



Workshop Teaches How to Create Vibrant Neighbourhoods

Date: Monday, March 2, 2009

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VICTORIA, BC – Empowering citizens to become more involved in improving their neighbourhoods and dealing with local issues, be it homelessness or planting community gardens, will be the focus of a workshop led by Jim Diers tonight at Victoria City Hall. The Director of the University of Washington's Seattle Community Partnerships Program, Diers teaches courses in community development and recently served on the Urban Policy Committee for Barack Obama's campaign.

The public and media are invited to attend to learn how communities can create caring cities and improve quality of life for all. Representatives from the Fairfield Gonzales Community Association, Fernwood Neighbourhood Resource Group, and the Victoria West Community Association, will also share their neighbourhood success stories.

What: Mobilizing Community Assets to Create Vibrant Neighbourhoods and a Caring City
When: Monday, March 2, 2009 from 7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Where: Victoria City Hall, Council Chambers

The workshop is free and everyone is welcome. Registration is not required. The event is sponsored by the City of Victoria and the University of Victoria Office of Community-Based Research. For more information, visit: www.victoria.ca and click on *What's New?*

For more information on Jim Diers, visit: www.neighborpower.org

Interview Opportunity:

Jim Diers will be available for interviews in 15 minute intervals before the workshop today from 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. at City Hall. To set up a time, please call Kathy Barlow at 250.361.0369.

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