



Inter-Cultural
Association
of Greater Victoria

Show Your Support

Health and childcare, together, at 808 Douglas

OUR VISION

Create a thriving community where we all belong.

COUNCIL MEETS SEPT. 24 · 9:00 A.M.

SHARE YOUR SUPPORT BY SEPT. 23

Council meets Thursday, September 24, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

Please share your support with Mayor and Council by Wednesday, September 23.

Email: mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca

What is happening

On Thursday, September 24, Victoria City Council's Committee of the Whole will consider a motion from Mayor Marianne Alto and Councillor Dave Thompson. The motion asks Council to support in principle a community health clinic and licensed daycare at the Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria (ICA), 808 Douglas Street, and to direct City staff to explore a path forward.

If the motion passes, City staff would work with ICA on zoning, permitting, pick-up and drop-off arrangements, and potential funding sources.

ICA has existing, long-term nonprofit space that could be used to address two urgent community needs at once, while avoiding the cost and delay of acquiring a new downtown site. Every day, ICA sees how closely health and childcare are connected. When families have both, parents can work, study and build stable lives.

How you can help

- 1. Email Mayor and Council.** Send a short note to mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca. This one address reaches the Mayor and all Councillors. A sample email is below.
- 2. Contact a Councillor directly.** Find individual contact details on the City's [Members of Council page](#).
- 3. Share the news.** Share ICA's posts on Instagram, Facebook and LinkedIn so more people hear about the plan.
- 4. Watch the meeting.** Follow the Committee of the Whole live on Thursday morning: <https://pub-victoria.escribemeetings.com> (select the September 24 Committee of the Whole meeting).

Tips for writing to Council

- Use your own words. A few sentences is enough.
- Say who you are, for example a parent, a patient waiting for a family doctor, a downtown worker or an employer, and which neighbourhood you live in.
- Mention the motion by name: support in principle for a community health clinic and licensed daycare at ICA's downtown site (agenda item G.3).
- Keep it positive and respectful.
- Send it by Wednesday, September 23. The motion may be considered early in Thursday's meeting.

Sample email

To: mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca

Subject: Support for a community health clinic and licensed daycare at 808 Douglas

Dear Mayor Alto and Members of Council,

I am writing to support the motion on this week's Committee of the Whole agenda to support in principle a community health clinic and licensed daycare at the Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria's downtown site at 808 Douglas Street.

Access to a family doctor and to licensed childcare are two of the biggest challenges facing families in our city. This plan uses existing, long-term nonprofit space to address both needs at once, without the cost and delay of acquiring a new downtown site.

[Optional: add a sentence about why this matters to you, for example your own experience finding a family doctor or childcare.]

I encourage you to vote in favour of this motion and to direct staff to work with ICA to move it forward.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

[Your name]

[Your neighbourhood or organization]

Short message

For a quick note to a Councillor, a social media comment or a phone call:

"I support the motion on a community health clinic and licensed daycare at ICA's 808 Douglas site. Using existing nonprofit space to meet two urgent needs is a practical solution for our community. Please vote in favour."

Links and contacts

WHAT	WHERE
Email Mayor and Council	mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca
Members of Council	victoria.ca/city-government/mayor-council/members-council
The motion	filestream.ashx
Meeting	Committee of the Whole, Thursday, September 24, 2026, 9:00 a.m., Council Chambers, City Hall, 1 Centennial Square. Agenda item G.3.
Agenda	Committee of the Whole - September 24, 2026
Watch live	https://pub-victoria.escribemeetings.com
City Hall phone	250-385-5711
Learn more about ICA	icavictoria.org

Victoria Mayor and Council

- Mayor Marianne Alto (*co-sponsor of the motion*)
- Councillor Dave Thompson (*co-sponsor of the motion*)
- Councillor Jeremy Caradonna
- Councillor Chris Coleman
- Councillor Matt Dell
- Councillor Marg Gardiner
- Councillor Stephen Hammond
- Councillor Susan Kim
- Councillor Krista Loughton

Please note: correspondence to Mayor and Council may become part of the public record.

Questions? Contact:

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Councillor Dave Thompson, City of Victoria | davethompsonvictoria@gmail.com

Together, let's build a welcoming community.