



10th Anniversary of Public Works Day

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VICTORIA, BC — National Public Works Week, May 17 – 23, 2009, recognizes and celebrates the daily contributions public works and engineering employees make to keep the city moving and ensure the community is healthy and safe.

From the delivery of clean water, safe roads, garbage collection and sewer and stormwater management, City crews are proudly delivering quality services each day to Victoria citizens. Tomorrow, the City of Victoria Engineering department will host close to 500 elementary students from 12 area schools as they participate in 18 interactive activities to learn more about public works. This year's theme is *Revitalize, Reinvest, Renew*.

Media is invited to attend; however, the event is closed to the general public.

What: 10th Anniversary of Public Works Day - *Revitalize, Reinvest, Renew*
When: Wednesday, May 20, 2009, from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Where: Public Works Yard, 417 Garbally Road

Please park on the street and enter at the gates off Garbally Road. Note: Students who cannot be photographed will be wearing a button.

At a noon ceremony, Mayor Dean Fortin will unveil the first panel of a building mural currently underway by artist Jeff Maltby. To be completed in August, *Public Works Through the Years* will depict the history of Victoria's public works from the mid-1800's to present day. Maltby's other works include the historic murals in Chinatown and at Ellice Recycling.

Following the unveiling, the students who created the top three designs from a recent drawing contest will be recognized, and the first place design will be commemorated on the 2009 Public Works Day T-shirt.

Students will tour interactive venues consisting of educational demonstrations and displays, as well as enjoy a barbecue lunch. Students will also be provided a commemorative lunch bag containing a "green" compostable balloon, an activity sheet and temporary tattoos of public works themes.

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