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Greater Victoria Housing Society Celebrates Affordable Housing Project

Greater Victoria Housing Society working towards the society's goal of adding 600 new affordable housing units over the next 10 years purchased the apartment building known as Forest Heights in October of 2008. This was made possible through the partnership and generous support of individuals, foundations and government.

On August 10, 2010 the Board of Directors', joined by tenants & society staff welcomed representatives of BC Housing to complete the final thank you for the support given. The unveiling of a plaque acknowledging support followed by a small reception was enjoyed by all.



Greater Victoria Housing Society Board Chair Eric Dahli with Roger Butcher, Regional Director BC Housing

Our Forest Heights Partners



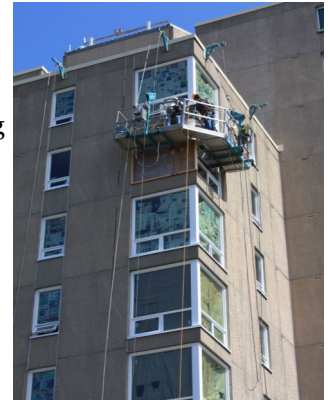
Innovative Partnership with Victoria Car Share

Greater Victoria Housing Society and the Victoria Car Share Co-op have entered into a unique and innovative partnership. With the generous financial support of the Vancity Community Project Grant Program, we are working together to provide 15 tenants with free memberships in the Car Share Co-op. This initiative complements our mutual goal to provide low income households with more transportation options in an environmentally sustainable way. The first memberships will be available to Greater Victoria Housing Society tenants in February 2011.



Sitkum Lodge Upgrades

Sitkum Lodge, our 75 unit seniors building overlooking the Songhees neighbourhood, is benefiting from a number of important upgrades. Greater Victoria Housing Society is receiving funding through the Federal-Provincial Housing Renovation Partnership program. As a result, we have upgraded the windows in 39 apartments to improve energy efficiency. We have upgraded the door locking systems for increased safety, and are going to renovate the front entrance, door way and driveway to make the building more physically accessible. Lastly we are going to refurbish the elevators to extend their life.



New Windows being installed at Sitkum Lodge

“Affordable housing helps make a community strong, vibrant and healthy. “

Our Supporters, Our Partners

The Greater Victoria Housing Society has a strong history of effectively managing affordable housing in the Capital Region since 1956. We have enjoyed support from the community in the past, but as we move forward with greater demands being put on us for affordable housing like never before in our history, we are relying even more on community support, strategic alliances and partnerships.

With out this support we could not move forward. Special thanks to all those individuals who have supported us in the past year. For our upcoming development projects we would like to recognize & thank the following:

City of Victoria, BC Housing, Coast Capital Savings, Real Home Developments, Knappett Construction, United Way, Canadian Mortgage & Housing Corporation

Esquimalt Lions Lodge Upgrades

Esquimalt Lions Lodge, our 77 unit seniors building in the Tillicum/ Craigflower area of Esquimalt, is getting a facelift. Greater Victoria Housing Society is redecorating and upgrading the entrance, front lobby and resident’s lounge to modernize these spaces and make them more attractive and modern. We used the design services of Astrid Firley-Eaton who came up with a bold and colourful scheme that complements the building. New lighting, paint colours, and a full redecoration of the lounge, including carpet, window coverings and furniture is underway.



Esquimalt Lions Lodge to Receive Upgrades

Fundraising

The Board of Directors of GVHS has set some very aggressive goals for the expansion of the number of affordable housing units under our care. To assist us in reaching that goal a fundraising action plan has been established including some very specific areas of fund development.

- ⇒ **Capital Building Fund** - used to buy or build apartment buildings
- ⇒ **Real Estate Fund** - gives donors new options and more flexibility to manage a complex portfolio of assets while giving back to the community
- ⇒ **Special Projects Fund** - make a small donation go a long way, small improvements can make a big change in the quality of life for our residents
- ⇒ **Third Party Events** - companies or individuals hosting events in support of the society's goals
- ⇒ **On-Line Donations** - providing donors many choices to conveniently and securely donate



Donate Now!

Special Projects

Each year the Greater Victoria Housing Society embarks on some special projects to make small improvements that can make a big change in the quality of life for our residents. Through donations we are able to redecorate a resident's lounge, replace an old kitchen or bathroom, update or add new, safe playground equipment and update our gardens. In 2009 we were able to update 2 bathrooms & 3 kitchens, with more being done this year including a tenant lounge.

In support of these projects we are proudly supported by Thrifty Foods Smile Program.



To participate in the Smile program or to enquire about making a donation to one of our many special projects, contact our office.

In Memory

It is with deepest sympathy to family and friends that we acknowledge those recently departed:

- June: Tyler Sloan, Balmoral Garden Court; Eileen Dolby, Campbell Lodge
- August: Wayne Blizzard, Campbell Lodge; Cornelia Todd, Sitkum Lodge; Wilbert McSheffrey, Sitkum Lodge
- September: Lillian Harvey, Campbell Lodge; Taiana Stewart, Campbell Lodge
- October: Herbert Hodapp, Sitkum Lodge

“Affordable housing creates a foundation for a thriving economy and social ease.”

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