From:

Sent: April 2, 2024 7:02 PM

To: Legislative Services email

**Subject:** Budget comments

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Further to the call to citizens of Victoria to submit comments on the upcoming budget, I would like to appeal to the City to eliminate all tents in Irving Park in James Bay. It has been a long three years of garbage in the park, local violence, and environmental catastrophe. Irving park is a tent site now not a park and as a resident living only a few hundred yards from the park I and my neighbours would like our park back. Why is ownership of the park turned over to a dozen or so tenters. the parks are for everyone.

The top priorities of the new budget are housing, community wellbeing and safety plus environmental stewardship. All of these priorities would be positively served if Council removed the tents from Irving Park. I ask why, with many other parks disallowing tents, is Irving Park and James Bay singled out to be the slum of Victoria. This is unfair and should be addressed immediately in the Budget, in City policy and in action.

Sincerely

James Tirrul-Jones 2-444 Michigan Street Victoria, BC V8V 1R5 From: Andrea Klassen

Sent:April 19, 2024 1:38 PMTo:Legislative Services emailSubject:better library hours

I don't know if this a part of the budget, but can the central library have an earlier opening time and always be open on Sundays, not just in the colder months?

People in the community need this. A place to work, a place to take kids, a place that doesn't cost money to be in.

Thank you, Andrea From: wade

**Sent:** April 22, 2024 9:40 PM **To:** Legislative Services email

**Subject:** 2024 Budget - Topaz Park phase 2

Hello folks,

Please keep the Topaz Park phase 2 plans in the new budget, especially renewed sports box. The current lacrosse box is in major disrepair, a new surface and lights would make it a valued resource for the community again. Lacrosse, basketball, street hockey, pickle ball, and many other activities would be enjoyed by all ages. Stands for families to sit and watch their loved ones would be nice, too.

Thank you for your time.

Wade Little