

## **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 <u>deteriorating</u> <u>infrastructure</u> and <u>the lack of appropriate</u> <u>space for programming</u>, the City completed [a study that]...<u>confirmed the</u> <u>need for a Centre renovation and facility expansion</u>..."



### **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.



## **A** priority

 A redeveloped FCC is now an organizational priority



#### Request

Fund Fernwood NRG to perform a refreshed <u>Programming and Site</u>

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.



# **City of Victoria 2023-2026 Strategic Plan**

 Includes an action to "Accelerate investment in community centres and seniors' centres." Strategic Plan OF VICTORIA

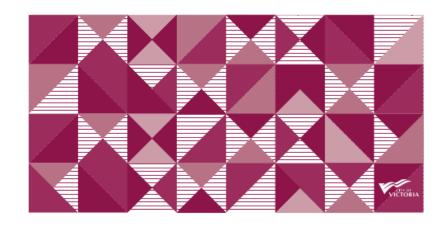


# 2022 Fernwood Neighbourhood Plan

Fernwood Village Directions:

"Support the renewal of the Fernwood Community Centre space, with mixed income housing above if the opportunity should arise."



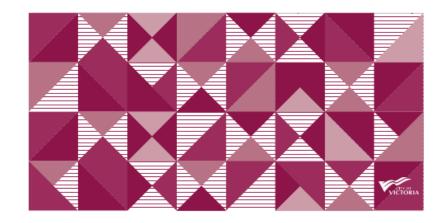


# 2022 Fernwood Neighbourhood Plan

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...."





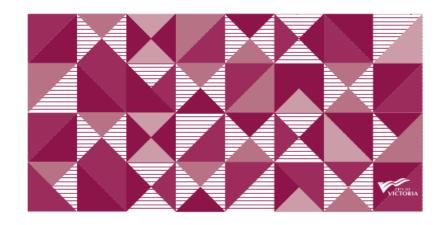
#### 2022 Fernwood Neighbourhood Plan

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!**

