", celebrating exceptional urban wildlife - in 2017 (see attached press release).

An amazing story of expectational natural heritage altogether. It should loud and clear in your plan. Not the case at present.

I can meet with your staff and planner, Mr. Green?, if it helps.

Thanks,





On Aug 24, 2017, at 11:05 AM, Engagement < engage@victoria.ca > wrote:

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Dear Vic West Neighbour,

With your help we have drafted a plan to help guide growth and future development in the neighbourhood over the next 25 years. It's your turn to review the plan!

Read the Draft Victoria West Neighbourhood Plan here.

Did we get it right? Join us at one of <u>upcoming events</u>, starting on Saturday, September 9, and fill out the online <u>survey</u> (read the survey privacy statement <u>here</u>).

The Big Moves for the plan are:

- Create strong village hearts
- Connect the community
- Add housing that fits the neighbourhood character in older residential areas
- Create more places to live near transit and amenities
- Strengthen connections to the waterfront
- Support jobs in the neighbourhood
- Strengthen parks and food systems

Or plan your own event: We'll bring the pizza and the planner if you want to host a meeting with your neighbours! Limited number of opportunities. Contact engage@victoria.ca

Please reply to this email if you would like to unsubscribe from email updates for the Victoria West Neighbourhood Plan.

victoria.ca/vicwest

Rob Gordon

From: Kristina Bouris

Sent: Tuesday, Sep 19, 2017 11:53 AM

To: Malcolm Maclean

Subject: FW: Victoria West Swimming Infrastructure Survey

Attachments: Swimming Infra Survey.pdf

I've acknowledged the email. Can you add to our feedback? Thanks.

----Original Message-----

From: Jack Meredith [mailto: personal information Sent: Tuesday, September 19, 2017 10:35 AM

To: Kristina Bouris < KBouris@victoria.ca>; Robin Rombs < personal information LGARCIA- personal information John

Sanderson < personal information 'David G. M. Nicol' < Stephen Childs <

Subject: Victoria West Swimming Infrastructure Survey

Kristina,

Further to our discussion last night, attached are the results of the survey that we conducted to determine priorities for swimming infrastructure improvements in Vic West.

As I mentioned last night, I was surprised to see that the people surveyed had the beach at Banfield Park as their number one priority followed by an expanded dock at Banfield Park.

Jack

Rob Gordon

From: Kristina Bouris

Sent: Tuesday, Oct 3, 2017 8:23 AM

To: Malcolm Maclean

Subject: FW: Vic West Draft Community Plan

I've acknowledged this email. Please include in the feedback package.

A reminder that all emails will need to be sent to Rob Gordon for redaction. Let me know if you have any questions about this process.

Thanks!

From: Jodi Newnham [mailto: personal information

Sent: Tuesday, October 03, 2017 12:41 AM **To:** Kristina Bouris <KBouris@victoria.ca> **Subject:** Vic West Draft Community Plan

Kristina.

Thanks for the opportunity to provide some feedback, given that we ran out of time at the Vic West Community Association meeting last week. I also want to recognize that there has been considerable effort in engaging the neighborhood in this process, and regret that I was only able to attend one of the sessions, especially now that I have a few questions/comments coming forward.

Most of my attention has been on Craigflower Village, given that is both the most familiar and perhaps also where change could be the most dramatic in the coming years. I feel quite conflicted because while I recognize it is a very desirable and attractive part of the neighbourhood, I think it succeeds because of its current scale and am uncomfortable with how it is being potentially built out as described in the plan.

There is already quite a bit of density surrounding the village as many houses already have some form of secondary accommodation, and there are a number of duplexes and apartments. It also seems that overall Vic West has a high number of apartments (61 percent), perhaps more so than other Victoria neighbourhoods. The possibility of three or four story buildings in the village - similar to what is on Cook Street - seems excessive both in terms of feel, impact on neighbours, sunlight, noise and additional traffic. While I appreciate the need for some garden suites, I think that there are a large number included on the sketches that would impact people living close to the village like ourselves. I cannot imagine that they would be particularly affordable. Is it possible to re-visit this section with a more moderate, gradual approach to change (i.e 2-3 stories maximum, fewer garden suites, etc)?

One of the main concerns that we have discussed on Pine Street a number of times is traffic and safety. From my perspective, there isn't the capacity within the current road allowance on Craigflower to handle existing traffic demands in peak hours. We've witnessed a number of accidents at the corner of Craigflower and Pine, including one two weeks ago with a cyclist. While Vic West's proximity to downtown makes transit and cycling more feasible, I think we would still be adding more pressure to the roads with increased housing units and businesses. And there isn't enough detail or commitment in the plan for me to trust that "taming" traffic or community-led initiatives would be successful.

We have appreciated local businesses in the area, and wonder if what is being contemplated may result more in chain stores (i.e. Starbucks/Subway vs Spiral/Fry's). There have been a number of closed shops in the downtown over the past year or two; Vic West residents should be some of the people shopping downtown. Has there been any analysis on the impact to downtown?

In terms of process, I am grateful for the Oct 10 Community Association meeting as it seems essential for Council to consider both information from the planning phase and reactions to a full report from residents and the Community Association. I hope there can also be some reconsideration as to whether it should be completed in Dec/Jan given holiday schedules.

I appreciated that you acknowledged that there was a decision to be provocative in some situations, including when there was not always agreement among the working group. I hope that our feedback can continue to be incorporated as I am sure many people, like myself, need to see a fairly polished draft to appreciate fully what is being considered. I look forward to reviewing other components of the plan more carefully in the next week, and hearing your second presentation.

I am travelling again tomorrow but will call Wed if there is a good time you can recommend.

Thanks! Jodi

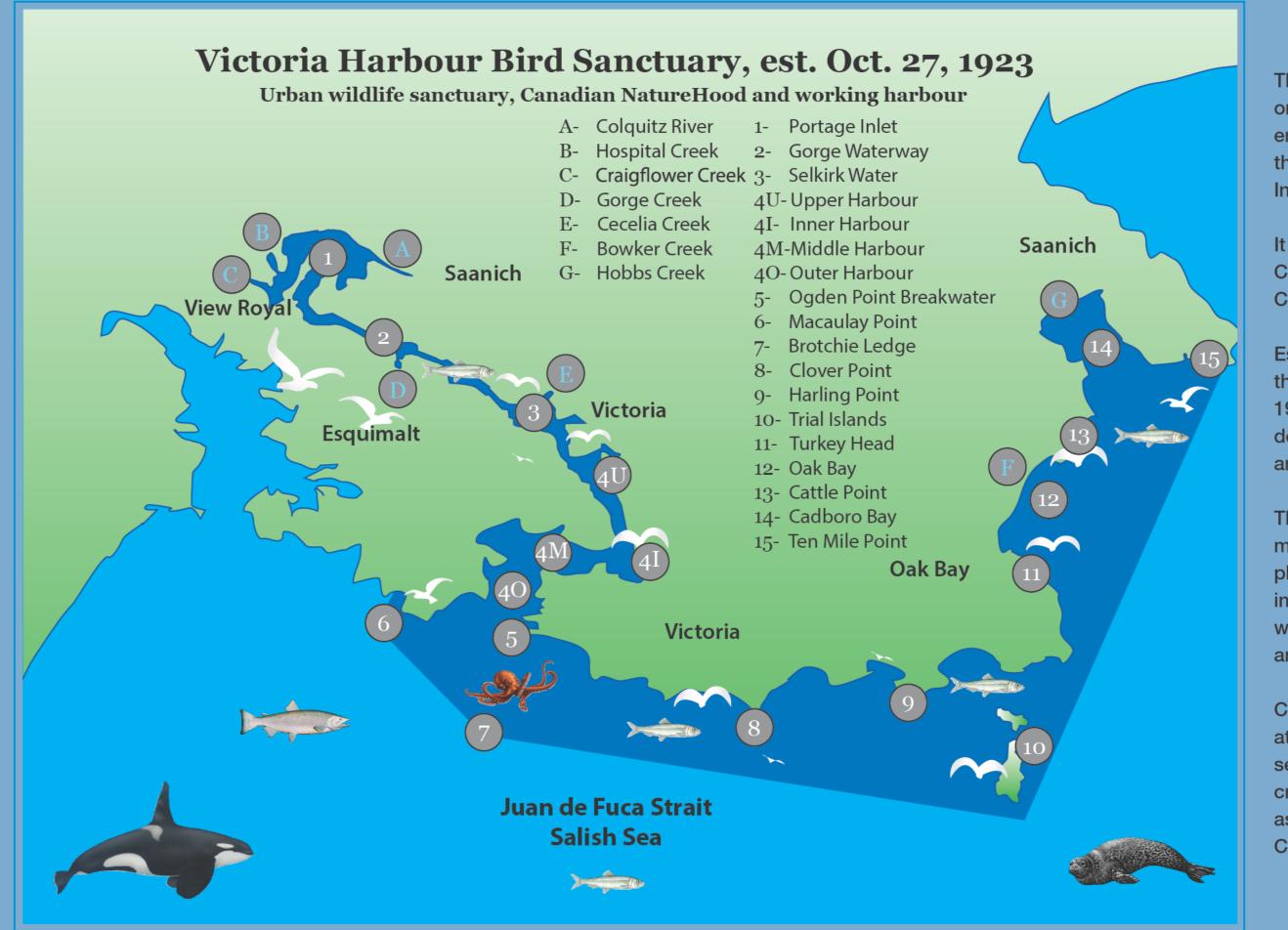


Migratory Bird Sanctuary

Wildlife Service

Refuge d'oiseaux migrateurs

Service de la faune



The oldest Migratory Bird Sanctuary on the Pacific coast of Canada, it encompasses 1840 hectares below the high-water mark from Portage Inlet to Ten Mile Point.

It also includes the estuaries of the Colquitz River, Craigflower Creek, Cecelia Cr., Bowker Cr. and others.

Established to control hunting after the Migratory Bird Convention Act of 1917, forgotten and ignored for decades, it features diverse, coastal and marine wildlife.

This wildlife includes birds, fishes, mammals, molluscs, crustaceans, plants and other organisms, including several species at risk, which are unusual in an urban area and a working harbour.

Cleanups, restoration and rewilding at several sites are encouraging several species to stay or recover, creating one of the best assemblages of wildlife in urban Canada.



Victoria Harbour Migratory Bird Sanctuary

This urban sanctuary - the first MBS in Pacific Canada - was established on October 27, 1923 to curb hunting of birds like Brant. It includes 1840 hectares of marine and estuarine waters of Portage Inlet, Gorge Waterway, Victoria Harbour as well as the coastal waters of the Salish Sea from Macaulay Pt to Ogden Pt, around Clover Pt and Oak Bay to Ten Mile Pt, including the Trial Islands. It also contains three provincial Ecological Reserves and a Rockfish Conservation Area. Nearby in Oak Bay is the internationally recognized Chain Islets & Great Chain Island Important Bird Area.

Habitats include shallow and fast-moving tidal waters, kelp forests, eelgrass and surfgrass meadows, mud flats, tidal marshes, small estuaries (Colquitz, Craigflower and Bowker), shellfish beds, fish and krill nurseries, sand and pebble beaches, rocky shores and several islands with maritime meadows and dwarf Garry oaks. The sanctuary provides important habitat for all kinds of birds and wildlife, including rare and endangered plants of the Garry oak associated ecosystems (Macoun's meadowfoam, Victoria's Owl-clover), Olympia Oysters (Species of Special Concern), Northern Abalone and Southern Resident Orcas (Endangered).

While bird numbers are relatively low compared to the past, wildlife diversity in our region is remarkably high for an urban area. Extensive loss of riparian and shoreline habitat, especially large trees and snags, as a result of urban development contributes to low bird numbers. Contamination from urban runoff remains a concern, however, recent environmental cleanups have improved water quality in Portage Inlet and the Gorge Waterway. This has led to a resurgence in recreational uses in and along the waterway, including dog-walking, paddling sports, swimming, and anchored boats. These increased water use in the sanctuary are of concern to many in the community with a desire to protect migrating birds and their habitat.

The noisy and comic displays of the **Black Oystercatcher** enliven our rocky shores year-round. This large shorebird nests on several islands and islets. In winter up to 75 oystercatchers congregate and roost on islets near Kitty Islet in Oak Bay.



MAIN BIRD SPECIES

Outer coast, winter (map sites 1-7): Bufflehead, Surf Scoter, Pacific Loon, Red-necked Grebe, Harlequin Duck, Black-bellied Plover, Black Turnstone and Mew Gull.

Protected waters, winter (map sites 8-14): American Wigeon, Common Merganser, Hooded Merganser, Bufflehead.

In summer Rhinoceros Auklet, Heermann's Gull, California Gull, Western Purple Martin, Violet-green Swallow and Osprey are regularly seen.

Year-round residents include Glaucous-winged Gull, Pigeon Guillemot, Black Oystercatcher, Pelagic Cormorant, Bald Eagle, Pacific Great Blue Heron, Belted Kingfisher, Anna's Hummingbird, Northwestern Crow and Common Rayen

The Friends of Victoria Harbour MBS (est. 2014) promotes the MBS and the amazing variety of wildlife it supports. Activities include regular bird surveys and collaborating with others to promote conservation and stewardship of the MBS. FoVHMBS was instrumental in the designation of the three regional MBSs as NatureHoods (2015) for their exceptional wildlife and opportunities to experience nature.

The Gorge Waterway Initiative (est. 2005) is a collaborative group of organizations, supported by the Capital Regional District, working to protect and enhance the natural and cultural features of the Gorge Waterway, Portage Inlet and the surrounding watersheds. Activities include outreach and education, Purple Martin next box program, habitat inventories and restoration and promotion of the sanctuary.



The coastal areas of the MBS provide some of the best alcid (auk) viewing in urban Canada. Rhinoceros Auklet (above), Pigeon Guillemot, Marbled Murrelet, Ancient Murrelet, Common Murre, Tufted Puffin and Cassin's Auklet are all observed here.

(14) Helmcken Centennial Park (13) Cuthbert Holmes Park (11) Gorge Waterway Park (10) Esquimalt Gorge Park **Craigflower Bridge** CHAIN ISLETS & GREAT CHAIN OAK BAY ISLANDS COLOGICA RESERVE Making a difference...together 6) Ogden Pt Breakwater (8) West Bay Walkway *IRIAL ISLAND* ECOLOGICAL RESERVE **Selkirk Trestle** Macaulay Pt (5) clover Pt 2 3 Turkey Head / Oak Bay Marina Victoria Harbour Migratory Bird Sanctuary WILDLIFE VIEWING HOT SPOTS Gyro Park/Cadboro Bay 4 Kitty Islet 2) Cattle Pt Water Body Creek/D tch Th s map s for genera nformat on @ Rockf sh Conservat on Area M gratory B rd Sanctuary mportant B rd Area W d fe V ewpont Eco og ca Reserve



The Urban Sanctuaries Project

The Urban Sanctuaries Project is a collaborative effort of local conservation partners to increase awareness of the three federally-designated Migratory Bird Sanctuaries in the capital region — namely, Victoria Harbour (est. 1923), Shoal Harbour (est. 1931), and Esquimalt Lagoon (est. 1931) — and to improve habitat protection and restoration within these urban sanctuaries.

Increasing environmental concerns and decreasing bird populations worldwide, amplify the need for appreciation and stewardship of our local ecosystems and the wildlife within them. The Urban Sanctuaries Project raises awareness and encourages stewardship initiatives in the community, with a special focus on youth involvement and leadership mentoring. By increasing awareness of the sanctuaries, the public will become more informed and engaged in regional conservation issues. This will encourage our communities to advocate for better protection and preservation of the important habitats within our sanctuaries that migratory and resident birds and

other wildlife rely on. By sharing the wealth of knowledge that exists in the region, we can improve the urban environments we live in based on informed consideration for the habitats and organisms around us.

Project objectives:

- To celebrate and steward the diverse and productive natural upland and marine ecosystems within the three Migratory Bird Sanctuaries in the capital region;
- To raise awareness and understanding of the importance of nature within an urban environment;
- To create a diverse working coalition of partners, including businesses, planners, outdoor enthusiasts, environmental organizations, government agencies, cultural institutions, educators, park managers and scientists.

Join us today! To find out how, go to www.sanctuaryproject.ca.

Urban Sanctuary Partners













FRIENDS OF VICTORIA HARBOUR BIRD SANCTUARY

















Let's Celebrate!

In 2017, Canada celebrates its 150th birthday, and the 100th anniversary of the Migratory Bird Convention Act, an important early step in the history of the Canadian environmental movement. The centennial of the Act represents 100 years of awareness and stewardship of wildlife, providing a unique and valuable opportunity to celebrate the region's Migratory Bird Sanctuaries and acknowledging the importance of nature to residents and visitors. In 2015, Nature Canada designated the area a"NatureHood" in recognition of the exceptional opportunities here to experience nature in an urban setting. The abundance of wildlife here in the urban centre is truly exceptional. From giant whales to tiny hummingbirds and rare coastal plants, we have it all!

The Urban Sanctuaries Project partners will host a series of events to celebrate our regional MBSs and to engage the public in regional conservation issues. The Robert Bateman Centre will use the Urban Sanctuaries Project to spearhead most of its nature programs for the next 18 months. It will also form the basis for activities to celebrate Canada's 150th Anniversary and the centennial of the Migratory Bird Convention Act.

If you would like to get involved with the Urban Sanctuaries Project contact **info@batemancentre.org**.

The Urban Sanctuaries Project partners will host a series of events and activities throughout 2016 and 2017, including:

- Sanctuary Box juried art show at Robert Bateman Centre in partnership with the Surfrider Foundation
- A field guide to birds, species and habitats of Southern Vancouver Island
- Youth/Schools Program on Birds & Habitats
- Youth and adult symposiums
- Pop-up exhibit on the MBSs to tour locally
- Unveiling of new Robert Bateman painting o Bufflehead ducks.
- Life of Migratory Birds summer 2017 exhibit at Robert Bateman Centre
- Speakers Series and bird walks.
- All Buffleheads Day celebration October 15, 2017.

See website **www.sanctuaryproject.ca** for a complete listing of activities and events

The NatureHood program connects people of all ages to nature right where they live, which in Canada increasingly means urban centres.

To find out more, visit:

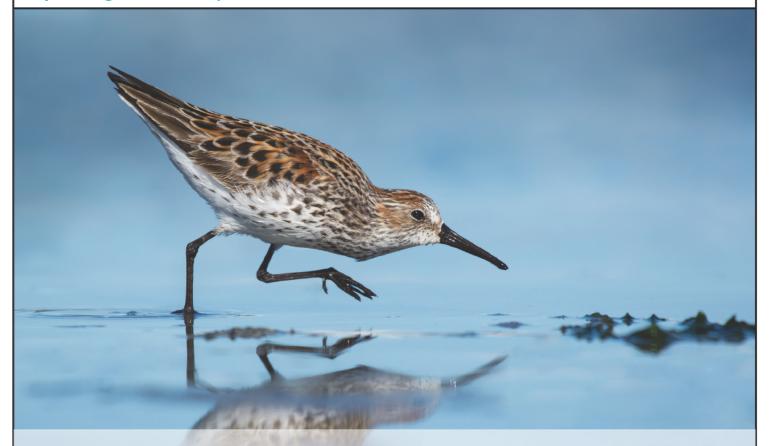
naturecanada.ca/what-we-do/naturehood/

Migratory Bird Sanctuaries



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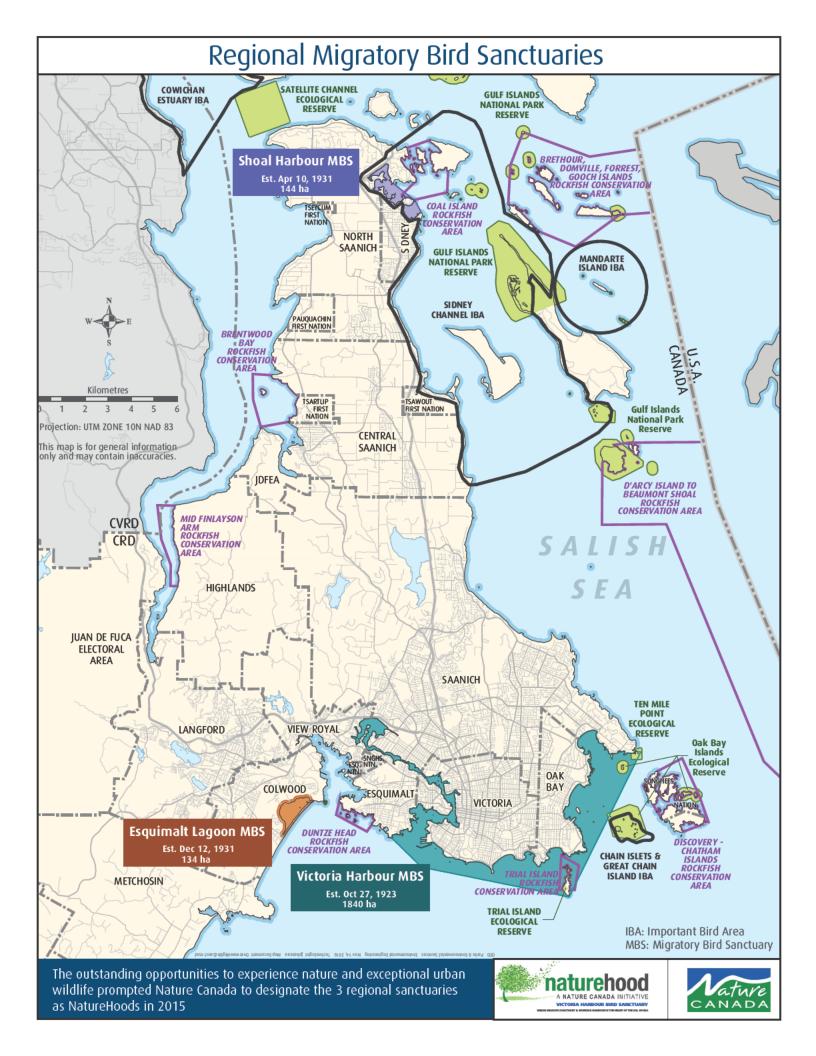
The capital region is in the heart of the Salish Sea, one of Canada's best wintering areas for migratory birds. It is also on the Pacific Flyway, a migratory bird highway that millions of birds use heading north or south on their annual migrations. Originally established to control hunting, our three regional Migratory Bird Sanctuaries - Victoria Harbour, Shoal Harbour and Esquimalt Lagoon - provide important habitat for wintering, migrating, nesting, summering and moulting birds, and are home to an exceptional range of other urban wildlife.

Despite relatively low numbers of birds compared to the past, a positive story is now unfolding. Efforts by conservation groups, citizens, private companies and local government partners to restore and clean up beaches, creeks and other waterways and to remove or reduce contaminants entering these sensitive ecosystems ensure that birds and other wildlife are staying or coming back to our local waters.

As recently as the 1980s, the abundance and diversity of wildlife now seen in and near these sanctuaries were unimaginable. The sanctuaries provide critical habitat for many species of coastal and marine plants and animals, including several federally designated Species at Risk. They are home to dozens of rare plants, such as Victoria's Owl-clover, Macoun's Meadowfoam

and Fleshy Jaumea, as well as the now-rare Garry Oak forest and its associated ecosystems. Several species of whales (Orca, Gray, Humpback, Minke) and other marine mammals (Pacific Harbour Seal, Northern Elephant Seal, Steller and California Sea Lions; River and Sea Otters) occur regularly in and near the sanctuaries. One of the foundation species for the marine food web of the Salish Sea is the Pacific Herring, now showing signs of recovery after decades of overfishing. If herring stocks continue to recover, the birds and other wildlife will follow.

Above: Western Sandpipers forage in a variety of habitats including mudflats, sand and pebble beaches and even rocky shores. In late summer and early fall, fair numbers of this common migrant travel through the area in small flocks, often mixing with Least Sandpipers.



The Pacific Black Brant, a small sea goose, is a fairly common spring migrant, often seen feeding on nearshore seaweed and eelgrass. Now a rare winter resident, Brant were common in winter 100 years ago, and were a favourite Christmas meal. A desire to rein in market hunting of birds, particularly Brant, in the 1920s and 1930s, led to the establishment of our three bird sanctuaries soon after the signing of the Migratory Bird Convention with the USA in 1916.





Victoria Harbour, Esquimalt Lagoon and Shoal Harbour are the only MBSs in Canada where the Heermann's Gull is found regularly. From July to October, hundreds of these seasonal visitors from Mexico's Sea of Cortez can often be seen feeding on schools of Pacific Herring and Pacific Sand Lance.

Protecting Migratory Birds

Bird conservationists, scientists and law makers in Canada and the USA made history on Aug 16, 1916, by signing the *Migratory Birds Convention* to protect the continent's bird populations which had already plummeted drastically from over-hunting for meat and feathers. This was one of the world's first international treaties on wildlife conservation and over the years it has helped to keep many species from the edge of extinction.

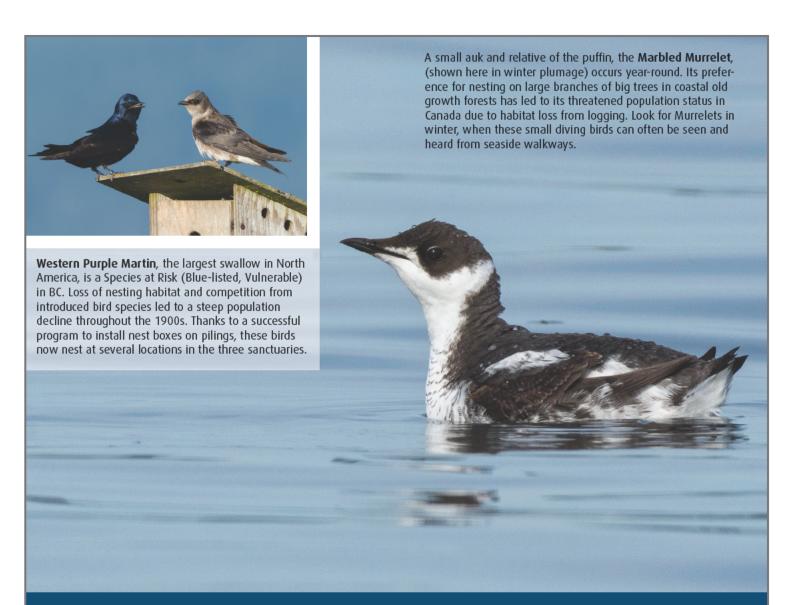
In 1917, Canada implemented the Convention through the *Migratory Bird Convention Act*; its purpose is to protect and conserve migratory birds, their eggs and nests. Within designated Migratory Bird Sanctuaries (MBS), hunting or disturbing migratory birds is prohibited, as is allowing dogs and cats to run at large. Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS) of Environment and Climate Change Canada is responsible for the protection and conservation of migratory birds, their eggs and nests within all MBSs. The Act and its associated regulations contain few habitat protection provisions, other than protecting the nests of migratory birds. Management of habitat within MBSs falls to the landowner: CWS if on federal lands; chief game officer if on provincial lands; and the individual property owner if on municipal or private lands.

Within our three urban MBSs, much important habitat has been degraded or lost, yet they still provide important roosting, nesting and foraging habitat for thousands of migratory and resident birds as well as other wildlife. Local efforts to protect and improve habitat and water quality have contributed to the return of birds and wildlife to our local waters.

Celebrate the urban MBSs in the capital region and join efforts to protect migratory birds and their habitat.

Did you know?

- The capital region is home to the three oldest of BC's seven Migratory Bird Sanctuaries.
 Currently there are 92 in all of Canada.
- The capital region is one of the best places in Canada to experience wildlife in an urban environment. From huge marine mammals like Humpback Whales, Orcas and Steller Sea Lions, to small birds like the Marbled Murrelet and Anna's Hummingbird, it's all here!
- Bald Eagles and other birds including hawks, owls, vultures, crows, jays, pelicans and cormorants were considered "pests" when the Migratory Birds Convention was signed by the federal government in 1916. These birds came under official provincial government protection in later years.
- Several non-native subspecies of Canada Geese, introduced to southwest BC, are degrading rare plant habitat in coastal meadows, tidal marshes and eelgrass beds. In the capital region, Canada Geese are now resident and abundant, impacting other wildlife and creating new wildlife management challenges.



Help protect birds

- Keep your cats indoors and your dogs on a leash!
 Never let your pets chase or harm birds or other wildlife.
- It's best not to feed wild birds, especially with bread.
 Birds fare best when they forage for their own wild food.
- Boaters and paddlers: stay well back from birds and other wildlife. Avoid disturbing birds, especially when they are feeding or nesting. If their behaviour changes as you approach, you're getting too close.
- Leave natural vegetation and standing dead wood in your yard to provide safe cover for wildlife.
- Install nest boxes. They can augment the natural cavities used for nesting by about one-quarter of our birds.
- Help reduce collisions, make windows and glass balcony railings obvious to birds.
- Avoid using pesticides and synthetic fertilizers and properly maintain your septic system. This helps prevent contaminants from entering waterways through the storm drain system.

Get involved

Learn more about Migratory Bird Sanctuaries:

 Environment and Climate Change Canada - Migratory Bird Sanctuaries (MBS) (https://ec.gc.ca/ap-pa/)

Join a local birding or conservation group:

- Esquimalt Lagoon Stewardship Initiative (elsi.ca)
- Friends of Shoal Harbour (shoalharbour.com)
- Friends of the Victoria Harbour Migratory Bird Sanctuary (Facebook)
- Gorge Waterway Initiative (gorgewaterway.ca)
- Habitat Acquisition Trust (hat.bc.ca)
- Purple Martin Recovery Team (saveourmartins.org and georgiabasin.ca)
- Victoria Natural History Society (vicnhs.bc.ca)

All bird photos by Stuart Clarke.







NEWS RELEASE

Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia officially recognizes Government House Gardens as part of a NatureHood

VICTORIA, B.C. July 12, 2017 — The Honourable Judith Guichon, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia and Nature Canada, Canada's oldest national nature conservation charity, are officially designating the grounds of Government House a NatureHood site as part of the expansion of the existing Saanich Peninsula NatureHood to include the entire capital region. The official ceremony took place on Wednesday, July 12 at 3:30pm at the Government House residence, 1401 Rockland Avenue, Victoria, B.C.

"We are delighted by Her Honour's passion for nature, and appreciate her support in acknowledging the Government House grounds as a NatureHood site within Victoria's capital region," says Bob Peart, National Chair of Nature Canada's Board of Directors and volunteer with the Friends of Shoal Harbour. "What a wonderful gift to give capital region residents and Canadians on the country's sesquicentennial birthday," he adds.

NatureHood is a Nature Canada initiative that inspires urban residents to connect with nature right where they live and to develop a long lasting relationship with nature. The Government House grounds site is within the capital region NatureHood, adjacent to Victoria Harbour and Esquimalt Lagoon and Shoal Harbour Migratory Bird Sanctuaries.

"Since NatureHood's inception in 2012, it has expanded to over a dozen Canadian urban centres, further broadening the appeal of nature with all Canadians, especially youth, exposing a new generation of nature lovers and citizen scientists to nature all around them," says Jill Sturdy, Manager of Nature Canada's national NatureHood program. "As a Nature Canada Woman for Nature, Her Honour's leadership and commitment to promoting nature awareness and appreciation at the local level is commendable." adds Sturdy.

"The Friends of Shoal Harbour Sanctuary Society (FOSH) is a proud NatureHood partner and works to highlight the amazing nearby nature of the Saanich Peninsula through public events and school trips," says Sue Staniforth, President of FOSH.

The reception also honours the *Urban Sanctuaries Project*, initiated by FOSH and now under the leadership of the Robert Bateman Centre. This community initiative aims to inspire youth to become involved in learning more about the natural systems of the region, with a special focus on celebrating the first three Migratory Bird Sanctuaries along the Pacific Coast.

"The Robert Bateman Centre is excited by the prospect of working with the Urban Sanctuaries Project and NatureHood program to deliver on one of Robert Bateman's most important beliefs of getting people engaged by the natural world in their own backyard," says Peter Ord, Managing Director of the Robert Bateman Centre. "These are two great initiatives that celebrate our natural wonder and help build frameworks to keep enhancing it," Ord adds.

The Government House Grounds

The Government House grounds contain more than 14 hectares (36 acres) of maintained gardens and Garry oak meadows. The grounds is divided into numerous different zones according to plant life and/or garden style including: the British Columbia native plant garden which contains species unique to the province; a Cottage Garden which is arranged in an informal style with a mixture of ornamental and edible plants; gardens to supply cut flowers, herbs, and an orchard with apple, plum, and quince trees; a rock garden tended by the Heather Society of Victoria; iris, lily, rhododendron; rose gardens (including a formal Victorian rose garden based on the plan of that at Warwick Castle in England); and, water features such as the fountain pond and the duck pond. There is also a unique 8.9 hectares (22 acres) Garry Oak ecosystem. The gardens are open to the public year-round and are enjoyed by many visitors.

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About Nature Canada and NatureHood: Over the past 75 years, Nature Canada, a nature conservation charity has helped protect over 63 million acres of parks and wildlife areas in Canada and countless species that depend on this habitat. Today, Nature Canada represents a network of over 50,000 supporters and more than 350 nature organizations across the country and with affiliates in every province. One of its signatory initiatives is the NatureHood program, that inspires urban residents to connect with Nearby Nature — nature right where they live. Working closely with grassroots naturalist groups, NatureHood promotes nature through celebratory events, educational and stewardship activities and wildlife observation. NatureHood aims to inspire a new generation of nature lovers. For more information visit www.naturecanada.ca

About Friends of Shoal Harbour (FOSH): The Friends of Shoal Harbour Sanctuary Society (FOSH), a non-profit society works to build public support for the continued protection of the Shoal Harbour Migratory Bird Sanctuary, which encompasses several of the bays and inlets just north of Sidney, and to promote public awareness and appreciation through celebratory events. The sanctuary is part of the Sidney Channel Important Bird Area. FOSH is a local NatureHood partner. Visit www.shoalharbour.com

About the Bateman Foundation and the Robert Bateman Centre: The Bateman Foundation, a national public charity, inspires a lasting relationship with nature through the lens of art, and is currently the one of the only non-profits in Canada primarily using artwork to promote a connection to nature and the environment. One of the Foundation's main projects is the Robert Bateman Centre, showcasing over 80 works of Robert Bateman spanning his seven decades as one of Canada's premier artists. Located in Victoria, BC's dynamic inner harbour, the Centre houses a gallery and gift shop, and invites guests to explore their relationship with the environment and pay homage to the majesty of nature. For more information visit www.batemancentre.org

VICTORIA HARBOUR MIGRATORY BIRD SANCTUARY

ESTABLISHED OCTOBER 27, 1923

Bufflehead

male (left), female (right)



J.Fenwick Lansdowne, Birds of the West Coast, Vol. 1, 1976, M.F. Feheley Pub. Ltd., Toronto

A common wintering duck in and near the entire sanctuary, from Portage Inlet to Ten Mile Point. In Victoria Harbour, 300 to 400 may winter in West Bay alone. Known for being punctual, it usually begins to return to Greater Victoria by Oct. 15, "All Buffleheads Day", the 298th day of the solar year. In 2015, one female arrived in Shoal Harbour Migratory Bird Sanctuary (Sidney) on that day when one male and nine females were also reported at Esquimalt Lagoon Migratory Bird Sanctuary. No Bufflehead was detected in Victoria Harbour Migratory Bird Sanctuary until Oct. 21, with two males and four females in Oak Bay near Bowker Creek, and a group of 30-40 on Portage Inlet near Colquitz Creek, on Oct. 25.

Sept- 20/17 To Existina Bouris Re: Vie West Park Development as we discussed on the shore, I wanted to add the following which I forgot to include in the open-house 1. could there be lighting installed at the public washroom by Wilson St. on the pack park side especially & the sides, to discourage the gathering of people for drinking etc. - + perhaps 2. and of course again, a regular for lighting ("friendly" rather than overpowering) along the pedestrian path flow Esquipatt Rd. to Wilson 3) Again, warmy thanks for the split rail fence along the grassy off-leash area to keep enthusiastic dogs from running

GORGE WATERWAY SWIMMING INFRASTRUCTURE SURVEY RESULTS

A - ARM STREET PARK DOCK

B - BURLEITH STREET PARK DOCK

C - BANFIELD PARK DOCK EXPANSION

D - BANFIELD PARK BEACH

E - BANFIELD PARK BAY FLOATING BARGE

F - OTHER (SEE COMMENTS)

PROCESS:

68 People ranked the above swimming infrastructure improvements from 1 to 6.

These ranking were averaged and noted below.

These rankings were also converted into points were 1 equaled 10 points and zero equaled zero points.

The average of these points were then used as a preference with

RANKINGS:

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2 - C - BANFIELD PARK DOCK EXPANSION

3 - E - BANFIELD PARK BAY FLOATING BARGE

4 - B - BURLEITH STREET PARK DOCK

5 - A - ARM STREET PARK DOCK

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COMMENTS:

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Craigflower House beach should also have a clear channel out to the middle of the water.

We need easier access from the docks into the water. The tiny ladders don't work for seniors.

Dog Swimming.

Floating float anchored off shore to be a target for swimmers.

Life Guards as the only beach in the Captial Region that has guards.

Bathrooms at Banfield close to dock for paddlers, boaters, swimmers. Nice bathrooms with change area.

Swimming access at Glo Pub

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I would like a place to take my dog swimming

Get rid of derelict boats by trestle bridge

create a swimming beach on the north side under the Gorge Rd. Hospital, Harriet Street.

Partner with Esquimalt or Saanich on a facility across the Victoria border.

Deck or wharf for Curtis Point. This would allow ease of access to launch off or swim.

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washrooms

washrooms with change rooms

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