



Downtown Murals to be Officially Unveiled

Date: Tuesday, October 7, 2008

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VICTORIA, BC — Mayor Lowe will host a celebration of the completion of the two latest downtown murals tomorrow afternoon. Two colourful murals now stand where blank canvasses once existed, beautifying downtown and enhancing private property.

Wednesday, October 8, 2008

4 p.m. – 4:20 p.m. *Time Steps Mural*

Langley Street Mural Official Recognition with Stages Performing Arts School
1114 Langley Street (the Luxe Building)

4:20 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Walking procession to Chinatown

4:30 p.m. – 5 p.m. *Dragon Dance Mural*

Chinatown Mural Official Recognition with the Dragon Dance performed by children from the Chinese Public School
1713 Government Street, Yen Wo Society Building

5 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Refreshments at QV Bakery & Café at 1701 Government Street

The *Times Steps* mural commemorates the 150 years of the colony of British Columbia. Well-known mural artist, Frank Lewis, illustrates this passage of time through the medium of dance. Eight dancing couples cascade out of the building to represent and showcase the types of dance popular in various eras.

The Chinatown mural, *Dragon Dance*, painted by Robert Amos, is the artist's interpretation of the Chinese Dragon Dance, often performed by the children in the community. Roughly 20 feet high by 40 feet wide, the artwork features a lively dragon that runs along the building's stucco exterior. The mural depicts a red and gold dragon chasing after a lucky pearl. The Dragon Dance celebrates the 150th Anniversary of Canada's Oldest Chinatown. Located on the south facing wall of the Yen Wo Association building, the mural was painted with assistance from the students of the Chinese Public School.

A beautification initiative of the City of Victoria, in partnership with the Downtown Victoria Business Association, the Downtown Mural Program is designed to stimulate awareness of historical and cultural significance downtown and to enhance community spirit and pride.

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