

Quarterly Progress Report on Strategic Initiatives

October to December 2013



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About this Report

The purpose of this report is to update Council on the status of those initiatives that have been identified as priorities for the organization to the end of 2015. The content of the report will change from quarter to quarter as new initiatives are started and others completed. This report is not meant to be a complete description of the work performed by City staff during the quarter. Staff are also engaged in delivering core services and participating in other significant initiatives.

The City of Victoria Strategic Plan for 2013 to 2015 groups strategies and key initiatives under four strategic areas:

- Our City Government focuses on Council decision making and the organization's performance.
- Our Community concentrates on issues of livability and social well-being.
- Our Economy focuses on what is needed to encourage economic growth and vitality.
- **Our Environment** targets our ability to protect and sustain the environment and reduce our ecological impact.



As shown in the figure above, these strategic areas are not mutually exclusive. Although initiatives are grouped in this report under the most relevant of these four strategic areas, many support achievement of goals in multiple areas.

This report has three sections:

- **Initiatives and Status at a Glance** is a snapshot of the current status of initiatives. The status reflects whether any changes in objectives, scope, resources or timelines have occurred since Council was last updated on the project.
- Initiative Summaries comprise the bulk of the report. These are summaries of each initiative, highlighting its contribution to the Strategic Plan for 2013 to 2015, the objectives of the project, and project phases and timeline. An explanation of each project's status can also be found in this section.
- Other Accomplishments this Quarter recognizes notable accomplishments from the quarter that may not be associated with an initiative featured in the report, but demonstrate significant progress in reaching the goals and strategies outlined in the Strategic Plan.

Our Service Principles emphasize our commitment to accountability. We are:

"Open and Accountable: We listen, continually measure our performance and communicate the results."

This document is one means for staff to demonstrate our commitment to accountability, sustainability, and willingness to take responsibility for our actions. As noted in the Strategic Plan for 2013 to 2015, this shared commitment is at the centre of the relationship between Council, staff and the community and enables us to work together to make the vision outlined in that Plan a reality.

A. Executive Summary

This document is an update from the City Manager to Council on the progress of strategic initiatives for the period from October 1 to December 31, 2013.

Most initiatives have a "green" status, with no changes to project plans since Council was last updated on their status. A number of initiatives experienced significant milestones this quarter:

- City Hall renovations were completed and staff moved into the renovated first floor. The
 reconstruction of the Public Service Counter was started as the next phase of customer
 service improvements at City Hall.
- Governance discussions with Council were completed. Work is now underway to implement Council direction.
- An Open Meeting Policy was developed and approved as part of the Open Government initiative.
- Changes to vehicular movements and multi-use trail improvements in Beacon Hill Park were approved following the completion of the evaluation of the transportation pilot project. Staff are now planning for implementation of those changes.
- The project charter for the update of the Bicycle Master Plan was completed and approved.

Seven initiatives have been assigned a "yellow" status. These are:

- Implementation of the Customer Service Action Plan: Reconstruction of the Public Service Counter completion is now scheduled for August 2014
- Make Continuous Improvements to Governance delegation bylaw development has been postponed in order to allow for input and review from the new City Manager
- Review Parking Services presentation of draft recommendations will now occur in February 2014
- Manage Siem Lelum (120 Gorge Road) Supportive Housing Project the date for transfer of the property remains unknown
- Introduce Housing Initiatives although the overall end date remains unchanged, completion of initial phases has been delayed
- Renovate or Replace Fire Hall #1 additional time is required for more detailed options analysis, and
- Implement Esquimalt Policing Decision an agreement is now expected in February 2014.

The Development of Options for the Crystal Pool and Fitness Centre has returned to planning phase, following a Council decision to set aside the Project Charter.

Other Accomplishments this quarter were focussed primarily on "Our Community." The City's innovative Heritage Tax Incentive Program received two awards: one from the Canadian Association of Heritage Professionals and the other from the International Downtown Association. That program allows eligible owners of downtown Heritage Designated buildings to offset seismic upgrading costs for the purposes of residential conversion of existing upper storeys.



B. Initiatives and Status at a Glance

	Initiative	Status	Estimated Completion Date
Our	City Government		
1.	Implement Customer Service Action Plan City Hall Renovations Public Service Counter Land Development Business Licensing Permits and Inspections	Ý O O O O O O O O O O	October 2013 August 2014 December 2014 January 2016 Ongoing
2.	Make Continuous Improvements to Governance	0	April 2014
3.	Pursue Naming Rights for Victoria Conference Centre	•	April 2014
4.	Review Parking Services	0	June 2014
5.	 Introduce Open Government Initiatives Open Meeting Policy Enhanced search capability Closed meeting disclosure webpage Online report library Open data licence 	✓ • •	December 2013 June 2014 June 2014 June 2014 June 2014
Our	Community		
6.	Manage Siem Lelum (120 Gorge Road) Supportive Housing Project	0	TBD
7.	Examine and Improve Public Transportation Options Transit Cycling	•	Douglas Street improvements from Herald to Hillside – June 2014 Bicycle Master Plan – April 2014
8.	Introduce Housing Initiatives	0	October 2015
9.	Renovate or Replace Fire Hall #1	0	TBD
10.	Implement Esquimalt Policing Decision	0	February 2014
11.	Develop Options for Crystal Pool and Fitness Centre	0	TBD
Our	Economy		
12.	Implement Economic Development Strategy	<u> </u>	ED contract ends – June 2015
13.	Develop a Feasibility Study and Business Case for Harbour Waterfront Revitalization	•	Project Charter – February 2014
14.	Establish New Downtown Zones and Integrate Density Bonus System	•	Central Business District zones – June 2014
Our	Environment		
15.	Replace Johnson Street Bridge	•	Q1 2016
16.	Pilot and Evaluate Transportation Changes in Beacon Hill Park	•	Evaluation – Completed Implementation – TBD in 2014
17.	Develop Asset Management Framework and Implementation Plan	•	Implementation Plan – January 2014 Software Acquisition – June 2014
18.	Maximize Opportunities from Sewage Treatment Infrastructure Construction	•	Concept approval – May 2014 Implementation – TBD

STATUS KEY

- O In planning phase
- No changes to project plan since last reporting date
- Minor changes to project plan since last reporting date, no significant change in overall objectives/scope, schedule or resources required
- Major change in objectives/scope, schedule or resources since last reporting date
- ✓ Completed

C. Initiative Summaries

Implement Customer Service Action Plan



Strategy from Strategic Plan

Examine key permit and licensing functions to ensure that customer service and internal efficiency are maximized

Objectives

- Improve customer service
- Increase access to City information and services

Lead Department

Engineering and Public Works, Legislative and Regulatory Services, Sustainable Planning and Community Development, Communications and Civic Engagement (overall Action Plan lead)

Third Party Services (from January 1, 2013)

City Hall renovations/Public Service Counter reconstruction require:

- ongoing construction management contract with Durwest and contracts with various subcontractors
- services of Graphic Office Interiors Ltd. to supply and install furniture systems
- ongoing professional services from Chow, Low, Hammond Architects and various subcontractors

Status O

Have the objectives or scope of the project changed?

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Have the resources required to complete the project changed?

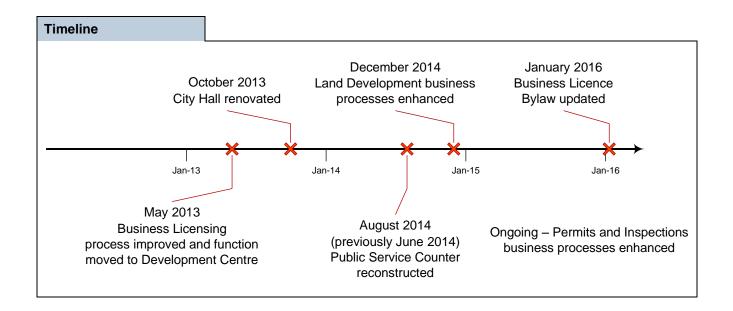
No

Has the timeline for the project changed?

Yes

 Reconstruction of Public Service Counter now anticipated for completion in August, instead of June, 2014

Description	Start Date	End Date
Renovate City Hall	2011	October 2013
Reconstruct Public Service Counter	September 2013	August 2014
Implement enhanced Land Development business processes	2012	December 2014
Improve Business Licensing process and update bylaw	September 2012	January 2016
Implement enhanced Permits and Inspections business processes	2011	Ongoing



2. Make Continuous Improvements to Governance



Strategy from Strategic Plan

Enhance information sharing among Council, staff and the public to promote citizen and staff engagement and facilitate informed decision-making

Objectives

- Improve role definition for elected officials and staff
- Improve organizational efficiency and effectiveness
- Improve public understanding of governance model

Lead Department

Legislative and Regulatory Services

Status



Have the objectives or scope of the project changed?

No

Have the resources required to complete the project changed?

No

Has the timeline for the project changed?

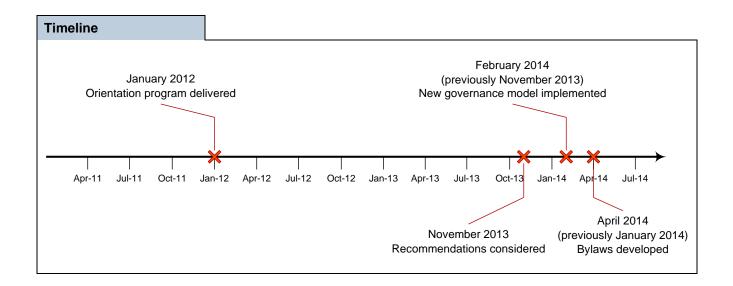
Yes

 Bylaw development will be delayed to April 2014 to allow for review by the new City Manager

Third Party Services (from January 1, 2013)

No third party services commissioned or expected

Description	Start Date	End Date
Develop and deliver orientation program for the new Council to enhance Council decision-making processes	April 2011	January 2012
Review Council governance model and propose recommendations for improvement to the new Council	April 2011	November 2013
Implement new governance model	October 2013	February 2014
Develop and recommend up to date bylaws that set out administrative authorities	January 2011	April 2014



3. Pursue Naming Rights for Victoria Conference Centre



Strategy from Strategic Plan

Pursue alternative sources of revenue to complement traditional tax revenue

Objectives

Realize revenue commensurate with the naming rights opportunity

Lead Department

Victoria Conference Centre

Status

Have the objectives or scope of the project changed?

No

Have the resources required to complete the project changed?

No

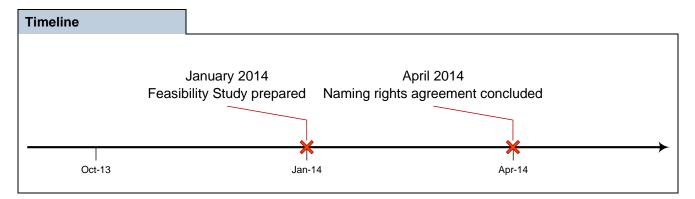
Has the timeline for the project changed?

No

Third Party Services (from January 1, 2013)

Description of services	Third party service provider	Date of commission	Value	Reports produced
Phase 1 – Research/Strategic Feasibility Report and Phase 2 – Market Development, Presentations and Conclusion	Spectrum Marketing Corporation	September 1, 2013	\$88,000 plus 12.5% conclusion fee	

Description	Start Date	End Date
Prepare feasibility study with opportunities for Council consideration	September 2013	January 2014
Conclude naming rights agreement	January 2014	April 2014



4. Review Parking Services



Strategy from Strategic Plan

Identify and implement changes to City service delivery that will result in cost savings or other benefits

Objectives

- To improve the customer experience parking downtown
- To reduce operational costs
- To increase turnover on-street making it easier to find parking

Lead Department

Engineering and Public Works

Status

Have the objectives or scope of the project changed?

No

Have the resources required to complete the project changed?

No

Has the timeline for the project changed?

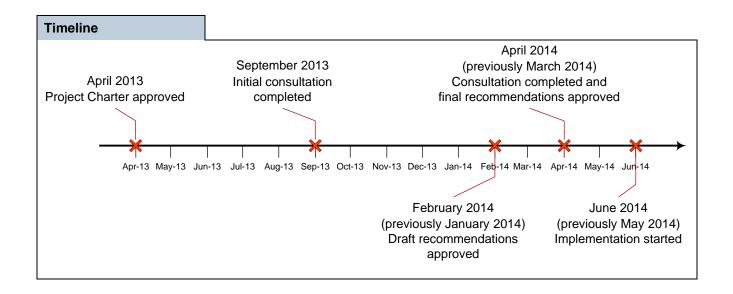
Yes

 Presentation of recommendations to Council delayed to allow additional time for analysis of options

Third Party Services (from January 1, 2013)

No third party services commissioned or expected

Description	Start Date	End Date
Obtain Council approval of Project Charter		April 2013
Conduct technical review and consult with stakeholders	April 2013	September 2013
Develop draft recommendations and present to Council for approval	September 2013	February 2014
Consult with stakeholders on draft recommendations	February 2014	April 2014
Prepare final recommendations and present to Council for approval	April 2014	April 2014
Develop Implementation Plan and communication strategies and start to implement recommendations	April 2014	June 2014



5. Introduce Open Government Initiatives



Strategy from Strategic Plan

Enhance information sharing among Council, staff and the public to promote citizen and staff engagement and facilitate informed decision-making

Objectives

Increase public and staff access to Council proceedings and other City information

Lead Department

Legislative and Regulatory Services

Status

Have the objectives or scope of the project changed?

Yes

Several new initiatives added to reflect recent Council direction

Have the resources required to complete the project changed?

No

Has the timeline for the project changed?

No

Third Party Services (from January 1, 2013)

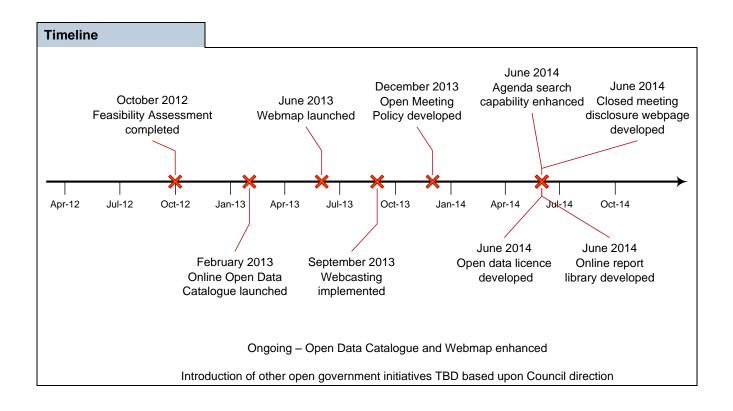
Description of services	Third party service provider	Date of commission	Value	Reports produced
Digital agenda hosting services	iCompass Ltd.	January 2013	\$23,000	N/A
Webcasting hosting services	Granicus Inc.	May 2013	\$11,000	N/A
Webcasting hardware/ software supply and installation	Granicus Inc.	May 2013	\$61,500	N/A
Webcasting promotional video	Media One	September 2013	\$1,035	N/A

Phases			
Description		Start Date	End Date
Prepare Feasibility Assessr	nent	March 2012	October 2012
Introduce online open data	catalogue	Feb 2013	Enhancements will be ongoing
Launch public webmap		June 2013	Enhancements will be ongoing
Purchase and install webca implement webcasting	sting equipment and	January 2013	September 2013
Develop Open Meeting Policy		September 2013	December 2013
Enhance search capability management application	of the City's agenda	December 2013	June 2014
Develop an open data licen	ce	December 2013	June 2014
Develop a webpage for pub Council and Committee me		December 2013	June 2014

January 2014

TBD based upon

Council direction



Develop an online document library for posting of

Introduce other open government initiatives

routine and third party reports

June 2014

TBD based upon

Council direction

Manage Siem Lelum (120 Gorge Road) Supportive Housing Project



Strategy from Strategic Plan

Partner with regional stakeholders to address transportation and other community issues

Objectives

Protect and create affordable small family housing and supported housing

Lead Department

Engineering and Public Works

Status

Have the objectives or scope of the project changed?

No

Have the resources required to complete the project changed?

No

Has the timeline for the project changed?

No

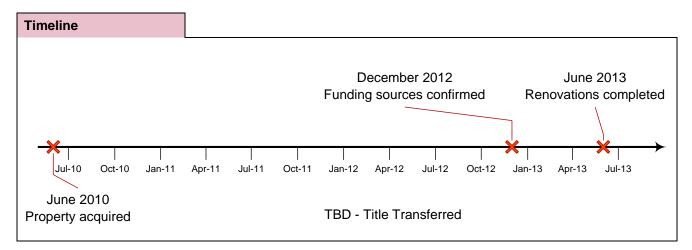
Date for title transfer continues to be TBD

Third Party Services (from January 1, 2013)

No third party services commissioned or expected

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Description	Start Date	End Date
Develop business case and acquire property	August 2009	June 2010
Negotiate and transfer title to Victoria Native Friendship Centre	September 2009	TBD
Pursue and confirm funding sources	January 2010	December 2012
Manage renovations	November 2012	June 2013



7. Examine and Improve Public Transportation Options



Strategy from Strategic Plan

Partner with regional stakeholders to address transportation and other community issues

Objectives

Examine and improve public transportation options

Lead Department

Engineering and Public Works

Status



Have the objectives or scope of the project changed?

No

Have the resources required to complete the project changed?

No

Has the timeline for the project changed?

Yes

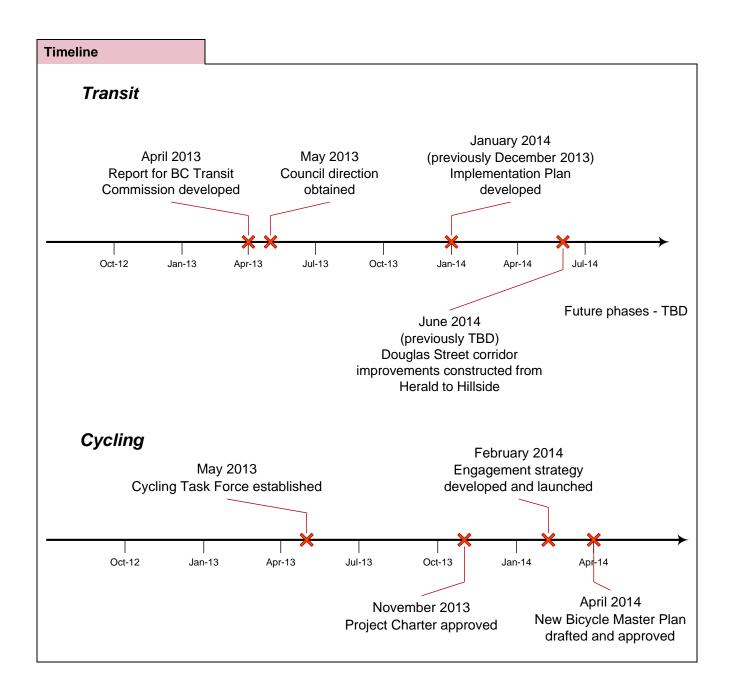
Timelines for Bicycle Master Plan update have now been determined

Third Party Services (from January 1, 2013)

No third party services commissioned or expected

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Description		Start Date	End Date
Transit			
Work with BC Transit to developmeasures for BC Transit Comr	op report on Douglas Street interim mission	2012	April 2013
Obtain Council direction on rep	port recommendations	April 2013	May 2013
Work with BC Transit to develo	op Implementation Plan	June 2013	January 2014
Construct Douglas Street corricto Hillside Avenue	dor improvements from Herald Street	February 2014	June 2014
Future phases		TBD	TBD
Cycling			
Establish Cycling Task Force			May 2013
Prepare Project Charter for Co	ouncil approval	June 2013	November 2013
Develop and launch Engageme	ent Strategy	November 2013	February 2014
Draft and obtain approval of ne	ew Bicycle Master Plan	March 2014	April 2014



8. Introduce Housing Initiatives



Strategy from Strategic Plan

Ensure that land use policies and practices facilitate development of a diversity of housing choices to support future population needs

Objectives

- Develop policies and initiatives to better address OCP policies related to housing diversity and affordability
- Partner with CRD, government and stakeholders to address barriers to development, identify policy solutions and pilot housing innovations

Lead Department

Sustainable Planning and Community Development

Status

Have the objectives or scope of the project changed?

No

Have the resources required to complete the project changed?

No

Has the timeline for the project changed?

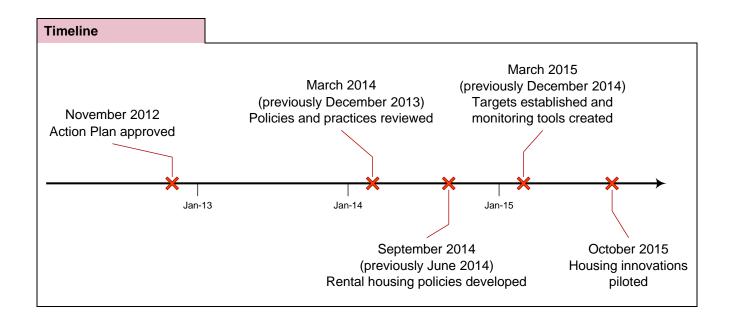
Yes

 Short term deadlines shifted due to emergence of other housing and community development issues, and being short-staffed while social planning function integrated into Sustainable Planning and Community Development department. Initiative end date remains unchanged.

Third Party Services (from January 1, 2013)

No third party services commissioned or expected

Description	Start Date	End Date
Conduct policy and practice review	November 2012	March 2014
Develop rental housing policies	November 2012	September 2014
Establish targets and create monitoring tools	December 2012	March 2015
Pilot housing innovations	December 2012	October 2015



9. Renovate or Replace Fire Hall #1



Strategy from Strategic Plan

Enhance public safety and enable the coordination and delivery of policing and fire services

Objectives

Provide a Fire Hall that meets department needs and is seismically resilient

Lead Department

Engineering and Public Works

Status ___

Have the objectives or scope of the project changed?

No

Have the resources required to complete the project changed?

No

Has the timeline for the project changed?

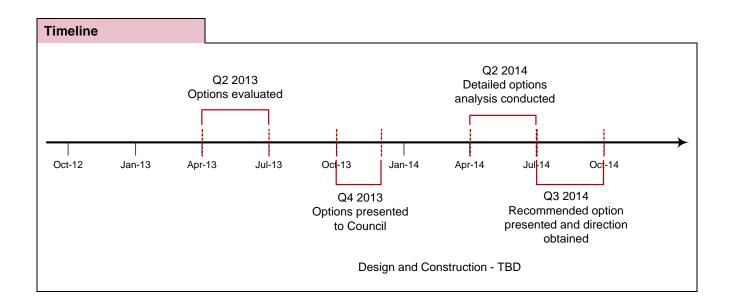
Yes

 Decision on renovation or replacement delayed to allow for full consideration of all major capital projects

Third Party Services (from January 1, 2013)

Description of services	Third party service provider	Date of commission	Value	Reports produced
Architectural services	Johnston Davidson Architecture and Planning Inc.	July 2013	\$10,000	

Description	Start Date	End Date
Evaluate options	Q1 2013	Q2 2013
Present options for Council consideration	Q2 2013	Q4 2013
Conduct detailed options analysis	Q1 2014	Q2 2014
Present recommended option and obtain Council direction	Q3 2014	Q3 2014
Design and construction	TBD	TBD



10. Implement Esquimalt Policing Decision



Strategy from Strategic Plan

Enhance public safety and enable the coordination and delivery of policing and fire services

Objectives

Develop operating agreement for policing in Esquimalt and Victoria

Lead Department

City Manager's Office

Status

Have the objectives or scope of the project changed?

No

Have the resources required to complete the project changed?

No

Has the timeline for the project changed?

Yes

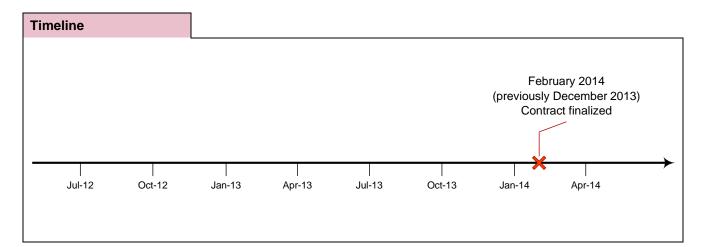
 Discussions are continuing. Contract is now expected to be finalized in February 2014.

Third Party Services (from January 1, 2013)

Third party services may be commissioned if arbitration is required

Phases

DescriptionStart DateEnd DateFinalize policing contractJune 2012February 2014



11. Develop Options for Crystal Pool and Fitness Centre



Strategy from Strategic Plan

Engage with the public on the future of recreation facilities and programs in the city

Objectives

- Engage the public to create a common understanding of the current condition of the facility
- Assess the public's understanding of options and willingness to fund a pool and/or recreation facility
- Determine the type of facility and the operational model that the public is most interested in supporting
- Determine if partners are willing to be involved in future facility construction and/or operation

Lead Department

Parks, Recreation and Culture

Status

This project has been put on hold. Council has passed a motion to set the Project Charter aside pending funding decisions on Fire Hall #1 and the Bay Street Bridge. New timelines will be developed should the project move forward in the future. In the interim, data collection is continuing and will provide the background for short-term facility investment needs.

Third Party Services (from January 1, 2013)

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Description of services	Third party service provider	Date of commission	Value	Reports produced
Situational Assessment	Yates, Thorn & Associates	October 8, 2013	\$14,750	

Phases

Description

Start Date

End Date

Timeline		

12. Implement Economic Development Strategy



Strategy from Strategic Plan

All strategies under "Our Economy"

Objectives

- Create a sustainable economy
- · Grow business in the city
- Increase sustainable prosperity in Victoria

Lead Department

City Manager's Office

Status

Have the objectives or scope of the project changed?

No
Have the resources required to complete the project changed?

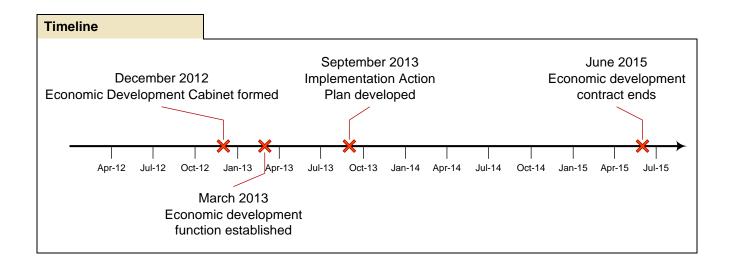
No
Has the timeline for the project changed?

No

Third Party Services (from January 1, 2013)

Description of services	Third party service provider	Date of commission	Value of services	Reports produced
Implement City's Economic Development Strategy	Sage Baker	June 2013	\$360,000	N/A

Description	Start Date	End Date
Form Economic Development Advisory Group	March 2012	December 2012
Establish a City economic development function	November 2012	March 2013
Develop Implementation Action Plan	June 2012	September 2013
Various initiatives in support of the three identified core areas of focus (Support for the ship building industry in a working harbour; Support for an environment for entrepreneurship downtown; Working with First Nations and other relevant parties for the revitalization of Rock Bay)	July 2013	June 2015



13. Develop a Feasibility Study and **Business Case for Harbour Waterfront Revitalization**



Strategy from Strategic Plan

Engage in local area planning projects that will facilitate economic development

Objectives

Implement policy direction set out in the Official Community Plan, Economic Development Strategy and Downtown Core Area Plan

Lead Department

Sustainable Planning and Community Development

Status

Have the objectives or scope of the project changed?

No

Have the resources required to complete the project changed?

No

Has the timeline for the project changed?

No

Third Party Services (from January 1, 2013)

Description of services	Third party	Date of	value of	Reports
Description of services	service provider	commission	services	produced

Environmental and Geotechnical Analysis of City-owned Lands at Ship

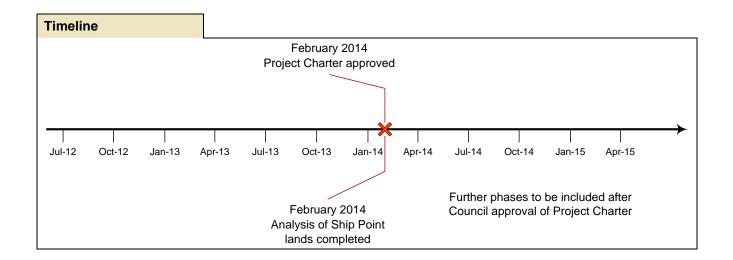
SNC Lavalin Environment May 15, 2013 \$ 40,803

Need for other third party services will be identified in the Project Charter

Phases

Point

Description	Start Date	End Date
Develop Project Charter and present to Council for approval		February 2014
Complete environmental and geotechnical analysis of Ship Point lands	April 2013	February 2014
Other phases will be included after Council approval of Project Charter		



14. Establish New Downtown Zones and Integrate Density Bonus System



Strategy from Strategic Plan

Engage in local area planning projects that will facilitate economic development

Objectives

Increase certainty for development industry and community

Lead Department

Sustainable Planning and Community Development

Status

needed

Have the objectives or scope of the project changed?

No

Have the resources required to complete the project changed?

No

TBD

Has the timeline for the project changed?

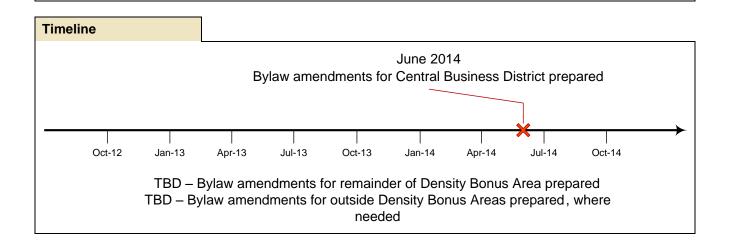
No

TBD

Third Party Services (from January 1, 2013)

Likely will be third party services required, although the exact nature of these services depends upon future internal capacity and is unknown at this time

Phases			
Description		Start Date	End Date
stakeholders and develop	I zones for Central Business District, consult recommendations for Council. Prepare Zoning lents based upon Council direction.	July 2012	June 2014
Prepare bylaw amendmen	ts for remainder of Bonus Density Area	TBD	TBD
Prepare bylaw amendmen	ts for outside Bonus Density Areas, where	TDD	TDD



15. Replace Johnson Street Bridge



Strategy from Strategic Plan

Develop and implement asset management policies and plans that will facilitate prioritization and decisionmaking regarding capital assets

Objectives

Replace the existing bridge with a more reliable, safer and more sustainable bridge with improved cyclist and pedestrian amenities

Lead Department

Johnson Street Bridge Project

Status



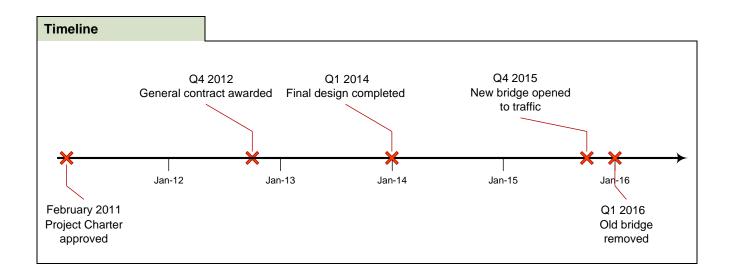
Have the objectives or scope of the project changed? No Have the resources required to complete the project changed? No No

Has the timeline for the project changed?

Third Party Services (from January 1, 2013)

Description of services	Third party service provider	Date of commission	Value of services	Reports produced
Overhead primary service relocation 203 Harbour Road	BC Hydro	August 8, 2013	\$5,520	N/A
Supply and install new 45' pole	Horizon Power	August 9, 2013	\$14,480	N/A
Fish Habitat Monitoring for three years	Golder Associates Ltd.	September 13, 2013	\$14,850	October 29, 2013
Three annual audits of PST payments	MNP Ltd.	September 30, 2013	\$15,570	
BC Hydro plant relocate for JSB road alignment	BC Hydro	December 9, 2013	\$44,366	N/A

Description	Start Date	End Date
Complete final design of bridge and public realm	Q1 2011	Q1 2014
Award general contract	Q1 2012	Q4 2012
Construct new bridge	Q2 2013	Q4 2015
Remove old bridge	Q4 2015	Q1 2016



16. Pilot and Evaluate Transportation Changes in Beacon Hill Park



Strategy from Strategic Plan

Develop and implement plans for sustainable management of the City's natural resources, including parks, urban forest, native ecosystems and species at risk

Objectives

- Enhance bicycle and pedestrian use of Beacon Hill Park
- · Reduce car traffic in Beacon Hill Park
- · Improve park pathway system

Lead Department

Parks, Recreation and Culture

Status



No

Have the resources required to complete the project changed?

Have the objectives or scope of the project changed?

Budget currently being developed

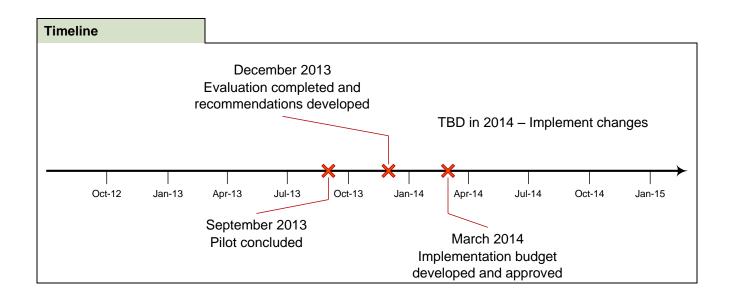
Has the timeline for the project changed?

No

Third Party Services (from January 1, 2013)

No third party services commissioned or expected

Description	Start Date	End Date
Pilot transportation changes	July 2012	September 2013
Evaluate results of pilot project and develop recommendations for Council approval	August 2012	December 2013
Prepare detailed budget for implementation of approved changes and present to Council for approval	January 2014	March 2014
Implement changes		TBD in 2014



17. Develop Asset Management Framework and Implementation Plan



Strategy from Strategic Plan

Develop and implement asset management policies and plans that will facilitate prioritization and decision-making regarding capital assets

Objectives

- Provide the City of Victoria with an Asset Management Strategy that will be a guide for the implementation of integrated asset management practices across the entire organization
- Promote informed decision-making and effective stewardship of all publicly owned municipal assets

Lead Departments

Engineering and Public Works, Finance

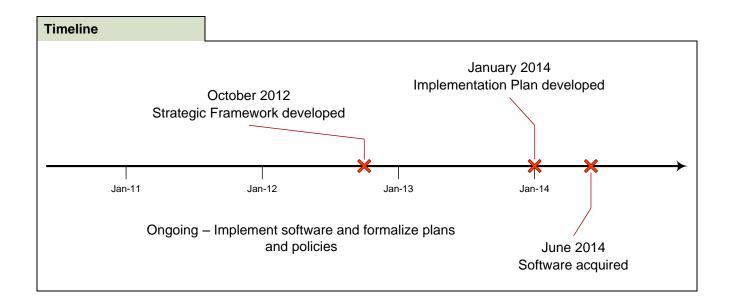
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Have the objectives or scope of the project changed?	No
Have the resources required to complete the project changed?	No
Has the timeline for the project changed?	No

Third Party Services (from January 1, 2013)

Will require ongoing software maintenance services once software acquired

Description	Start Date	End Date
Develop Strategic Framework for Asset Management	July 2010	October 2012
Develop Asset Management Implementation Plan	February 2013	January 2014
Acquire asset management software (part of Implementation Plan)	June 2013	June 2014
Implement asset management software (part of Implementation Plan)	July 2014	ongoing
Formalize asset management plans and policies (part of Implementation Plan)		ongoing



18. Maximize Opportunities from Sewage Treatment Infrastructure Construction



Strategy from Strategic Plan

Develop and implement asset management policies and plans that will facilitate prioritization and decisionmaking regarding capital assets

Objectives

- · Maximize opportunity to align other capital works with the CRD sewage construction work
- Enhance public realm along Dallas Road

Lead Department

Engineering and Public Works

Status

Have the objectives or scope of the project changed?

No

Have the resources required to complete the project changed?

No

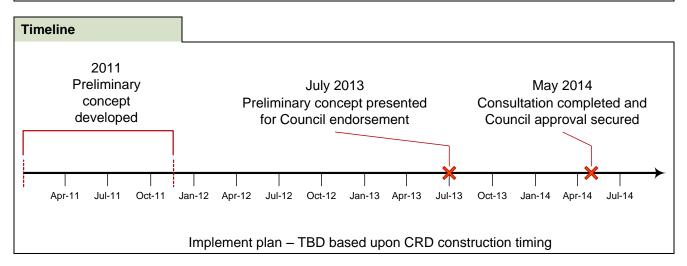
Has the timeline for the project changed?

No

Third Party Services (from January 1, 2013)

No third party services commissioned or expected

Description	Start Date	End Date
Develop preliminary concept	2011	2011
Present preliminary concept for Council endorsement	2012	July 2013
Consult with the public on preliminary concept and secure Council approval	October 2013	May 2014
Implement plan	TBD based upon CRD construction timing	



D. Other Accomplishments this Quarter



Our City Government

- Hosted three Open Houses to raise awareness about upcoming changes to how stormwater is managed and to seek feedback about the proposed rainwater management credit program
- VicMap was named "Mr/Miss" September by Esri Canada for their 2014 Map Gallery Calendar. The
 calendar highlights some of the best work being done by Geographic Information System (GIS)
 professionals and features outstanding maps from across the country.

Our Community

- Partnered with the Downtown Victoria Business Association (DVBA) to install an enhanced downtown LED seasonal decorations program and host Spirit of the Season in the Square festivities, including the annual Christmas Tree Light-up, the DVBA Ferris Wheel and the 48th Annual Carolling Week at City Hall
- Collaborated with the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria to present XENALEKEN, a First Nations Artist Forum that explored the role of Aboriginal art in decolonization
- Participated in the ShakeOut BC province-wide earthquake drill
- Hosted a grand opening for the new outdoor fitness circuit at Central Park, which provides users ages 13
 years and up with 16 stations for cardio and strength-training
- Co-sponsored the 10th Annual City of Victoria Butler Book Prize, which was awarded this year to Stephen Reid, author of A Crowbar in the Buddhist Garden
- Recognized with two awards from the International Downtown Association: a Pinnacle Award for the Heritage Tax Incentive Program and a Merit Award for the Chinatown Heavenly Lights project
- During Fire Prevention Week, the Victoria Fire Department partnered with Domino's Pizza to reward Victoria residents who have working smoke alarms in their homes with free pizza
- Partnered with the Victoria Royals to celebrate RBC Sports Day in Canada with two special events at Save-On-Foods Memorial Centre
- Volunteers from the Victoria Emergency Management Agency (VEMA) hosted Operation Show and Tell, part emergency exercise, part open house at the Oaklands Community Centre
- Completed the Official Community Plan 2013 Annual Review, which includes annual and five year baseline indicators that will form the basis for future reviews
- Collected 6,192 pounds of food and \$500 in grocery store gift certificates for the Mustard Seed Food Bank during the 14th Annual Holiday Food Drive
- Hosted focus group meetings to solicit feedback on proposed Zoning Regulation Bylaw Improvements related to changes to site topography
- Received the Award of Excellence in Heritage Planning from the Canadian Association of Heritage Professionals for the Heritage Tax Incentive Program
- Launched an integrated graffiti management strategy, which includes participation of community VTAG volunteers
- Completed installation of new bike lanes on Pandora, Johnson and Begbie

Our Economy

Adopted regulatory changes that will allow businesses to place portable signs on City sidewalks. The
regulations balance the value of signs to businesses with the need to maintain safe and clear passage for all
sidewalk users.

Our Environment

- Completed work to upgrade the sidewalks and crosswalks and improve accessibility and lighting at the intersection of Bay and Tyee
- Installed a new crosswalk on Burnside Road at Napier Lane, which will improve pedestrian connections along Burnside and tie into the greenways project on Cecelia Road and Napier Lane, the Galloping Goose Trail, and the Burnside Gorge Community Centre
- Worked with residents of the 800 block of Princess Street in the North Park neighbourhood to plant 21 trees in recognition of Tree Appreciation Day