



Things to Consider...

PARKS

- Projects installed in parks should be sturdy enough to safely withstand heavy use, vandalism and weather.
- Most tree roots are located within the canopy zone of trees – avoid installing things under tree canopies to keep our trees strong and healthy.
- Some parks have special restrictions or considerations that limit the type of things that can go in them. These include historic and archaeological sites such as Beacon Hill Park and Pioneer Square, as well as significant natural areas such as Summit Park.
- Right thing, right place - aim for timeless elements that fit with park character, and pay attention to site conditions like circulation, slopes and drainage.

ARTS AND CULTURE

- Think about the lifespan of your project and whether refurbishing, removal or replacement is best after its intended span.
- Try hosting a block party with a theme. Community gatherings with an intent or purpose are a great way to get your neighbours out and participating. For example: A community mandala painting party on a cul de sac.
- When putting your budget together for an art-based project, include artist fees that take into account the time and effort the artist has invested in the project.

TRANSPORTATION

- Improvements to an area should not create hazards for people using public space. Try to avoid obstructing visibility at crosswalks and intersections or creating slipping and tripping hazards. Avoid installations that physically obstruct pedestrians or may be exposed to moving traffic.
- If your project is intended to last for a long time on city streets and sidewalks, durability will be very important. Consult with staff regarding appropriate standards for weather and wear.

PLANNING

- Consider that most projects will require consultation and consent of property owners at, or adjacent to, the site.
- City review and approval of project elements will be necessary. Ensure that you discuss any applicable safety standards and bylaws (e.g. heritage, design) with City staff.
- Good quality of design is always desirable. Aim for timeless elements that fit with the street character and pay attention to their context with the adjacent streetscapes and uses.

MAINTENANCE

- Most art based, parks and public realm projects will require you to enter into a maintenance agreement with the City of Victoria.