

# **Councillor's Neighborhood Report:** **July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 - Volume #62**

Councillor Chris Coleman, Council Liaison to James Bay  
(But, by request, also distributing to the folks in  
all other neighborhoods in the City of Victoria...  
.....and beyond!)

Upcoming days of celebration important to our multicultural country, include:

(Eid) al Fitr (the End of Ramadan).....	July 29th
Symphony Splash.....	August 3 <sup>rd</sup>
BC Day.....	August 4 <sup>th</sup>
Labour Day.....	September 1st
Grandparents Day.....	September 7 <sup>th</sup>
Fall Begins.....	September 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Rosh Hashanah.....	September 25 <sup>th</sup>
National Police & Peace Officers Day.....	September 28 <sup>th</sup>
Yom Kippur.....	October 4 <sup>th</sup>

**Please celebrate with one & all.**

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## Kudos to staff !

1) Kudos to Lucina Baryluk, Senior Planner in Development Services for overseeing the Development Permit approval process for the \$80-million renovation of Hillside Mall. This work involved providing design feedback to the architectural team, Advisory Design Panel review, and overseeing the completion of \$2 million in landscape improvements on the site.

Kudos should also be extended to all the staff in Permits and Inspections, Brooke Daitl from Parks, Recreation and Culture, and Michelle Gill in Engineering and Public Works.



2)



**Fuzzy Wuzzy Carpets** @fuzzywuzzyvic · Jul 3

Very well done!! RT @CityOfVictoria: #LivingFlag photo on Leg Lawn #yyj - Great configuration! Happy Birthday Canada! [pic.twitter.com/jEHOqNwSt](https://pic.twitter.com/jEHOqNwSt)



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## **Evening of Learning: Life Post-Earthquake in Christchurch, New Zealand**

The Victoria Emergency Management Agency invites you to a free evening of learning. Steve Carter, a community development and mental health worker from Christchurch, New Zealand, will share with us about life post-earthquake. Christchurch suffered through several large earthquakes and thousands of aftershocks in 2010 and 2011. What is life like in the first year, or in two or three years following a damaging earthquake? How does the community work through that kind of disruption? What can the grassroots response from the community look like? What role can cyclists play? Come out and hear what has or has not worked in the community as the people of Christchurch move forward.

What: Evening of Learning: Life Post-Earthquake in Christchurch, New Zealand  
When: Friday, July 25, 2014 from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
Where: Fairfield-Gonzales Community Centre, Garry Oak Room, 1335 Thurlow Road

To register for this free talk, email [vema@victoria.ca](mailto:vema@victoria.ca) or call 250.920.3373.

## **WANTED: Community-Minded Cyclists for Tour Disaster**

After an earthquake in Victoria, cyclists may be able to access roads, pathways and bridges that vehicles can't, to help move people, information and materials from one location to another. To demonstrate the important role cyclists can play in a disaster response, the City of Victoria and the Greater Victoria Cycling Coalition are partnering for the second consecutive year to present the *2014 Tour Disaster* on Saturday, July 26.

Part cycling rally, part emergency exercise, the Tour Disaster will include up to 50 cyclists working their way through a series of tasks that could be required following a community-wide emergency. Tasks will include moving supplies and information, searching for lost individuals, and conducting damage assessments within a local neighbourhood – all while navigating through a simulated damaged or congested transportation system.

The *Tour Disaster* is not a race. It is a rally with a variety of tasks that must be completed within the event time frame. Points will be awarded for assisting other cyclists at obstacles; completing each task assigned in the prescribed time; finishing order; carrying two eggs without breaking them; and the total weight or bulk of cargo carried. The person with the most points will be declared the “winner”. The event will include prizes for the first, second and third place finishers.

Each participant must be able to safely carry envelopes with instructions, bottled water for personal use, cargo in the form of 12 litres of water and two eggs, and is asked to bring their own map. On event day, registrants will arrive on site for check-in, a bike inspection and briefing. Bicycles must be “human-powered”. No electric or fossil fuel assisted devices are permitted.

The *2014 Tour Disaster* will start and end at the Topaz Park parking lot located off Glasgow Street and will take participants through a range of Victoria neighbourhoods. No roads will be closed for the event and cyclists will be expected to follow all rules of the road and wear a helmet. Tour Disaster will be completed by early afternoon.

The event will also serve as an emergency exercise for Victoria Emergency Management Agency volunteers, who will set up and staff an Incident Command Post and various checkpoints along the route. Volunteers will communicate by radio to simulate a major disaster when local phone lines are down.

*Tour Disaster* participants must be 19 years of age or older. The deadline to pre-register for this free event is **Tuesday, July 22**. For more information, visit: [www.PrepareVictoria.ca](http://www.PrepareVictoria.ca).

## **“Map App” Talk**

Thanks to Esri Canada for blogging about the new Heritage Walking Tour “map app” created by staff in our GIS division. Esri makes the GIS software that our VicMap was developed with. The Heritage Walking Tours are a popular series of self-guided heritage walks through some of the oldest parts of Victoria. In addition to the map app and downloadable maps on the City’s website, printed maps are available at City Hall and Tourism Victoria Info Centre. The maps were created by the City of Victoria in partnership with the Downtown Victoria Business Association.

Check out the blog post here: <http://esri.ca/en/blog/have-some-fun-city-victoria-story-maps>

View the map app here: [www.victoria.ca/heritage\\_maps](http://www.victoria.ca/heritage_maps)

## **Victoria Street Food Fest – Friday July 25 and August 1**

A variety of food trucks and street vendors will return to Centennial Square over the next two Fridays, brought to you by Vic Fest and Tectoria. This is a family friendly event featuring a 19+ beverage garden and the addition of live local music. The festivities kick off at 11 a.m. and end at 9 p.m. both days.

For more information:

<https://www.facebook.com/VicStreetFoodFest>

# **Reducing Speed Limits within the City of Victoria**



Victoria is known for its vibrant town centers, livability and strong, diverse neighbourhoods. We strive to make our community safe for people of all ages to walk, cycle and drive to and from school, work and leisure activities.

On Thursday, July 17 a Special Council Meeting was held to hear public input about reducing speed limits on some streets within the City of Victoria.

**The following changes to the *Streets and Traffic Bylaw* are currently being considered by Council (and traffic & engineering staff have been directed to develop an implementation plan) for the following:**

Reducing the posted speed limit from 50 km to 40 km for the following streets:

- Richmond Road between Fort Street and Crescent Road
- Southgate Street
- Quadra Street
- Bay Street between Blanshard Street and Richmond Road
- Douglas Street between Belleville Street and Dallas Road
- Gorge Road
- Richardson Street between Cook Street and Gonzales Avenue
- Within the area of Victoria described in the Official Community Plan as the Downtown Core

Reducing the posted speed limit from 50 km to 30 km for the following street:

- Cook Street between Southgate Street and Dallas Road

Currently, under the Motor Vehicle Act, a municipality may establish a default speed limit of 50 km/h. To vary this speed limit, the municipality must pass a bylaw and post signs on all affected streets. City Staff should be returning to Council by the end of August/mid-September with the details of an implementation plan before Council goes through first & second reading of the necessary bylaw changes.

To say that this has caused great discussion in the community is an understatement! If you wish to make your thoughts known about this issue (whatever your views are), please share your perspective with Mayor & Council by sending an email to [Councillors@victoria.ca](mailto:Councillors@victoria.ca)

# **The Victoria International Buskers Festival Is Here!**

**Ten days of incredible fun!**

From July 18th to July 27th, 2014 Victoria welcomes the world to our beautiful downtown! Professional street performers from our region as well as from across Canada, Europe, Sweden, Australia, South America and the US will converge for our first ever “All Stars”. Our event is a family oriented, free-to-attend festival presented on mostly outdoor stages. Tips to Buskers hats welcomed and appreciated!

## **Entertainers from around the world!**

This year, our festival presents many of our most popular acts since our inception as well as a number of new shows! They include flame throwers, acrobats, magicians, jugglers, unicyclists, hula hoops, giant puppets, balloonists, musicians and more! You’ll be amazed by the outstanding depth of talent we present across downtown! Super fun!

## **Stage Locations**

### **Waterfront Stages**



### **Royal BC Museum Stage**



### **Downtown Stages**



The Victoria International Buskers Festival link; <http://victoriabuskers.com/>

## A Formal Tea on August 10<sup>th</sup>.....How “Victorian”!

### Sophie Pemberton Tea



An elegant fundraiser for  
the Mount St. Mary Hospital Foundation and  
The Society of Friends of St. Ann's Academy

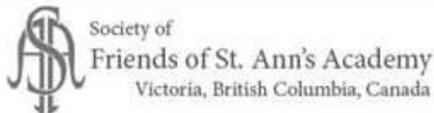
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 1-4 PM**

The Orchard at St. Ann's Academy  
835 Humboldt Street, Victoria  
\$35 per person

*Hats, long skirts, parasols or full costume highly encouraged!*

**TICKETS:** [msmfoundation.ca](http://msmfoundation.ca)  
[friendsofstannsacademy.com](http://friendsofstannsacademy.com)  
[info@msmfoundation.ca](mailto:info@msmfoundation.ca)  
250-480-3140

- Dainty offerings prepared by Island Chef Michael Williams
- Musical entertainment by Raven Baroque and John MacArthur
  - Historic fashion show by Victorian Vogue
- Door prizes, raffles, a tour of the Academy, and more



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## **BOEING BOEING by Marc Camoletti**

Translated by Beverley Cross, Revised by Francis Evans

Directed by Toshik Bukowiecki

**July 23 to August 2, 2014 (Opening Night - July 24, 2014)**

Meet Bernard, who's engaged to three airline stewardesses with frequent layovers. Bernard thinks he can easily keep each woman unaware of the others' existence. He makes his unique situation work thanks to the precision timing of modern flight schedules. But a change in scheduling throws his plans off course..."Drink up we're in for a bumpy night!"

'Boeing Boeing' is a 1960's French farce adapted for the English-speaking stage. It was revised in 2008 for the Broadway Revival Edition and was the winner of the 2008 Tony Award for 'Best Revival of a Play'.

"This latest edition of a play named for an aircraft soars right out of its time zone and into some unpolluted stratosphere of classic physical comedy. Propelled by the same gusty spirit that animated Commedia dell'Arte and the silent films of Keaton, Chaplin and Lloyd, {this} may be earthy, but it's seldom earthbound." - The New York Times

**Tickets:** \$21 for Adults .. \$19 for Students / Seniors (ages 65+) .. for \$20 Preview (Wed, July 23)  
.....Student Rush Tickets \$10 per ticket (At 15 min before curtain, Student ID required)

Performance Schedule (July 23 to August 2, 2014):

July 23 to July 26–Wed thru Sat nightly show time 8:00pm

July 30 to Aug 2–Wed thru Sat nightly show time 8:00pm

\* Plus two Sat matinees July 26 & Aug 2-show time 2pm

For more information, contact Langham Court Theatre:

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Victoria BC V8V 4J3

Box Office / Admin: 250-384-2142

[boxoffice@langhamtheatre.ca](mailto:boxoffice@langhamtheatre.ca)

Website: <http://www.langhamtheatre.ca/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/langhamtheatre>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/#!/LanghamTheatre>



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## **Upcoming Great Sports Events to Watch (& Support) in Our Region**

### **July**

- \* July 25-27 – BC Senior A Women’s Softball Championships

### **August**

- \* Aug 2, 3, 4 & 9 – Victoria International Six-a-Side (VISAS) Cricket – Beacon Hill Park
- \* Aug 9-10 – Victoria International Dragon Boat Festival – Victoria Harbour
- \* Aug 16-17 - Daffodil Cup Sprint Car Championships – Western Speedway
- \* Aug 16-17 – Premier Final 8 Baseball Championships (BC U18 Championships, Lambrick Park)
- \* Aug 23 – 1994 Commonwealth Games 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion Celebration - PISE
- \* Aug 24 – Ryder Hesjedal’s Tour de Victoria
- \* Aug 30-31 – Juan de Fuca Masters FC Soccer Tournament – West Shore Rec Centre

## **Recent Activity at Your Victoria Conference Centre**

June 18 -19	Energy and Mines, RLCFRR Consultation	– 50 delegates
June 19 – 20	VIATeC Awards Gala	– 850 delegates
June 20 – 25	Metallurgy & Materials Society of CIM, Hydro	- 700 delegates
June 23	Hatch	– 30 delegates
June 25	Bartholomew’s Pub – Liquor License Meeting	– 50 delegates
June 27 – 28	Transport Can Marine Medical Examiners’	– 50 delegates
July 4 to 6	JTB International	– 145 delegates
July 15	Deloitte	– 50 delegates
July 15	Captive Resources Inc	– 60 delegates