



HARBBOUR VIEWS

FUNDERS SOUGHT FOR UNITY WALL

There is a transformation taking place, a transformation that needs your support.

The Ogden Point Breakwater is evolving into an enormous canvas, where artists of the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations are sharing their history with the world.

The growth of the world's largest mural is changing lives along with the face of the breakwater. Young artists are working with celebrated designers from each nation. These youth are reclaiming knowledge and pride in their own history while engaged in meaningful work.

With the second phase recently completed, fundraising to support the third phase is underway.

Greater Victoria Harbour Authority is proud to have sponsored the first two phases of this mural. We have had the privilege of seeing the spark of an idea ignite a vision to cover the breakwater with original Coast Salish art.

The wall will reveal the First Nations people's history and presence in a public art piece that extends to the sea, creating a bridge across cultures.

Once known as the Land & Sea Mural, the art piece was dubbed the Unity Wall by a travelling school group visiting Ogden Point.

Building the Unity Wall is a massive undertaking. When complete, the mural will consist of 2,000 panels. As the project enters phase three, your help is essential. Please consider supporting the project financially.

Donations are being accepted by the Ogden Point Enhancement Society, 2814 Arbutus Road, Victoria BC, V8N 5X3. For more information, please visit www.theunitywall.ca or call 250-383-8300 ext. 225.



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Dermot Loughnane

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

A healthy working port adds life and vigour to the surrounding community, giving it character and diversity. Many of the world's great and memorable cities grew around working ports for this reason.

While we are charged with maintaining an efficient port, and operate as a non-government, not-for-profit body, we are also intent on making sure the port contributes to the quality of life in Victoria.

Two new events we hosted this season – the cycling and buskers festivals – will add to the vibrant mix of activity in the inner harbour. They draw locals and tourists, and bring recreation and fun to our special

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waterfront environment.

The port is also taking part in the Green Marine initiative, a far-reaching environmental program which guides marine companies in Canada and the U.S. in voluntarily establishing measurable actions to improve environmental performance. We are setting targets to benefit Ogden Point for Victoria's residents now and in the future.

Ogden Point expects to host more than two hundred cruise ships again this season, bringing over 400,000 visitors annually to experience our city. They use buses, take taxis, go on whale tours, buy souvenirs, eat in restaurants and enjoy some of the local attractions. In briefly becoming part of our varied community, they inject millions of dollars into our economy.

For many, it's just the first taste of Victoria, and they'll return for a longer visit.

GVHA continually strives to ensure the efficient operation of the port, in harmony with the surrounding community. I would like to thank all who are contributing to this goal and who make Victoria's harbour a place of activity, growth and life.

GREEN MARINE



RAISING THE ENVIRONMENTAL BAR AT OGDEN POINT

Greater Victoria Harbour Authority is setting a higher environmental standard by joining the Green Marine program.

At GVHA's deep sea terminal at Ogden Point, the organization has been making efforts towards cleaner operations for years. Rules against idling vehicles on the property, the use of biofuels in shuttle buses, promoting bicycle or public transportation use by employees and the newly installed air quality monitoring station on Erie Street are examples of these efforts.

On the subject of air quality alone, the future efforts Green Marine encourages include an annual report on greenhouse gas emissions and the adoption of an energy performance plan with definable, realistic goals.

Sustainability is one of GVHA's guiding principles. We are looking to set a strong example and become a leader in sustainable ports. Programs like Green Marine help by pointing out what is needed to reach that next level.

We plan to evaluate and improve our environmental performance each year.

Green Marine executive director David Bolduc noted that voluntarily joining shows GVHA's commitment to accountability, along with the efforts it has already undertaken to operate in a sustainable way.

"All results are independently verified by a third party and shared publicly. This underlines the seriousness of the commitment our participants have made."

He pointed out GVHA's participation in Green Marine will help the program reach new members from marine centres dedicated to the transportation of people.

"We're pleased to welcome them," added Bolduc.

"They've been very proactive to this day, and the Green Marine program gains in credibility with such a participant within its ranks. After Seaspan Marine Corporation's shipyard in Victoria, it's the first port member within the boundaries of Vancouver Island, and they'll both pave the way for further expansion on the West Coast."

HARBOUR UPGRADES

CAUSEWAY RECEIVES NEW FLOAT AND PILINGS

Construction crews have been busy around the Inner Harbour this summer. Recent works included the replacement of surface repairs along the Lower Causeway, and new pilings and a crescent float at the Causeway marina.

The new crescent float curves around the Lower Causeway below the Tourism Victoria building. It serves as a pick-up and drop-off point for harbour ferries.

Crews drove new steel pilings at the marina to replace aging wooden pilings that were starting to rot.



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UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

<u>MEETING DATES</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Aug. 19, 2011	915 Fort Street
Oct. 21, 2011	915 Fort Street
Dec. 16, 2011	915 Fort Street

MEMBER AGENCIES

Capital Regional District
City of Victoria
Esquimalt Nation
Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce
Provincial Capital Commission
Songhees Nation
Tourism Victoria
Township of Esquimalt
Victoria/Esquimalt Harbour Society

CRUISE OGDEN POINT



The cruise industry in Victoria has a new home online at www.victoriacruise.ca.

Formerly hosted as part of the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority website, the new portal brings together a wide variety of information on Ogden Point cruise terminal and the ships that call on Victoria's port.

Website content includes:

- Ogden Point cruise ship schedule
- Local environmental initiatives
- Media information
- Ground transportation options



**ON THE WEB
FISHERMAN'S WHARF**

Sometimes known as Victoria's hidden treasure, the unique mixture of restaurants, fishing operations and natural adventures at Fisherman's Wharf has moved online with its own website at:

www.fishermanswharf victoria.com

Check out the wide variety of activities, food and fun to be had down on the wharf!



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Land & Sea Mural



Greater Victoria Harbour Authority



Victoria Harbour Festival

FRESH FESTIVALS

Summertime is the liveliest season in the harbour. A packed roster of festivals and events bring enthusiasts and onlookers to the waterfront each year. In 2011, two new festivals added their signature styles to the unique blend of activities Victoria offers residents and summer visitors.



INTERNATIONAL CYCLING FESTIVAL

All flavours of cycling culture were represented at Victoria's International Cycling Festival.

The festival featured just about everything on two wheels, from community rides to a 140 km tour with Tour de France racer Ryder Hesjedal. Freestyle riders reached huge air on a floating barge at Ship Point.

For more on the Cycling Festival, visit www.vicf.ca.

INTERNATIONAL BUSKERS FESTIVAL

Sweet sounds were only part of the entertainment that filled the Inner Harbour and the downtown during Victoria's first International Buskers Festival.

The Buskers Festival brought a variety of acts to the Lower Causeway. This new addition to the summer event schedule featured dizzying acts of fire manipulation and body-bending contortionists. Jugglers and street performers rubbed shoulders with an array of musicians at venues by the water and across downtown Victoria.



For more on the Buskers Festival, visit www.victoriabuskers.com.

2011 EVENTS IN AND AROUND THE HARBOUR

BCYBA Floating Boat Show	April 28 - May 1	Ship Point/Causeway
Massive Outdoor & Marine Garage Sale	April 30	Ogden Point - Pier A
Opening Day Sail Past (Victoria Day Weekend)	May 19 - 23	Inner Harbour
Swiftsure International Yacht Race	May 28 - 30	Inner Harbour
Boat for Hope	June 4	Inner Harbour
Blessing Ceremony - Land and Sea Mural	June 4	Ogden Point
International Cycling Festival	June 10-12	Ship Point
Van Isle 360	June 15 - 17	Inner Harbour
Performance On A Sailboat	June 16 - 18	Ship Point
International Buskers Festival	July 15 - 24	Ship Point
Symphony Splash (BC Day Weekend)	July 31	Inner Harbour
Dragon Boat Festival	August 12 - 14	Ship Point
Classic Boat Festival (Labour Day Weekend)	September 2 - 5	Causeway



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