



**Planning and Land Use Committee Report
For the Meeting of June 11, 2015**

To: Planning and Land Use Committee **Date:** June 4, 2015
From: Kristina Bouris, Senior Planner
Subject: Developing an Accelerated Approach to Local Area Planning: Proposed Process

Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to recommend consultation with neighbourhood/community associations to inform an accelerated, tailored approach to local area planning for urban villages and transportation corridors. It is proposed that these discussions be integrated with planned consultation about how the City can better support neighbourhoods.

Recognizing that each neighbourhood is unique and that there may not be a one size fits all approach, it is proposed that staff and Councillor Liaisons meet with each community association this summer to inform a new, tailored approach for local area planning.

This initiative will be co-led by Citizen Engagement and Strategic Planning and Sustainable Planning and Community Development. Meetings will include staff from the two departments, the Area Development Planner for each neighbourhood and the Councillor Liaison. The meetings will be scheduled immediately, and ideally completed by the end of September 2015. Recognizing that Community Associations are volunteer-based and that meetings are less frequent during the summer, the timeline may need to be extended into October. Staff will be flexible to meet at the discretion of the associations, should they want to plan a special meeting.

Topics to be discussed include what each neighbourhood would like to have addressed through local area planning and how they would like to be involved in the development of their plan, which may open opportunities for citizen-led or co-design approaches. These discussions will be incorporated in planned discussions with the neighbourhood's initiative to explore how the City can better support neighbourhoods recognizing how these two topics are interrelated. The information collected will help inform the most effective and supported approach for local area planning as well as help shape the work of the neighbourhood team in providing better ongoing support neighbourhoods.

A meeting is also proposed with the Urban Development Institute to discuss local area planning and confirm how the development community would like to be involved.

In addition, research will be conducted on previous approaches used in other municipalities to accelerate local area planning.

Staff will report back to Council with a recommended approach to accelerating local area planning for urban villages and corridors in October 2015, pending the completion of meetings with each Community Association.

Appendix A is a table outlining the meetings for each community association, the area planner and Councillor Liaison assigned to each neighbourhood, and the upcoming meeting dates.

Background

The City of Victoria Strategic Plan (2015-2018) seeks to advance and complete local area planning for urban villages and corridors:

2015 Actions

- o Commence three new urban village centre plans upon completion of Burnside-Gorge/Douglas Street Corridor Plan.

2016 Outcomes

- o Local Area Planning focused on urban villages and transportation corridors.

Recommendation

That Council approve the recommended process for developing an accelerated approach to local area planning for urban villages and transportation corridors, including holding one-on-one meetings with each community association.

Respectfully submitted,



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Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager:



Jason Johnson

Date:

June 5, 2015

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List of Attachments

- Appendix A: Community Associations, Meeting Dates, Councillor Liaisons, Area Planners and Upcoming Meeting Dates

APPENDIX A: Community Associations, Meeting Dates, Councillor Liaisons, Area Planners and Upcoming Meeting Dates

	Community & Neighbourhood Associations	Meeting Dates	Councillor Liaison	Area Planner	Meeting Date To Be Requested
1	Burnside Gorge Community Association	Board meetings – 4 th Mon of the month, 5:30pm at the community centre; Community meetings – 3 rd Mon of the month, 6:30pm at the community centre	Geoff Young	Brian Sikstrom	Sep 22*
2	Downtown Residents Association	3 rd Tues of the month, 5:30pm at GVPL Central Branch Library	Charlayne Thornton-Joe Margaret Lucas	Mike Wilson	July 21
3	Fairfield Gonzales Community Association	1 st Mon of the month (unless it's a holiday), 7pm at the community centre 1330 Fairfield Rd.	Chris Coleman	Charlotte Wain	Jul 8
4	Fernwood Community Association	2 nd Wed of the month, 7:30pm in the Board Room, 1923 Fernwood Road	Charlayne Thornton-Joe	TBD	Jul 8
5	James Bay Neighbourhood Association	2 nd Wed of the month, 7pm at James Bay New Horizons (until end of Aug; new site tbd)	Margaret Lucas	Jim Handy	Sep 8*
6	North Jubilee Neighbourhood Association	1 st Wed of the month, 7pm, Room S150A, Patient Care Center, 1952 Bay Street, RJH Campus	Pam Madoff	Lucina Baryluk	Sept 2
7	North Park Neighbourhood Association	1 st Wed of the month, 7pm at Sands Funeral Home (1803 Quadra Street)	Jeremy Loveday	Mike Wilson	Jul 8
8	Oaklands Community Association	4 th Mon of the month, 7 pm, Oaklands Neighbourhood House	Marianne Alto	Lucina Baryluk	Sep 22*
9	Quadra Village – Hillside Quadra Neighbourhood Action Group	1 st non-holiday Monday each month 7pm, at the community centre	Ben Isitt	Lucina Baryluk	Sep 14*
10	Rockland Neighbourhood Association	Every 2 nd Wed, 7pm at the Government House Friends Cottage, 1401 Rockland	Pam Madoff	TBD	Sept 9*
11	South Jubilee Neighbourhood Association	2 nd Mon every other month. 7pm, Victoria College of Art (Bank + Leighton).	Pam Madoff	Lucina Baryluk	Sept 8*
12	Victoria West Community Association	Last Tues of the month 7pm at the community centre.	Jeremy Loveday	Mike Wilson	Sep 29*

*or attend a special meeting upon request