

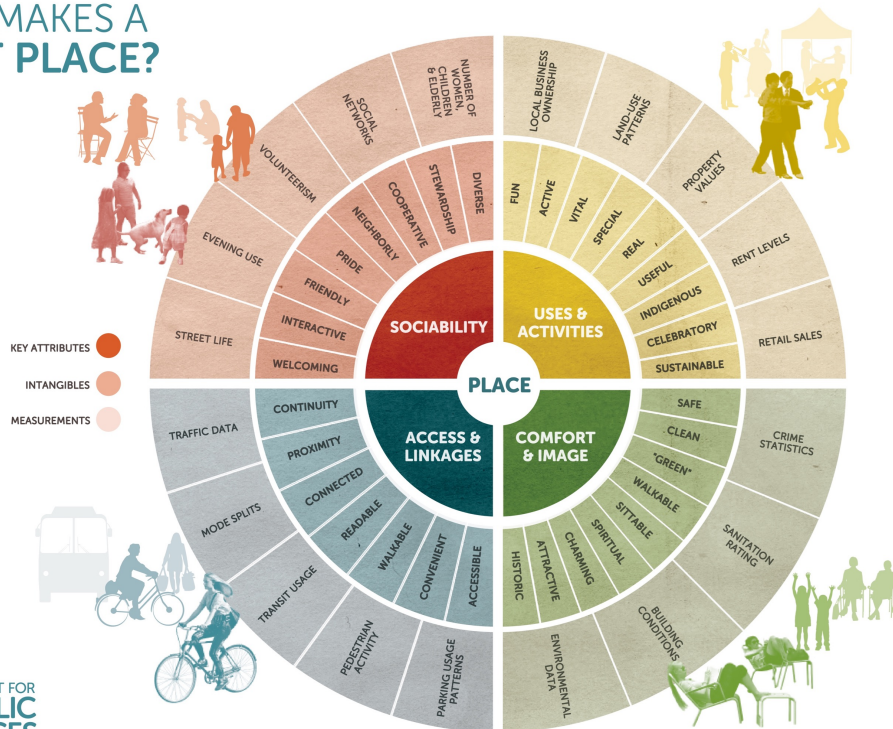


Forward 50 — Your voice: our future!

Think about how YOU would like Oaklands to develop over the next 20-30 years, and on to a 50-year horizon. It's time to think about those grandkids you may not have met yet! Will they have child care? A vibrant community centre? A wide-surface, accessible and safe green walkway in a densified City?

Our own *woonervian* Rob Tornack, has accepted the challenge to bring diverse interests: business, non-profits, faith organisations, owners, renters & more to the 2-year Oaklands Neighbourhood Planning (ONP) process.

WHAT MAKES A GREAT PLACE?



Shorter tasks are under development to fit your time and interests. Share your skills, experience, opinions, passion: apply a climate lens? create community art? increase amenities? extend the people-priority greenway for urban Zen?

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BE AWARE

Projects like that at 1301 Hillside Ave really do affect YOUR street and our woonerf

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BE ENGAGED

Oaklands is a diverse community. Your skills and insights are welcome and valued.

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BE A PART

Density brings change. Will you help design the future...or just accept what happens?

Find the ONP Table weekly at the Sunset Market (July 3 - Sep 4)

Seen on the Woonerf

Cam's house is up! Thanks for such great support to the ORW!

Fernwood Art Stroll—in Oaklands! Four artists on the woonerf! **June 8-9 11:00-4:00**

Propagating Plants

Deer resistant, low maintenance, what can you grow to offer?

Oaklands North

Hillside Ave seems to split Oaklands in two. Recently, five Oaklands North residents have stepped up to be a part of planning and sharing knowledge. Thanks to Celine, Diane, Dave, Eric, Robbie & Tamara for bridging the gap

Off the boulevards!

Victoria Public Works
Street Debris Removal
250 361 0400

CONTACT US

For any items in the newsletter, email to: oaklandsrise@gmail.com

Happenings

- ✓ Xeriscaping Learning & Demonstration Garden - right on the OR Woonerf!
 - Interested? Up to 50% reduction in water usage—join to be a part of this learning activity! A grant application is under City review (oaklandsrise@gmail.com for details). All digits crossed for funding!
- ✓ Neighbour Labs created the emergency preparedness bench on Leonard St. John and Neighbour Labs' founder Adele Therias. Lessons learned to navigate a City Hall that celebrates innovation with cash grants on one hand yet steers us away from preparedness to the “approved catalogue” benches.
- ✓ ORW-Planning Group & City of Victoria meeting, April 17
 - Hoping for closure of the 2695 Capital Heights matter to move forward: turns out a busy agenda means no progress...yet. **The Planning Group expects to have opportunity for input prior to staff report to the Committee of the Whole: stay tuned.** 150+ list members are watching!

What is wrong with this picture? Councillor Isitt warned City staff about this ...

- ✓ A subdivision application for 2700 Avebury would see a new home built on the Kings Rd. frontage of that lot. Sound familiar? It's exactly the same situation that provoked 67 petitions to oppose the Subdivision Servicing Bylaw requirement for a sidewalk at 2695 Capital Heights. *Thankfully, the developer has agreed to apply for a variance, seeing that a woonerf accommodates density while retaining a neighbourhood that is about people, not traffic. Let's keep an eye on this.*
- ✓ City Staff say there is no connection and that, despite evidence of clear intent, Council has not directed staff to look beyond one case to relationship to another. **STAY TUNED—your voice matters!**

Lighter Quicker Cheaper (LQC)

Spreading world-wide, avoiding costly infrastructure mistakes (Fernwood hill anyone?)

- ✓ Short term trials of ideas can help to find the best of what works and leave behind what doesn't—without a costly investment that later becomes a reason not to fix a problem.
- ✓ LQC is the urban planner's equivalent to agile systems—pop-up placemaking, public engagement, “a hebe in a pot” for traffic calming can replace years of planning and costly, taxpayer funded road works.

Oaklands Community Association (OCA)

- ✓ OCA remains strongly supportive of the Oaklands Rise Woonerf pilot and has agreed to administer grant and other funds toward achieving a people-first promenade in the City. *Thanks OCA!*
- ✓ Keep an eye out for the Parks Committee's **Speaker Series**. Jeremy Gye's on the Garry Oak Ecosystem was fascinating. Next? Contact Parks @ OCA. *Thanks, Melissa Lim, Parks Committee, Chair!*
- ✓ **AGM News!** Congrats to incoming board directors. Climate change and the One Planet lens was a focus of Dr. Trevor Hancock's keynote at this year's AGM. Whether you are a Green Urbanism or One Planet fan, it's time to think about how we can all make a positive difference. *A HUGE thanks to Dave Driedger, outgoing Treasurer who remains enthusiastic as ever - a great model for volunteer power in Oaklands!*

Volunteering - your time has come!

It's Spring, time to roll up sleeves. Looking back at the offers of volunteer help to create, maintain and expand the Oaklands Rise Woonerf, there's weeding, watering, planting to be done...and fun to be had! Contact the ORW Planning Group, tell us what you will help with, and let's get moving!!

Congrats, good lucks and more thank you's ...

Good luck & farewell to David & Deirdre on the corner of Mt. Stephen & Kings, now off to adventures in Kamloops. Welcome to Phoebe, and to Cindy, Ethan, Mika & Rob (with one foot in Asia)—newly settled in the woonerf pilot area on Kings! Happy travels to Keiran, here's to a great concert tour for Pierre! Thanks to Rob, Braude, Celine, Kerry, Chris, Meagan, John, Val & Sarah for stepping up to the Oaklands Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee. **Now, who's up for helping with tasks?!**