

Presentations and Workshops for 2007/2008

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3. Street Reclaiming: Ideas for Repairing, Reclaiming and Reviving Your Streets



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Background: Road rights of way make up about 25%-30% of the land area of a typical city. Even though this represents a significant common asset, we have given it up primarily to car use. Very few of us believe we still have a right to use this public space as, well, public space.

The Challenge: What if this wasn't the case? What if we stopped teaching our kids to be afraid to step off the curb? When did it become illegal to play street hockey? Who said only cars have a right to rule the roads? Where can we go to spontaneously meet our neighbours and chat in this culture? This last question in particular will become more important as our existing cities and suburbs become denser while we try to protect our foodlands and greenspace from sprawl.

The Presentation: Inspired by the very creative thinking of David Engwicht of Australia, the wonderful Intersection Repair project in Portland, Oregon, and the local experiences of Clare Street residents in Victoria BC, participants will learn about the empowering alternatives to giving up our street space to motorized vehicles.

Target Audience: Suitable for neighbourhood groups, groups of neighbours (not always the same thing), sustainability study groups, or anyone wanting to know how to improve the quality of life on their street.

When: Thursday 29th May 2008, 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Where: Fairfield Community Place, (Portable). 1330 Fairfield Road, Victoria

Cost: \$20

Registration: Fairfield Community Association, 250- 382-4604 or email: place@fairfieldcommunity.ca

Further Information: Contact the presenter, Angela Evans, at 598-9399 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. or email angevans@islandnet.com Website www.localsolutionsplanning.com