



## Welcoming Orcas Back to Victoria for the Summer

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VICTORIA, BC – Tomorrow morning, an orca mother and calf will once again make downtown Victoria their summer home. *Surfacing*, the four-metre tall and six-metre long garden display consisting of a mother and baby orca riding a wave, will arrive by crane at the southeast corner of Humboldt and Government Streets.

### PHOTO OPPORTUNITY:

**What:** Annual Installation of *Surfacing* Garden Display Downtown  
**When:** Thursday, May 26, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.  
**Where:** Southeast corner of Humboldt and Government Streets

The seasonal garden display contains 10,000 plants. The orcas are planted with *Alternanthera* 'Purple Knight', and *Santolina chamaecyparissus*. *Festuca glauca* 'Beyond Blue' has been used for the wave and *Eragrostis* 'Wind Dancer' for the spout. The re-planting of the display's frame takes place each spring at the Beacon Hill Park Nursery.

In 2010, the City of Victoria and the Downtown Victoria Business Association collaborated to introduce *Surfacing*, inspired by similar garden structures in Burnaby and Old Montreal's *Mosaiculture Garden*. The unique garden display is designed to enhance Victoria's downtown and is a popular photo opportunity for residents and over three million visitors to Victoria each year.

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