



Fernwood NRG  
Your Neighbourhood Resource Group

# Fernwood Community Centre

Redevelopment – Programming and Feasibility Study

# Ownership and operation

- The City owns the FCC
- Fernwood NRG leases the space and operates all of its community programming



# Neighbourhood programs

## Food Security

- Fernwood Community Meal
- Senior's lunch
- COBS Bread pickup
- Good Food Box
- Fernwood Neighbourhood Orchard
- Fernwood Community Centre Kitchen Garden
- Oak Bay Family Resource Program
- Gardening and food workshops
- Harvest festival

## Family programs

- Pre-Natal Best Babies
- Post-Natal Best Babies
- Parent-Child Mother Goose
- Nobody's Perfect
- \$10aDay IT, 3-5 and school-age child care

## Space Rentals

- Queer Boxing
- Dungeons and Dragons Night
- Nuu-Cha-Nulth Drumming Group
- Narcotics Anonymous
- Evening Recovery Meditation
- Etc.



# Longstanding challenges

23 years ago (2000):

“In response to the deteriorating infrastructure and the lack of appropriate space for programming, the City completed [a study that]...confirmed the need for a Centre renovation and facility expansion...”



# Original study

The City then commissioned a Programming and Site Feasibility Study to outline specific options for renovation and expansion.

- Completed by GaryAli Architect Inc. in 2002.
- Unfortunately, nothing came of this study.





# Present day

- 20 years later, the lack of adequate space has become increasingly acute.



# Near future

- Fernwood is growing and evolving.
- The current building is not fit for purpose.







# Request

Fund Fernwood NRG to perform a refreshed Programming and Site Feasibility Study for a Redeveloped Fernwood Community Centre

# Goal and scope

Study would outline options to:

- (a) Meet the assessed programming needs;
  - (b) Integrate mixed income and affordable housing;
  - (c) Complete redevelopment while maintaining core programming.
- Including onsite and offsite options.
  - Submit to the City to inform further deliberations.



# Supporting Policy

## City of Victoria 2023-2026 Strategic Plan

- Includes an action to "Accelerate investment in community centres and seniors' centres."



# Supporting Policy

## 2022 Fernwood Neighbourhood Plan

- Fernwood Village Directions:  
  
“Support the renewal of the Fernwood Community Centre space, with mixed income housing above if the opportunity should arise.”

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## 2022 Fernwood Neighbourhood Plan

- Policies: Co-location of Housing – 6.23 – Affordable Housing at the Fernwood Community Centre

“If redevelopment of the [FCC] is considered...consider opportunities to co-locate affordable housing on the site together with the community space....”

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## 2022 Fernwood Neighbourhood Plan

- Policies: 11.17 Fernwood Community Centre:

“Work with the Fernwood Neighbourhood Resource Group in exploring the potential redevelopment and enhancement of the [FCC], including community services and amenities, and opportunities to co-locate affordable housing.”

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# Thank You!

