

## Public Feedback - Johnson Street Bridge

Dear Victoria City Hall,

I am a City of Victoria resident who has received your information on The Future of the Johnson Street Bridge. I request that this page be included in the materials that will be presented to Victoria's councillors before they decide on August 12 whether to pursue rehabilitation or replacement of the bridge.

(CHECK ALL OR ANY THAT APPLY)

I want the City to provide a third option: a minimal-cost rehabilitation of the existing bridge. This would involve repairing its electrical and mechanical systems, removing rust, replacing steel where necessary, repainting, and improving facilities for cyclists and pedestrians.

I want the City to seismically upgrade the existing bridge to a 6.5 standard, not the maximum 8.5, which will cost an additional \$15 million. The Bay Street Bridge is a better candidate to be upgraded to 8.5 as it carries water and gas mains, and electrical and telephone cables.

I want the The Johnson Street Bridge to include capacity for a railway into downtown.

I want Victoria council to demand a thorough examination of all closure scenarios for rehabilitation of the bridge, including doing on-site work at night, to minimize disruptions to traffic and impact upon downtown businesses.

I want the City to produce a financial plan showing how it will pay for other capital projects, because a big part of our municipal borrowing capacity will be consumed by the bridge project. (The City's list of needed projects in January 2009 included Centennial Square revitalization, rehabilitation or replacement of Fire Hall #1, rehabilitation or replacement of Crystal Pool, and bicycle facilities on the Bay Street Bridge.)

I want the City to ask ALL residents directly whether they want the bridge rehabilitated or replaced. Asking this question to a few hundred people in a telephone poll is not an acceptable way to determine public opinion for an \$80-million decision.

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