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Kim, please login and process. Thank you. Diane

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Please share with members.

Community Meeting: Proposed Gorge Waterway Zoning Amendment

You are invited to attend a community meeting to learn more and provide feedback on a City-initiated proposal to amend the current Gorge Waterway zoning regulations.

The City of Victoria is proposing changes to the management of the Gorge Waterway to enhance the use of the Selkirk Water for recreation and to prohibit residential use and the storage of vessels. The City and members of the community are concerned about the negative impacts that unregulated marine activities are having on the marine environment and Victoria residents.

The proposed zoning amendment would allow anchoring for a period of up to 48 hours, but not exceeding 72 total hours in a 30-day period. The existing Gorge Waterway zoning does not permit the anchoring of vessels.

The proposed approach for short-term anchoring minimizes the current impacts to the environment and residents, while respecting a BC Court of Appeal decision regarding anchoring which suggests that not permitting some anchoring may be viewed as interfering with federal jurisdiction over navigation and shipping.

Join us to view displays, share your thoughts with City staff, and attend a presentation at the:

Gorge Waterway Zoning Amendment Community Meeting
Thursday, May 5, 2016
6 p.m. – 8 p.m., Presentation at 7 p.m.
Victoria West Community Centre
Gymnasium
521 Craigflower Road

Those who are unable to attend the meeting can email feedback to bsikstrom@victoria.ca by Friday, May 6, 2016.

Input from the community will inform the preparation of the Gorge Waterway zoning bylaw amendment that will be presented to City Council for consideration. The community will have a further opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed zoning amendment at a public hearing on May 26, 2016.

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