

Man sustains life-threatening injuries in stabbing

Police searching for suspect in Tuesday afternoon stabbing on Pandora Avenue

Victoria police officers are looking for a suspect who reportedly stabbed a man downtown in the early afternoon

on Tuesday.

Officers were called to a community shelter courtyard in the 900-block of Pandora Avenue after a reported stabbing just before 1 p.m. on Tuesday.

Once on scene, officers found a man who was suffering from potentially life-threatening injuries before he was transferred to hospital by paramedics. After treatment, his injuries are now deemed to be non-life-threatening.

The suspect is described as an ap-

proximately 20 to 30-year-old Caucasian man, who stands about 5'8" and has dark hair. He was wearing short black shorts, a black backpack and a black T-shirt with white lettering on the front.

VicPD is seeking witnesses and information about the incident.

Anyone with information can contact VicPD at 250-995-7654, ext. 1, or report anonymously to Greater Victoria Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.



Victoria food service businesses such as John's Place restaurant are still seeing patrons wearing masks, despite the lifting of mandatory mask restrictions in B.C. as part of the phase three reopening plan. (Facebook/John's Place)

Masks remain prevalent after restrictions eased

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Greater Victoria small business owners look forward to a returning sense of normalcy as B.C. moved to phase three of its pandemic reopening July 1, lifting the provincial mask mandate and government state of emergency declaration.

Lower daily case totals, declining hospitalizations and rising vaccination numbers are the reason for lifting restrictions on masks and other mandates.

"It's very nice to see people without masks and it's nice to see smiling faces," said Norman Cantin, manager at John's Place, a popular family-run diner on Pandora Avenue. "I was talking to some customers about it, though, and they said it's really weird without masks – they almost feel exposed

since we've all been wearing masks for a year and a half."

Cantin said that awaiting the constant announcements and changes throughout the pandemic was stressful for them, but they're seeing more positive trends and are hopeful things continue looking up through the summer and into the fall.

Cook Street Moka House owner Will Sparling said he saw 95 per cent of customers still wearing their masks as they ordered their coffees and treats on July 1.

"From a staff perspective, it was a much more relaxed day and we didn't have to control the environment, the customers just kept following what was in place beforehand," he said, adding that people are behaving respectfully toward one another and observing their environment before taking off their masks.



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE THAT A PUBLIC HEARING will be held on Monday, July 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Esquimalt Municipal Hall, 1229 Esquimalt Road, Esquimalt, BC, V9A 3P1 to allow the public to make representations to the Municipal Council respecting matters contained in the following:

Covenant CA6919940 was registered in 2018 as part of the rezoning of the Lands. The new registered owner of the property has not proposed zoning amendments but has proposed Covenant Modifications for the purpose of facilitating the revised development proposal for a 6-storey purpose built rental. The proposed building is no longer prefabricated nor a passive house; instead, it will be constructed to BC Energy Step Code 4. Moreover, the applicant has proposed 6 affordable housing units in addition to the 10 special needs housing units.

Site Location:



Description of Land:

669 Constance Avenue [PID 030-431-026, Lot 1, Suburban Lots 43 and 44, Esquimalt District, Plan EPP76107]

AND FURTHERMORE, TAKE NOTICE that copies of the proposed covenant modification, relevant background documents, and other information related to this application may be reviewed from June 29, 2021 until July 12, 2021:

- online, by visiting the municipal website at www.esquimalt.ca/PublicHearing; or
- upon request, at Municipal Hall, 1229 Esquimalt Road, Esquimalt, BC, V9A 3P1, by booking an appointment either by emailing Alex Tang, Planner at alex.tang@esquimalt.ca or contacting Development Services staff via phone at 250-414-7103.

Pursuant to Ministerial Order 192, the public will not have physical access to the Municipal Hall; however, the Public Hearing will be streamed on the following link:
<https://esquimalt.ca.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>.

Affected persons may address Council by written submission before noon on July 12, 2021 to 1229 Esquimalt Road, Esquimalt, BC, V9A 3P1, by email to corporate.services@esquimalt.ca, or by telephone to respond to comments during the electronic input portion of the Public Hearing by texting or calling 250-883-6426. To arrange to participate electronically by means of inclusion on the speakers' list, please call 250-414-7135 before 4:30pm on July 12, 2021 to speak with the Corporate Officer.

If the Ministerial Order and Public Health Order are revised after the publication of this notice in such a manner that a limited number of members of the public may be allowed into the Council Chamber, notification will be published on the Township's official website (<https://www.esquimalt.ca>) along with details about the number of people who will be allowed into the Council Chambers and the methodology for determining who will be allowed into the Council Chambers.

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