

Project Update

Caledonia/Fernwood

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Caledonia – Working Towards a Public Hearing

Thank you for your continued interest in the Capital Region Housing Corporation's (CRHC) Caledonia project.

As we work towards confirming a public hearing date for our proposed redevelopment we want to provide these Project Updates to engage with our neighbours in Fernwood, and to encourage a healthy dialogue about the proposed addition in the neighborhood.

This update will provide you with multiple avenues for participation in this overall process, whether by letter, e-mail or participating in the public hearing itself.

Finding the Information You Need

- Continue to follow this project through the CRD's [Capital Projects Update](#) page where you will find an overview of the project, renderings, streetscapes, landscaping plans and rezoning applications.
- The CRHC's [Current Developments](#) page will provide additional details about the development along with other CRHC developments that are in the planning stages or have recently been welcomed to the communities they serve.
- Follow the process through step-by-step using the City of Victoria's [Development Tracker](#).

How to Make Your Opinion Known

- Provide your questions, comments, or messages of support to our Development staff: developmentservices@crd.bc.ca or 250.388.6422.
- Subscribe to the CRD's [Capital Projects Update](#) and the CRHC's [Current Developments](#) pages to receive e-mail notifications any time updates are made.
- Send a letter of support for the development using the [letter generator](#) provided by the BC Non-Profit Housing Association (BCNPHA).
- Once the formal public hearing date has been announced, you can let Victoria City Council know whether you are for or against the proposed redevelopment by making a submission to the Mayor and Council. Further details will be provided on how to submit comments for the public record.

When is the Public Hearing?

While we do not have a formal date, we are hoping for early 2021. When a date has formally been announced, we will post it on our [Caledonia Project Webpage](#).

About Caledonia

The Caledonia redevelopment proposal is a mixed-market community located in central Fernwood. The project has been designed to address the City of Victoria's strategic priorities of increasing affordable housing, strong, livable neighborhoods, sustainable transportation, climate leadership and health, well-being and a welcoming city.

Caledonia will replace the existing Capital Region Housing Corporation's (CRHC) townhomes, with 158 affordable rental units across two apartment buildings and three townhouse buildings. This includes 14 studios, 45 one bedrooms, 77 two bedrooms, 14 three bedrooms and 8 four bedrooms. Of that amount, 15 units will be accessible and 32 will be provided through the [Community Housing Fund](#) program at provincial assistance rates of \$375 per month for a studio or one-bedroom, and \$570 per month for a two-bedroom.

Surrounding greenspaces and parks are protected for future generations, including the existing Fernwood Community Allotment Gardens. Additionally, landscape plans have incorporated rain gardens, allotment gardens and public pathway networks within the nearly 60% open site space on the Caledonia development. In consultation with the Compost Education Centre and the Fernwood Community Allotment Gardens, the urban agricultural space will remain a vibrant community amenity.

The Caledonia proposal represents how multiple levels of government can partner to create a much needed, affordable, sustainable and family-minded project. It also demonstrates that by working with the community from the onset, healthy community growth can be realized.

As we all prepare for a very different approach to the holidays, we wish you, your family and friends a safe and healthy holiday season, and refreshing start to the New Year.

Sincerely,



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