



BUILD BACK VICTORIA

RE-OPENING + RECOVERY

Government Street for People This Summer

Government Street between Humboldt Street and View Street has been transformed into a new pedestrian priority zone to support the Build Back Victoria program. The street will be closed to vehicle traffic between noon and 10 p.m., seven days a week, to provide additional space for pedestrians to stroll, shop and enjoy the multiple outdoor patios. New picnic tables, seating and planters have been installed throughout the corridor to create a welcoming experience for visitors and residents. In addition, the street will have new artwork installations and pop-up surprise concerts featuring local talent to create a fun and vibrant environment. All road users are reminded to use caution and exercise patience as the new layout and daily closures come into effect.

INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR PEOPLE OF

2015 – 2024

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Now Recruiting

The City of Victoria is establishing a new advisory committee to develop a three-year action plan to support the Decade's three themes of recognition, justice and development.

Learn more and apply by July 15, 2021.



victoria.ca/committees



Summer Banners

The City's biennial summer banner program showcases the talents of local artists and reflects the vibrancy and creativity of the city. This year for the 2021-2022 summer banner, Indigenous Artist in Resident Dylan Thomas collaborated with lessLIE and Margaret August to create four unique designs. 400 banners are on display throughout downtown Victoria. To learn about each design, visit: victoria.ca/banners.

Pop-Up Live Music

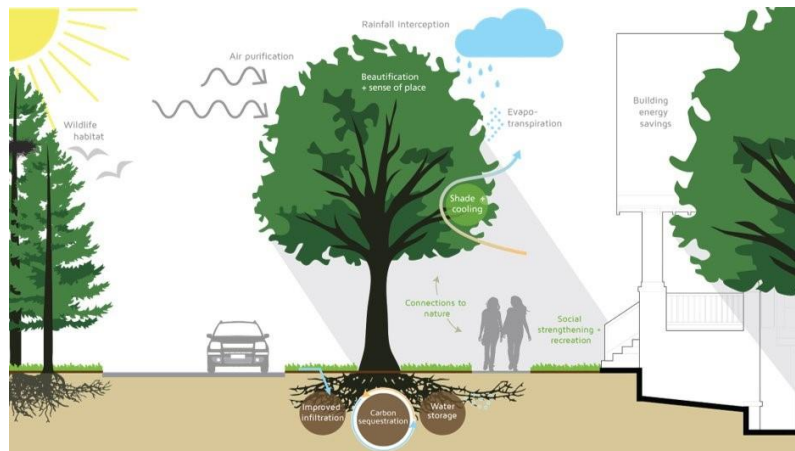
This summer, keep your ears and eyes open for live local music on the streets. Bands will play 'pop-up' surprise concerts at different parks, plazas, streetscapes and public spaces. Be serenaded (from a distance) over lunch or as you walk and shop. To learn more, visit: victoria.ca/creativespotlight.

Signage Kiosks

To celebrate local creatives and enhance everyday artistic encounters, new artwork installations have been placed in eight downtown kiosks. Artworks are rotated every three months and can be viewed along Douglas Street and in City Parkades. To view the map of current installations and to read artist bios and statements, visit: victoria.ca/publicart.

Victoria's Urban Forest is Growing

New research shows Victoria's urban forest grew between 2013 and 2019. Analysis of Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) data shows vegetation canopy increased by 45 hectares, which is about the size of 60 soccer fields. The research found growth in vegetation area coverage in every Victoria neighbourhood, including the downtown core. The City also recently adopted a new Tree Protection Bylaw, which takes effect on July 1, 2021. The new bylaw will help further objectives outlined in the Urban Forest Master Plan, including the protection of trees on private property and the application of leading practices for long-term tree health.



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Victoria's urban forest is comprised of all trees, shrubs and groundcover on private and public land and the soils in which they grow. There are approximately 150,000 trees in parks, natural areas, boulevards, residential gardens and backyards. Roughly one quarter of the urban forest is managed by the City, while the remaining 75 per cent is on private and other public land.



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We're developing a long-term, pedestrian-focused concept design for Government Street between Pandora Avenue and Humboldt Street. Tell us what you value most and what you would like to see improved to make Government Street one of the best streets in Canada. [Learn more and share your input](#) by July 11.

Honorary Citizen Award Call for Nominations

Do you know someone who makes our community a better place? Nominate them for the City of Victoria's Honorary Citizen Award which celebrates those who have performed outstanding service for the betterment of our community and personal achievements. [Learn more](#) and nominate by July 25.

Survey: Potential Ideas for Welcoming City Strategy

We're developing a Welcoming City Strategy to serve as a roadmap for making Victoria a stronger, more welcoming and inclusive city for everyone. [Provide feedback](#) on potential ideas to inform the draft Welcoming City Strategy in a survey by July 11.

Changes to Parkades

This spring and summer the City is making downtown parking easier by rolling out a faster, more convenient pay by space system to all City parkades and streamlining parkade parking rates to \$2/hour. For more information visit victoria.ca/parkades.

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.
July	8 th , 15 th , 22 nd , & 29 th	8 th , 15 th , 22 nd , & 29 th	15 th & 29 th

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](#).

At this time due to the COVID-19 pandemic, public access to City Hall is not permitted. Meetings may be view on the City's [live stream webcast page](#)

