



Council Member Motion for the Governance and Priorities Committee meeting of April 2, 2015

Date: March 24, 2015 **From:** Councillor Isitt, Mayor Helps and Councillor Loveday
Subject: Urban design workshops - May 11 and 12

BACKGROUND

Urban designer Mark Lakeman from Portland, Oregon and social planner Andrew Heben from Eugene, Oregon will be in Victoria in May and two community groups, the Victoria Place Making Network and the Committee to End Homelessness, have expressed interest in partnering with the City of Victoria to host public events on best practices in urban design in the Pacific Northwest and how these practices can help inform solutions in Victoria.

The following events are proposed for the City Hall Antechamber:

- 1) Urban Design, Placemaking & Portland's Lessons for Victoria: Workshop and Community Bike Ride – Monday, May 11th, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm**
Workshop and community bike ride with Mark Lakeman, beginning in the City Hall Antechamber with a presentation on placemaking in Portland, and then moving by bike into Victoria's neighbourhoods, looking at existing and potential urban places.
Co-sponsored with the Victoria Placemaking Network
- 2) Portland's Dignity Village and Tiny House Solutions to Homelessness in Victoria: Public Presentation with Mark Lakeman and Andrew Heben
Monday, May 11, 7:30 pm, Victoria City Hall Antechamber**
In this public presentation, Mark Lakeman and Andrew Heben will discuss Dignity Village in Portland and other examples of how communities in the Pacific Northwest have responded to homelessness through micro-housing and the tiny house movement.
Co-sponsored with the Committee to End Homelessness and Vancouver Island Public Interest Research Group
- 3) Portland's Dignity Village and Tiny House Solutions to Homelessness in Victoria: Workshop with Mark Lakeman and Andrew Heben
Tuesday May 12th, 11:00am to 12:30 pm, City Hall Antechamber**
Workshop for council members, staff, service providers and members of the public on the micro-housing concept in Portland's Dignity Village and other responses in the Pacific Northwest to provide community and security for people who are homelessness in the place of unregulated outdoor sleeping.
Co-sponsored with the Committee to End Homelessness and Vancouver Island Public Interest Research Group

Mark Lakeman is an international leader in the development of sustainable public places. Working with governmental leaders, community organizations and educational institutions in initiatives including Communitecture, the City Repair Project, the Village Building Convergence and the Planet Repair Institute, Mark has been instrumental in the development of dozens of participatory organizations and urban permaculture design projects across the United States and Canada.

Andrew Heben is an urban planner and author of the book *Tent City Urbanism: From Self-Organized Camps to Tiny House Villages*. He is also a co-founder of Opportunity Village Eugene, a non-profit organization that puts many of the ideas in the book into action through the development of self-managed communities of low-cost tiny houses for those in need of housing.

MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves the use of the City Hall Antechamber for the events on urban design with Mark Lakeman and Andrew Heben on May 11 and May 12, 2015, and invites Council members, staff and members of the public to learn more about best practices from communities in the Pacific Northwest that may help inform solutions in the City of Victoria.

Respectfully submitted,



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Mayor Lisa Helps



Councillor Jeremy Loveday