



## 'Pop-Up Ships' Sailing into Ship Point this Summer

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VICTORIA, BC — Origami boats will soon make their way to Ship Point plaza to create Victoria's newest summer hot spot.

'Pop-Up Ships' has been selected as the winning submission in the Ship Point Pop-Up Design Competition. The proposal comes from a team of two architects, Peter Carter and Marie-Claude Fares. Peter was born and raised in Victoria; both Peter and Marie-Claude are currently based out of Vancouver and recently worked on the new Camosun College Centre for Trades Education and Innovation in Victoria. Their past work also includes public space installations and activations in Vancouver.

Playing on the theme of Victoria's dynamic harbour, 'Pop-Up Ships' will feature seating inspired by origami paper boats to create a welcoming community place. The 'Beacon', an oversized sculptural element, will attract passersby to explore the new plaza. Colour will be added to the ground to bring vibrancy to the space.

The team will be busy finalizing and constructing the design over the coming weeks. Installation is expected to be complete by late July for the community to enjoy throughout the summer. The team will receive a \$5,000 award and up to \$35,000 for the design, build and installation of 'Pop-Up Ships'.

In April and May, the public was invited to submit concepts for a temporary pop-up public space at Ship Point. Nearly 50 submissions were received; 13 from local teams in Victoria, including one from a design class at Mount Douglas Secondary School, and others from as far away as New York, Denmark, and Indonesia.

A jury of five reviewed the proposals based on the following criteria: social interaction and connection, aesthetics and originality, function and context, sustainability and feasibility.

The jury included Jason King from the Architectural Institute of British Columbia (AIBC), Cynthia Hildebrand from the British Columbia Society of Landscape Architects (BCSLA), Rande Cook from the City of Victoria Art in Public Places Committee, Robert Florida from the Downtown Victoria Residents Association, and Andrea Hudson from the City of Victoria's Sustainable Planning and Community Development Department.

### **About Ship Point**

Ship Point has been identified as one of 11 'special places' along The David Foster Harbour Pathway.

The larger Ship Point area currently functions largely as a parking lot and as one of Victoria's larger outdoor performance venues and hosts a number of popular events and festivals throughout the year.

A long term plan for Ship Point will advance this year as we develop a Waterfront Plan, building upon the work that has occurred in the past few years. In the short term, 'Pop-Up Ships' is intended to add vibrancy and activity to the space for the public to enjoy this summer. The temporary installation will be removed in October.

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Please note the architects are available for interviews Monday and Tuesday evening.