



## City Hosts Secondary Suites “Hands-On” Open House

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VICTORIA, BC – The City of Victoria is holding a “hands-on” open house on Saturday, May 2 for those homeowners interested in installing a secondary suite, and taking advantage of the new \$5,000 grant incentive program.

The open house is geared towards Victoria homeowners who are planning to install a secondary suite in their single family detached house, and would like to speak to City staff directly about their specific plans and questions. Attendees will have the opportunity to speak to City electrical, plumbing and building inspectors, as well as zoning and engineering staff.

“We want to fast-track the creation of affordable housing,” said Mayor Dean Fortin. “By holding this event on a Saturday, and providing one-stop access to a wide variety of City staff, we are trying to make it easier for homeowners to consider installing a secondary suite.”

Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP to [kstratford@victoria.ca](mailto:kstratford@victoria.ca), but may drop in anytime during the event. Staff will be on hand all day to answer questions, review plans, address zoning concerns, or discuss specific issues related to plumbing, electrical, or building matters.

**What:** Secondary Suites “Hands-On” Open House

**When:** Saturday, May 2, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Where:** City Hall Antechamber

The Open House will also feature free hourly presentations on a variety of topics:

- 11 a.m.** Working With a Builder: What to Look For, and Pitfalls to Avoid
- 12 p.m.** Choosing a Tenant that’s Right for You
- 1 p.m.** CMHC Financial Assistance for Suites Intended for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities
- 2 p.m.** Working With a Designer
- 3 p.m.** City of Victoria’s Secondary Suites Grant Program

For more information visit [www.victoria.ca](http://www.victoria.ca) and click on ‘Secondary Suites’.

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