



“Shape Your Future Victoria” Website Launched

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VICTORIA, BC — The City of Victoria has now launched www.shapeyourfuturevictoria.ca for citizens to shape Victoria’s future — a new website dedicated to updating Victoria’s Official Community Plan (OCP).

This website will be the online go-to place for all information related to the Official Community Plan. It is one of many ways Victoria residents, business owners, and community groups can be involved in the process as the City works to design a sustainable community over the next 30 years.

Located at www.shapeyourfuturevictoria.ca the interactive website features background information about the OCP, as well as research and facts related to topics such as population, housing and employment forecasts, climate change, food systems, heritage, and economic development. The City is encouraging citizens to share their vision for the future of Victoria by completing the website’s online survey.

The survey will also be available to the public at electronic kiosks located throughout the City starting this week. The goal is to involve 4,000 Victoria residents in a conversation about Victoria’s future.

A community forum is planned for March 26 and 27 at the Victoria Conference Centre's Crystal Garden where key topics highlighted in the survey will be discussed.

An OCP sets out a vision for the City and about how the City should change over the next 30 years. Council, staff and citizens will refer to the community plan to help make decisions on things like where to locate affordable housing, how the city will respond to climate change, community's transportation priorities, and how the City will provide recreational services. The current plan was developed in 1995.

Led by the City of Victoria Planning and Development Department, with support from consultants HB Lanarc and a citizen advisory committee, the Official Community Plan will be updated over the next 12 months.

For more information visit www.shapeyourfuturevictoria.ca

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