



LATEST NEWS



Canada Day July 1

Victoria Canada Day festivities will begin with a traditional canoe protocol with Songhees Nation and Esquimalt Nation leaders escorting Mayor Helps and members of the Canada Day committee across the harbour to the Ship Point site. Upon arrival, there will be an Official Welcoming Ceremony on the main stage, followed by a performance by the Lekwungen Dancers. This year's Canada Day celebrations will feature an array of diverse, locally focused performances along with interactive activities, experiential exhibits, multicultural food options, and spectacular fireworks display to bring the day's festivities to a close. A full list of performers and activities will be released shortly. There are lots of opportunities for artisan vendors, performers, non-profit organizations, volunteers, local exhibitors, and other sponsors to be involved. For more information, go to canadadayvictoria.ca.



VICTORIA RECONCILIATION

The City of Victoria and City Family's popular series, the *Victoria Reconciliation Dialogues* returns after having been placed on hold in early 2020 due to the pandemic. Three upcoming conversations (May 30, July 11 and Sept 12) will enable community members to participate in person in reconciliation on Lekwungen territory. Guided by members of the City Family and special guests, the conversations seek to build the community's knowledge and understanding of reconciliation – what it is, why it is needed and why community participation in reconciliation is important. The series is free to attend and will be webcast live. All are welcome. Free childminding will be available. For more information and to pre-register, visit: victoria.ca/ReconciliationDialogues.

Celebrate Pride Month with City of Victoria Poet Laureate John Barton at *Wilde About Sappho, A Pride Reading by Local Queer Writers* on Tuesday, June 7 from 7-8:30 p.m. at Victoria City Hall. *Wilde About Sappho* returns to an in-person format to bring the 2SLGBTQIA+ community together to reconnect and revel in Pride Month. Poet Laureate John Barton is joined by Mayor Lisa Helps and six guest poets, Ali Blythe, Wendy Donawa, Hiromi Goto, matthew [bettina] heinz, Eli Mushumanski, and Shō Yamagushiku, for an evening of readings and reunion. Learn more and register for this event at victoria.ca/poetlaureate. The event is free to attend. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. *Wilde About Sappho* is part of the Poet



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Laureate program, now in its sixteenth year, which is a joint initiative of the City of Victoria and the Greater Victoria Public Library.

Wilde About Sappho
A Pride Reading of Local Queer Writers



Free Yoga and Tai Chi on National Health and Fitness Day

Celebrate National Health and Fitness Day with free yoga and tai chi in the park! Join us at Royal Athletic Park on Saturday, June 4 from 10am – 12:15 p.m. for fun and fitness on the large grass field. A limited number of yoga mats will be available or bring your own. Access is through the main gate on Caledonia Avenue. The active transportation corridor on Vancouver Street provides a convenient route to and from the event for people traveling by bike. Get out and get active on National Health and Fitness Day! Learn more: victoria.ca/RAP

Property Taxes due July 4

There are many ways to pay your property taxes. You can pay through your financial institution's online banking system using the Folio Number located at the top left of your tax notice as the account number. Mail your cheque (including post-dated cheques to the due date) and the bottom portion of your tax notice to #1 Centennial Square, Victoria BC V8W 1P6. There is a drop box located at the Pandora Avenue entrance of City Hall. The drop box is open 24/7 for non-cash payments. If your mortgage company will be remitting payment to the City of Victoria on your behalf, confirm details of your tax payment with your mortgage company directly. The Public Service Centre located in City Hall is open to the public Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., excluding statutory holidays. Payment methods include cash, cheque and debit. Credit cards are not accepted. Our ambassador will greet you and can answer any questions. Face masks are optional. Finally, pre-authorized payments offer a convenient method to make monthly payments towards your 2023 property taxes. Payment must be received by July 4, 2022 to avoid penalty. Find more details [here](#).

REMINDER: Home Owner Grant applications are now processed through the Province's online system at gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant or by phone at 1.888.355.2700. Municipalities no longer accept applications.

Free Guided Bike Rides

Just in time for Go By Bike Week, the City of Victoria is putting the finishing touches on seven new All Ages and Abilities (AAA) cycling corridors. Projects include traffic-calmed neighbourhood bikeways on Kings Road, Haultain Street and Richardson Street, as well as three additional connector routes into the Oaklands, Fernwood and North Park neighbourhoods. Protected bike lanes have also been installed on Government Street, between Pandora Avenue and Gorge Road. Financial support has been provided from the Canada Community Building Fund, ICBC and the Pacific Economic Development Canada (PacifiCan). As the cycling network expands in both size and popularity, the City is partnering with the CRD Traffic Safety Foundation this summer to deliver programming



Remember, the route ahead is shared.



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focused on familiarizing the public with new routes and facility types to support road safety. Promoting best practices and etiquette around sharing neighbourhood bikeways and multi-use pathways, the “Way to Go” campaign features free guided community bike rides, programming and prizes for elementary schools, and educational resources available at Crystal Pool, City Hall, community centres, bike shops and libraries. To sign up for free, guided bike rides and for tips on sharing neighbourhood bikeways and multi-use pathways, visit victoria.ca/WayToGo.

Your guide to a fun-filled summer in Victoria.



CityVibe- Your Guide to Summer Fun in Victoria

Grab your sun hat and festival chair! After a two-year hiatus, CityVibe is back with everything you need to know to have a great summer in Victoria. CityVibe is your virtual go-to guide for free events, summer festivals, arts and cultural activities, museums, galleries, and public markets that run from May to September 2022. CityVibe has gone digital this year with an easy-to-use online format that can be accessed from your phone, tablet, or computer, with direct links to event information and maps to venues. You can view the guide at victoria.ca/cityvibe. For individuals who do not have easy access to the Internet or those who prefer hard copies, there will be some print copies available at seniors centres and at City Hall. The guide showcases close to 40 festivals and outdoor events and more than 100 free outdoor music concerts and activities at various spots downtown including Fort Common, Broad Street Pedestrian Zone, Centennial Square, Fisherman’s Wharf Park, and Cameron Bandshell in Beacon Hill Park. You’ll also find listings for public markets, museums and art galleries. Please consider this announcement for your community calendar, newsletter, or event listings. victoria.ca/cityvibe

United Way 2022 Campaign

Now, more than ever, you are needed. There’s never been a more important time to unite. COVID-19 has significantly impacted our friends and neighbours who were already vulnerable.

The pandemic has pushed them, and our community, to the breaking point. The United Way’s 2022 annual campaign season has narrowed their focus in direct response to COVID-19 to help our community recover and rebuild. There are three new areas of action: ISOLATED SENIORS; FAMILIES IN NEED; DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION; AND MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTIONS, each with signature initiatives you can direct your gift to in order to assist those most vulnerable right here in Southern Vancouver Island. For more information, reach out to the [Greater Victoria United Way](https://www.greater-victoria-united-way.ca)



Victoria seeks its next Artist in Residence

The City of Victoria is looking for its next Artist in Residence. The Artist in Residence is a two-year program that gives a professional mid-career artist the opportunity to work collaboratively with the community, City staff and the Art in Public Places Committee to identify and develop an art plan over their term. During their residency, the Artist in Residence will create a community engagement strategy and complete a series of projects and art-related activities that enrich the creative life of the city. The Artist in Residence program is funded by the City’s Art in Public Places Reserve Fund.



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Mid-career professional artists working in visual media (painting, printmaking, drawing, sculpture, crafts, photography, film and video), music, performance and literary art are invited to submit an Expression of Interest. The City will hold a virtual Information Session on Wednesday, June 15 from 5:30 – 7 p.m. via Teams for anyone who has questions or wants to learn more about the program. The deadline to submit an Expression of Interest is July 4 at 4 p.m. Past Artists in Residence are visual artist Luke Ramsay (2016-2018) and musician Kathryn Calder (2019-2021). For more information on the Artist in Residence program, the selection process and how to apply, or to RSVP for the Information Session go to www.victoria.ca/EN/main/residents/culture/public-art/artist-in-residence.html

Island Health Community Wellness Grant Program

The Community Wellness Grant program provides the opportunity for not-for-profit organizations, local governments, and Indigenous Nations, organizations and communities to apply for one-time funding for the development of new initiatives and programs. Designed to support collaborative community-led wellness interventions, the focus of this program is upstream wellness interventions that reduce barriers and increase supports, enabling all members of the community to enjoy health and wellness.

This funding is not intended for initiatives/projects directly related to primary or acute patient care, chronic disease management, access to care, or coordination of services for those requiring care.

A total of up to \$600,000 is available for individual/small grant funding. **Individual grants will be awarded up to \$12,000 each.** To encourage partnerships and collaboration, the remaining \$200,000 is allocated for projects that are multi-jurisdictional/multi-agency and involve a minimum of three partner organizations. **Partnership grant applications will be awarded up to \$50,000 each.**

In the face of two provincial health emergencies, the COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing drug poisoning crisis, the focus of the 2022/2023 funding cycle is community resilience, including connected, diverse, safe, active, and nourished communities. Projects must address one or more of the following community resilience criteria:

- **Diverse Communities**
 - Promoting dignity and human rights
 - Addressing discrimination, racism and stigma
 - Decolonizing and Indigenizing community wellness
- **Connected Communities**
 - Social connectedness
 - Building intergenerational connections
 - Supportive and welcoming communities
- **Safe Communities**
 - Injury prevention
 - Violence and domestic abuse prevention
 - Active transportation



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- **Nourished Communities**
 - Community gardens
 - Food security
 - Nutrition

- **Active Communities**
 - Physical activity for all, including people with different abilities
 - Mindful movement
 - Connection and access to nature

Completed proposals must be submitted **by 4:00 pm, Friday, June 24th, 2022**. The period during which projects will run is **September 2022 - September 2023**.

WHAT'S UP AT COUNCIL?			
	Committee of the Whole (COTW) 9:00 a.m.	(Closed) Council Meeting After COTW meetings as required	Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.
June	9 th , 16 th , 23 rd , & 30 th	9 th , 16 th , 23 rd , & 30 th	9 th & 23 rd

Decisions made at Council can be found on our [Council Highlights](#) page. If you are interested in knowing how the councillors voted on anything, you can now see and track Council voting records with the City [Council Meeting Dashboard](#). The public is once again welcome to attend these meetings in person. Meetings can also be viewed on the City's [live stream webcast page](#).



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