

## Presentations and Workshops for 2007/2008

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### 2. Sustainability and the Older Suburbs:

Lessons from Victoria, Portland, Vancouver & Elsewhere

**Background:** While it's exciting to think of new eco-villages, green developments like Dockside in Victoria, and LEED-rated buildings, in fact, 20 years from now, most people in BC communities will be living in homes and on streets that already exist today. Our buildings and the infrastructure that support them represent 100+ years of investment in human labour and earth's resources – we can't just erase them and start over in order to live more sustainably.

**The Challenge:** If we are to come closer to the goal of sustainability, how can we modify existing communities? What about the 1910 craftsman's, the post-war houses, the 1970's suburbs, and the 1940's walk-ups – can they be retrofitted to meet new goals and reflect our new values? How can we take the lessons of co-housing and eco-villages and translate them for use in our older neighbourhoods?



**The Presentation:** We will explore how well (or how badly) some older suburbs made use of resources, how they supported development of community, how flexible the housing forms could be, and some unexpected side-benefits. We will also address their limitations and what they missed out on. The emphasis will be on "retrofitting" our older suburbs. What can be done and how?

**Target Audience:** Suitable for community groups, individuals and property managers interested in modifying their existing built resources in order to try and live within ecological limits. Participants are encouraged to bring maps, drawings and photos of their own street and home building as there may be time for some brain storming and detailed analysis.

**When:** Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:place@fairfieldcommunity.ca)

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