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### 2012 Cruise Ship Schedule

The cruise ship schedule is now online at <http://victoriacruise.ca/page/cruise-schedule>.

Cruise ship passengers will visit Victoria in even greater numbers this year, with more than 475,000 expected on ships at Ogden Point. 229 vessel calls are scheduled, up from the 211 forecasted calls in the previous season. This cruise season is the first to bring regular scheduled visits from the Disney Wonder and Norwegian Jewel.



### VIDEO - The Unity Wall Phase II

A video documenting the creation of the second phase of the Unity Wall mural on the Ogden Point breakwater [is available online](#).

The video examines the significance of the mural and the breakwater region to the Lekwungen people. The Cormorant Pictures production also illustrates the meaning of the project for First Nations and the youth employed

to paint it.

The second phase of the Unity Wall is only a small part of what will eventually become the world's longest mural. The project provides employment opportunities for youth from the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations. The mural also greets cruise passengers from around the world with a striking visual depiction of local First Nations arts and culture.

Please consider donating to the next phase of Na'Tsa'Mant – the Unity Wall.

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### Upgrades for the Sapphire Princess

The cruise ship Sapphire Princess is being upgraded at the [Victoria Shipyards](#) graving dock. The Princess Cruise Lines vessel is receiving similar treatment to other ships in the company's fleet, with the addition of a signature-style atrium, flat-screen televisions in staterooms, upholstery, poolside movie screen and a new pizzeria.



The upgraded Sapphire Princess is scheduled to be back in service on Feb. 4 in Los Angeles.

*Photo: Heath Moffatt Photography*

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### GVHA Announces Board Appointments

GVHA welcomes the following new members to its Board of Directors:

- Doug Crowder, Independent Director
- Graham Hill, Capital Regional District

In addition, GVHA is pleased to announce the following reappointments:

- Barbara Desjardins, Township of Esquimalt
- Pamela Madoff, City of Victoria
- Mike Williamson, Independent Director

The GVHA Board will be reviewing its Board Executive positions later in the year. In the interim, GVHA's Vice Chair, Barbara Desjardins, will be serving as Acting Chair.

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### GVHA Invests In Its Staff

GVHA has retooled its organizational structure to meet the growing demands of the organization.

We are pleased to announce the following staff promotions:

- Sonterra Ross is the new Chief Operating Officer. Sonterra has acted in many capacities at GVHA, including Acting CEO and Manager of Finance and Property. Sonterra is taking on this new position in executive and finance areas to ensure the organization can meet demands during this critical development period.



Sonterra is responsible for financial, commercial, property and human resource planning, investment and growth, while supporting the CEO on strategic initiatives.

- Kyla Fiddick has been promoted to Financial Controller. Formerly the Financial Analyst, Kyla has brought tremendous value to the finance team and demonstrated her commitment to GVHA. Her new senior management position focuses on financial management, reporting and planning.

In addition, the following staff have new titles:

- Rebecca Penz is now the Manager of Sustainability & Quality Management. Rebecca will focus on corporate sustainability and instituting a comprehensive Quality Management program. She will support the CEO on strategic projects and initiatives, policy development, corporate communications and community outreach.
- Ian Crocker is now the Manager of Operations & Maintenance. While Ian's position remains relatively unchanged, his new title more accurately reflects his duties.

New Team Member:

- GVHA is pleased to welcome Colin Lowndes, Project Manager, CPR Steamship Terminal as a temporary contractor responsible for delivering on the CPR building revitalization project.

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