

## **Fernwood eNews: Inaugural Edition: March 2009**

### **FCA Signs Poverty Reduction Plan Letter to All 3 Provincial Parties Ahead of May 12 Provincial Election**

Learn more about this critical issue at [BCPovertyReduction.ca](http://BCPovertyReduction.ca)

Please consider [signing the petition yourself](#) and encouraging other organizations to sign on:

[Radio FCA](#) recorded Seth Klein of the [Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives](#) at Alix Goolden Hall, on Feb. 28, 2009

### **Online Voter Registration for May 12 Provincial Election**

Requires your driver's licence number or your SIN #.

[Register here.](#)

### **City Council Strategic Priorities**

The City announced its strategic priorities this week. They are:

- (1) Homelessness;
- (2) Affordable Housing;
- (3) Enhanced Council Decision-Making - Governance;
- (4) Enhanced Communication;
- (5) Harm Reduction;
- (6) Quality Core Service Delivery - Infrastructure; and
- (7) Downtown Late Night Nuisances.

Details available at the [City of Victoria website](#). (One of the priorities under Enhanced Communication is to revamp their website.)

Questions or comments? Contact [Philippe Lucas](#), City Council's liaison to the FCA.

### **Land Use**

The [FCA Land Use Committee](#) will discuss a small lot re-zoning proposal relating to [2513 Asquith](#) at its April 1st meeting.

Location: FCA Building, 1923 Fernwood Rd., 7:30 pm

### **Pacific Festival of the Book**

The third annual Pacific Festival of the Book will be held from May 5 to May 15 at St. John the Divine United Church, at Quadra and Pandora.

Local poets, writers and readers will be featured, as will Beat poets from San Francisco Joanne Kiger and David Smeltzer.

Questions? [Contact Richard Olafson.](#)

### **FCA Joining NPNA to Promote Native Plant Demonstration Gardens**

The purpose of this project is to demonstrate, and educate people about, the original habitat of

our neighbourhood by reintroducing the native plants, which will in turn help attract and support our native wildlife species.

These plant species are very well adapted to our wet winters and dry summers and therefore make a wonderful and low maintenance addition to all our gardens.

For more info on North Park's existing Native Plant Demonstration Garden, or to become involved, e-mail [Todd Doherty](mailto:Todd.Doherty@northpark.ca) at or call 250 388-9101.

The FCA will be assisting the [North Park Neighbourhood Association](http://northpark.ca) with exploring fundraising and expansion possibilities.

The newly planted garden is located at the corner of [Pembroke & Vancouver Streets](#).

### **Fernwood Art Stroll Looks To Be On Again In '09**

Details to follow in a later edition, but organizers give early indications that the popular June event will be on again.

For details on some of what went on in 2008, and the banners that still line part of Fernwood Road, [check here](#).