



NORTH PARK

Housing in Victoria

At their committee meeting on December 8, Council received [staff presentations](#) intended to brief the new Council on Housing in Victoria: Needs, Strategy and Response. Residents interested in catching up on the topic of housing in Victoria may find it helpful to view the videos of the presentations given.

Missing Middle Housing Initiative

At their [Council meeting](#) on December 8, Council confirmed a resolution arising from a closed meeting, “that Council continue the process commenced before the election and, once all new Council members receive the report on the public hearing, proceed with the Missing Middle Housing Initiative project as if current Council members heard the public hearing.” This does not imply any outcomes, only that Council will resume the process of assessing the subject matter and determining which directions it chooses to take.



Patio Bylaw

On December 8, Council passed a [resolution](#) supporting the application of proposed goals, principles and components presented by staff which will inform the development of a new Patio Bylaw. During the COVID 19 pandemic, 98 businesses installed outdoor patio under loosened municipal restrictions to increase their capacities and sustain business viability. The new bylaw will build on past regulations and seek to improve consideration for safety, transportation, accessibility, character and balance of uses.

Neighbourhood Support Grants Info

The City has posted a [webpage](#) that summarizes the various support grants that are provided for neighbourhood associations. We hope this provides a clearer picture of the support program! The page link can be found at **Residents/Neighbourhoods/Neighbourhoods and the City**, about half-way down the page.



Neighbourhood Association Primer

Many residents are not familiar with neighbourhood associations. On Wednesday January 18 at noon, there will be an online presentation describing the role of neighbourhood associations with regards to their land developments, community centres and neighbourhood development generally. The presentation will be posted online for future reference. Learn more and register: victoria.ca/communityvirtuals

MY GREAT Neighbourhood

From Around the City...

New NeighbourHub

Inspired by a beehive, the newest NeighbourHub is located in front of Wark Street Park in the Hillside Quadra neighbourhood. Combining placemaking, storage for emergency supplies and community information, Neighbour Hubs are public gathering places built to increase community preparedness and resilience. With the goal of one in every neighbourhood, hubs can also be found on Harbour Road in Victoria West and Leonard Street in Fairfield. Finishing touches to the Kings Road Neighbour Hub are coming- learn more at victoria.ca/preparedneighbours.



Pro Patria Mural

A new mural has been installed on the side of the Pro Patria Legion on Gorge Road. The local artist, Kelly Everill, partnered with the Coast Salish Community to develop a mural which represents the indigenous community and its involvement in the Canadian Military. The mural addressed the problem of a frequently vandalized wall and will be maintained by the neighbourhood volunteer Graffiti Fighters.

From Further Abroad...

Creative Art Surfaces

Stroll through neighbourhoods across Vancouver and you will pass by several new pop-up plazas - community spaces that the City built during the pandemic for safe and inclusive socializing. These areas are composed of picnic benches and other seating, umbrellas for shade, and plenty of friendly space for hanging out and catching up. Residents were invited to personalize the spaces, to reflect their local community. Like Victoria, there were lots of little free libraries and wall murals added, but a favourite addition was painting art on picnic tables.



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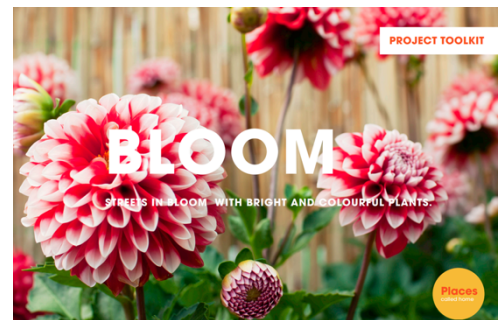
Art Installation in Sooke



A Métis artist in Sooke now has two art installations to her name, before she has even graduated high school. Pyper Phillips, a Metis artist in Sooke, is a student at Edward Milne Community School where she studies metal fabrication. Her most recent piece is installed in front of the Sooke Municipal Hall. It's a bright red dress with Northwest Coast form line cutouts designed by artist Karver Everson.

“Places Called Home” Project Toolkits

Imagine a neighbourhood that feels like home for everyone who lives there. These **Places Called Home** toolkits will help your community build that space, together. Places Called Home embodies the Swedish concept of *lagom*, a philosophy for everyday life that means “*just the right amount*”. The 12 project toolkits detail everything you need to launch impactful neighbourhood projects step-by-step. [Places Called Home Project Toolkits — Participatory City](#)



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