



Bridge Borrowing Postponed

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VICTORIA, BC — Following the results of the Alternative Approval Process, the City of Victoria has decided to postpone borrowing \$42 million to replace the aging Johnson Street Bridge.

The Alternative Approval Process produced 9,872 verified counter petitions from Victoria residents opposing the borrowing.

Today Victoria City Council passed a motion at a special meeting, which instructs staff to gather more information related to both replacement and refurbishment options, and to engage the public. The motion also states that Council will put bridge borrowing to a referendum at a date yet to be determined.

When a referendum is held the City of Victoria will provide detailed information to support voters in making an informed decision, including details about polling locations and voting hours. Information will be made available through a number of sources, including the City's dedicated bridge web site at: www.johnsonstreetbridge.com.

Staff will bring a report to Council for consideration in the coming weeks.

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