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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 \$18.5 million.

## How You Can Help

Gathering 6,343 petitions is a big task, but that doesn't mean it won't be fun. Join our dedicated group of volunteers and supporters who are

- **Running the campaign office**
- **Canvassing door-to-door**
- **Organizing petition-signing parties**

**We need your talents!**

**If you can help, contact us**

**Phone: 250 590 4809**

**[volunteers@johnsonstreetbridge.org](mailto:volunteers@johnsonstreetbridge.org)**

## 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 (Frontrunners), 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 (no initials)**
- **Your full address ("1234 Fernwood ROAD", not just "1234 Fernwood")**
- **Your signature**

Then **MAIL** your signed petition to:

**JOHNSONSTREETBRIDGE.ORG  
PO BOX 5324, 1625 FORT STREET (STATION B)  
VICTORIA, BC V8R 6S4**

or call 250 590 4809 for pickup

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



1 Centennial Square, Victoria, BC, V8W 1P6  
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**ELECTOR RESPONSE FORM**  
**ALTERNATIVE APPROVAL PROCESS FOR LOAN AUTHORIZATION BYLAW NO. 09-057**

I, the undersigned elector residing or owning real property within the City of Victoria, do hereby present my name on this elector response form for the purpose of opposing the Council of the City of Victoria adopting *Loan Authorization (Johnson Street Bridge) Bylaw No. 09-057* without first obtaining the assent of the electors by a vote (referendum).

The effect of Council adoption of *Bylaw 09-057* is to authorize the Council to borrow \$42,000,000 (forty-two million dollars) through the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia from the Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation, to finance the City's portion of the costs of designing and constructing a new bridge to replace the old Johnson Street Bridge. An additional \$21,000,000.00 in funding towards the total project cost of \$63,000,000.00 has been secured through a grant from the federal government.

I acknowledge that I am a person who would otherwise be entitled to register and vote in respect of this matter had the assent of the electors by voting (referendum) been sought. I hereby certify that:

1. I am 18 years of age or older;
2. I am a Canadian citizen;
3. I have lived in British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before signing this petition;
4. I have lived in the City of Victoria for at least 30 days before signing this elector response form;
5. If I am signing as a non-resident property elector:
  - a) I am not entitled to vote as a resident elector in the City of Victoria for the purposes of this matter;
  - b) I have been a registered owner of real property in the City of Victoria for at least 30 days before signing this elector response form;
  - c) I acknowledge that I may sign this elector response form in relation to only one parcel of real property that I own in the City of Victoria;
  - d) I am the individual who has the written consent of the majority of the registered owners of the real property, which majority includes me, to sign this elector response form.
  - e) The only persons who are registered owners of the real property are individuals who do not hold the property in trust for a corporation or another trust.
6. I am not disqualified from voting in an election under the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment or otherwise disqualified by law from voting.

I understand and acknowledge that I may not sign and submit an elector response form more than once and may not withdraw my name from an elector response form after 4:30 pm on Monday, January 4, 2010.

I understand and acknowledge that this elector response form must be submitted to the City of Victoria by no later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, January 4, 2010. Originally signed elector response forms must be delivered (no fax or electronic submission is permitted) to the attention of the Corporate Administrator at Victoria City Hall, 1 Centennial Square, Victoria, BC, V8W 1P6.

In an effort to obtain signatures with respect to this matter, I declare that I have not knowingly made any false or misleading statements to another person with respect to this elector response form, or any action or other matter to which this elector response form relates.

<b>Full name of Elector:</b>	
<b>Full residential address of Elector:</b>	
<b>Address of property if Non-Resident Elector:</b>	
<b>Signature of Elector:</b>	

Section 86 (7) of the *Community Charter* **requires** the elector to provide his/her full name and residential address. In the case of a non-resident property elector each person must provide their residential address **and** the address of the property within the City of Victoria in relation to which the person is entitled to register as a non-resident property elector. Failure to provide the required information will result in the elector response form being declared invalid.