# **CITY OF VICTORIA**

Explore this guide for ways to engage in local government and help shape your city.



### **Public Delegations**

- You may request to appear as a delegation if you wish to speak at a live council meeting. Visit the Request to Address Council webpage for information.
- Individuals must submit a request to Legislative Services by 11:00 am the Wednesday the day before the scheduled meeting. If you want council to receive your submission with the full agenda package, you must submit your request by 4:30 pm on the Monday 2 weeks before the scheduled meeting. You may submit a request using the online form or by visiting City Hall in
- Speakers have **3 minutes** to present.



#### **Speaking on a Member Motion**

There is no specific instruction related to member motions. There is the option of appearing at a council meeting as a delegation.



## Community Advisory Committees

- There are advisory committees and boards with different combinations of members of the public, city staff, and council members. Visit the Boards & Committees webpage for more information.
- List of committees and boards: Accessibility Advisory Committee; Advisory Design Panel; Art in Public Places Committee; Board of Cemetery Trustees of Greater Victoria; Board of Variance; Citizens' Assembly Council Committee; City of Victoria Youth Council; Community Wellness and Peer-Informed Task Force; External Grant Review Committee; Greater Victoria Public Library Board; Heritage Advisory Panel; International Decade for People of African Descent Advisory Committee; Music Advisory Committee; Renters' Advisory Committee; Urban Food Table; Victoria Airport Authority Board; Victoria and Esquimalt Police Board; Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee; Welcoming City Advisory Committee.
- Membership terms, appointment lengths, and opportunities for renewal vary from committee to committee.
- Individual committee pages post vacancy notices and any opportunities for applying.



- If you believe you will be affected by a proposed zoning bylaw, you may present your views to council. Visit the <u>Public Hearings webpage</u> for information.
- You may submit written comments or a pre-recorded video ahead of the meeting or present in person or via telephone.

# **Engagement Opportunities**

- <u>Have Your Say</u>: Victoria's online public engagement hub. Register to receive updates on city projects and participate in surveys, polls, and other discussion forums.
- Connect Newsletter: City newsletter.
- City Council Meeting Dashboard: Online dashboard with council member voting records.
- Town Halls: The city has held virtual and in-person town halls before.



#### **Official Community Plan (OCP)**

- City of Victoria has an Official Community Plan that lays out strategic objectives and visions for the city.
- Visit the <u>Official Community Plan webpage</u> for information and learn their priorities for the coming years.

Please note that all the information in this resource is subject to change as each city updates their plans, processes, and strategies. The information provided is up to date as of March 2024.

