



SOCIAL MEDIA DISCLAIMER

We wish to promote effective communication and maintain a respectful dialogue in the social sphere. In that spirit, our commenting and moderation rules will maintain a productive and limited open forum for community discussion. Our social media channels are intended for community discussion among Victoria residents. Please note that if you do not adhere to our rules of participation, your content will be subject to removal. After three instances of acting contrary to these rules, you may be banned from further participation on our social media accounts. Comments on our City's social media accounts are not deemed to be official public testimony concerning any project or program for which the City is required to hold a public hearing. Expressing your opinion here is for discussion only and is not a substitute for a formal statement in a public hearing process.

Participation Rules:

The City of Victoria reserves the right to remove any messages or postings for any reason, including but not limited to the following:

- a. Obscene comments;
- b. Abusive, profane or insulting language
- c. Attacks on individual character or to the personality of individuals
- d. Materials violating copyrights, trademark right, or other intellectual property of any third party;
- e. Comments unrelated to the topic of the forum or not within the scope of the responsibilities of the City of Victoria (or the specific departmental page);
- f. Commercial promotions, endorsements of products, services, organizations or other entities, or spam; or
- g. Political endorsements of parties, candidates or groups
- h. Content that infringes on copyrights
- i. Substantially repetitive content
- j. Solicitation of funds
- k. Speculative comments on any ongoing investigation
- l. Content that implies, promotes or encourages illegal activity
- m. Sexual content
- n. Hyperlinks to material that is not directly related to the discussion.
- o. A three-strike rule will go into effect upon three instances of an individual violating this policy.
 - i. Once violated, the individual should be given a prewritten response upon violation of the disclaimer/policy of participation on our social media sites about the reason for a comment being "hidden," and our required course of action taken – two more times, and they're no longer allowed to post to our site.
 - ii. If a second instance occurs, the individual once again will be given a prewritten response, more firm than the last, indicating his violation of the disclaimer/policy required to participate on our social media site, including an indication about his comments being "hidden," and our required course of action – one more time, and they're no longer allowed to post to our site.

- iii. If the same individual violates our policy a third time, the individual will be given a conclusive response indicating that his third comment is being “hidden,” and now is no longer allowed to post to our site (aka banned from participation).