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# The Bridge Petition

**Victoria's mayor and council want to borrow \$42 Million to replace the Johnson Street Bridge – but they need public approval to do it. They could have got it by holding a referendum. Instead, they want 10 percent of Victoria's 63,430 eligible voters to sign a petition first, to prove a referendum is necessary. Now it is up to you to tell the mayor and council that you want a referendum.**

## Why Sign the Petition?

- Victorians deserve a referendum on the most expensive project the City has ever undertaken. We got to vote on the \$28-million arena in 2003. Victorians also got to vote on other public-safety infrastructure projects in the past, such as the Caledonia Street police station in 1992, and the existing Johnson Street Bridge in 1920.
- The political process used by the mayor and council to date is flawed. City Hall has not held any public hearings over its decision to replace the bridge. Its recent "public engagement" survey did not discuss repairing the existing bridge, or the price Victorians will have to pay for a new one. And when surveys favoured a cable-stayed bridge, the City chose a different design.
- The existing bridge can be repaired for less than the cost of replacing it. In April, the Delcan engineering firm said the Blue Bridge could be repaired for \$5 million, and seismically upgraded for another \$18.6 million.

## DEADLINE

**Monday January 4th - 12 Noon**

**DELIVER** your signed petition to:

**JOHNSONSTREETBRIDGE.ORG  
Unit A - 777 Blanshard  
VICTORIA, BC**

Northeast corner of Blanshard and Fairfield, ground-floor entrance under black-and-red striped awning.

**or call 250 590 4809 for pickup**

## Who Supports a Referendum

The Times Colonist, Frank Stanford (CFAX), The Honourable David Anderson, Dave Broadland and Leslie Campbell (Focus magazine), Franc D'Ambrosio (architect), Keith Dagg (advertising consultant), Barry Hobbis (Victoria Harbour Ferries), Matt MacNeil (Victoria Pub Company), Jim Munro (Munro's Books), Rob Reid (Fronrunners), Victoria city councillors Geoff Young and Pam Madoff

## The Petition

To force a referendum, 6,343 Victoria residents must submit valid petition forms by **January 4th, 2010**.

- You can sign the petition if you are a Canadian citizen, 18 years or older, who has lived in BC for at least the past six months, and in the City of Victoria for the past 30 days.

**Complete the official petition form in writing (by hand) with the following**

- **Your full name (include middle name if you have one)**
- **Your full address ("1234 Fernwood ROAD", not just "1234 Fernwood")**
- **Your signature**

(Leave the third line blank: that's only for people who live outside of Victoria, but own property in the city.)

City Hall will NOT accept emailed or faxed petition forms. Signed originals only!