



Media Release

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School District Leases Former Hampton School Site

The Greater Victoria School District has agreed to lease the former Hampton School building to the Victoria Native Friendship Centre.

The District will receive approximately \$3.2 million dollars in lease payments spread over a 15 year period. The term of the lease is 99 years and will commence January 1, 2006.

The Victoria Native Friendship Centre provides a broad range of educational and counseling services to its clients.

“Not only do the proceeds of this agreement benefit our students; we are also able to lease this facility to an organization that deeply cares about and serves our community,” said Board Chair Michael McEvoy.

Bruce Parisian, Executive Director of the Victoria Native Friendship Centre, said, “the agreement is a very good fit for the Centre,” adding, “I look forward to meeting and working with our new neighbours and the larger community as we move towards the January commencement date.”

Dean Fortin, Executive Director of the Burnside Gorge Community Association, said he was pleased with the agreement noting that the District has found a “long term tenant for the building that has an extensive track record of community service”.

The playing fields surrounding the school are not included in the lease agreement.

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