



## Victoria Community Health Co-op (VHC)

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Mayor Lisa Helps and  
City Council  
Victoria, BC

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Dear Mayor and Council,

The Victoria Community Health Co-operative exists to enable its members to provide, and to benefit from, services and education pertaining to health, healing and wellness.

In keeping with the Canada Health Act and in response to the challenges presented by COVID-19 we are currently making all programs and services, regardless of the source of funding, available at no costs regardless of membership. This outstanding support of the Cook Street Activity Centre over the past year has been a major component in this community benefit.

We now urgently need additional space, ideally accessible from the Cook Street Activity Centre. This would allow us to provide these services with optimal effectiveness, to serve a larger number of residents, to go beyond the wellness and health services and education we have provided in the current space. Although our focus is, and would continue to be, on the many Fairfield residents who are elderly, have health concerns, do not have current access to adequate health services. However, we have no plans to restrict our work to serving only a particular population group.

Not only is the location ideal, but the developer has been outstandingly responsive to the needs of the community. We are eager to access the additional space under discussion as it is ideal; welcoming, familiar, seniors-friendly, accessible. Furthermore, we will be able to work to our full scope for the health and well-being of our community and to extend our cooperation with the existing wellness team at the Cook St Activity Centre.

We warmly encourage the approval of this application.

Yours co-operatively,  
Vanessa Hammond  
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The Creating Community Wellness Society, CRA 833835457 R0001, supports the VHC.  
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