

Engagement session: Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Group: Community

of attendees: 173

Location: Vic High Andrews Gymnasium

What elements of the current Victoria High School building do you VALUE THE MOST?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• War, memorial plaques and stained glass• Living history• Heritage features, auditorium, roper gym, Vic history• Heritage architecture, school spirit, community meeting place, grounds for community events, student gardening initiative,• This is a Temple to Education! Don't replace it with a cookie cutter high school! Hear! Hear!• Architecture, history, memories, Vic High is a gem, irreplaceable• Heritage, architecture, history• The students keep elements of the façade but build a new school!• The façade, school spirit• Heritage, architecture, history• You must preserve the auditorium and the unique gyms• The kids!• Grant Street façade• The heritage building and the heritage of all the students that attended and staff who taught here• The attic• The architecture, the materials, the pride cannot be matched anywhere else in our city• Most schools are ugly. VIC HIGH IS MAGNIFICENT• Exterior, architectural, elements• The history, the architecture, auditorium• Here! Here!• The whole building, the risk of earthquake at this exact site is no greater than in our homes. Do we approve cost equal to value of our home for "earthquake proofing" of course not – why• Heritage, Exterior, features• War memorials, history, character,• Its elegance as a building and those cool washrooms• The façade is breath taking – Don't lose it!• Level of teaching with or without upgrades• Its beauty grace and statement about the importance of investing in education• Landmark, history, architecture• The heritage aspect, the history, character, architecture• Being part of a distinct neighbourhood
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The façade, interior architectural features (mouldings, marble) auditorium • Do we think we should spend that kind of \$ without actual true risk analysis? Building all new buildings to standard for some but leave our historic beauties. • Building is more interesting than most • Architecture, auditorium, boys entrance and girls entrance! • The history, this is the heart of the neighbourhood, a beautiful structure • Seismic upgrade includes a new school – it's not either or • History, heritage, the auditorium, memories for so many • The students • Its history, its scale, the detail of architecture • Lose it and lose large classrooms, high ceilings, wide hallways i.e. "character" • Green space around building • Try to keep some classic character intact ie windows, theatre, gym memorial plaques, stairwell marble and wood • The memory and history • Architecturally and historically one of the city's most significant landmarks! • The attic, boiler room, gyms, the outside of the building like details and beauty of it • Auditorium, the old gym, the façade, memorials • Fernwood Street, façade • Heritage value to our city and neighbourhood • The heritage, history and architecture • Wallace Auditorium • War memorials • Heritage features, war memorials, auditorium • Heritage
What elements of the current Victoria High School building are the most challenging?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Security • Seismic risk • Student capacity • Not built for 21st century needs, sizes and technology • Incorporating, change, while maintaining heritage and history • Cafeteria, small classrooms • The gym • Wheelchair access • Unsafe drinking water • Fiscal prudence • Seismic, asbestos flow • H-1 Seismic risk • Handicapped access

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retaining Vic High's heritage for the future • Seismic x2 • Safety, space, lack of amenities for kids, • Maintaining and keeping the historic features while making changes • Attacks on it by self- interested sports group convincing people that a new building is not necessary • Cost but perhaps people could work together to maintain heritage yet provide progressive learning environment. Grants? • Cafeteria, Change rooms • Safety! • Seismic upgrades while maintaining student attachment
When considering options and planning for the future of Victoria High School, which THREE or these items do YOU value most?	Heritage protection 81 School amenities 60 Environmental considerations 29 Increased capacity for catchment students 27 Community access or amenities 26 Flexibility of learning spaces 10 Capital costs 9 Operating costs 1
Tell us WHY you feel this way	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The oldest school in Western Canada is worth being invested in and preserved. History (World Wars 1 & 2), a beautiful auditorium, great gyms, inside out a gorgeous building and replacing it would be like re-writing history, updates are sure to be less costly than replacing (the Johnson Bridge is a perfect example) • Heritage features need to be preserved. The beautiful windows, woodwork and brick are irreplaceable unless a fortune is spent. Heritage aside, what about the history. This school is not a 'throwaway'!! • Thousands of alumni have memories that are unbreakably connected to this building. It is a history landmark for anyone who lives in Victoria. It bestows grace and pride on those who attend it. • Look and feel of the old building. You meet so many people who are alumni of this school and the pride they take in it. • Interior and exterior heritage, big windows, wooden features, stained glass • The heritage architecture both exterior and interior. Heritage preservation <u>can</u> be combined with student safety and amenities. • It is a truly grand building. It represents a huge investment by past generations that - if saved - will last many more decades.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heritage and what part the school played in our city history – <u>most preserved</u>, the attic and all who have been there - the signatures...the auditorium -don't know any schools with this grand feature, memories-stained glass windows and so much more... <p>SEE FORMS</p>
What other ideas should be considered when planning for the future of Victoria High School?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Size of the school and best use of existing site i.e. old tech building Better bike parking Elements of this building are memorials to students and staff who served in the world wars Save the sunny bleachers x 2 entries Consider using the old trades building site for increased capacity and amenities and keep current school or building new school there and using this for something else Please consider more consultation when there are more detailed proposals. These 3 options seems limited (ie option 1 keep school) and build more spaces. Additions/old trades site Improved sports and music programs Aren't these "New Concept" classes that are going to need specific spaces not in the current school? Possibly of multi-use facility i.e. combining community spaces w/school? Expansion should be where the old Fairey Tech building used to be. Auto shop? Welding? Woodworking? Carpentry? Drama, dance, music, cooking-chef programs? Artisan? As usual, I disagree with Grumpy Tax Payer. Faux presentation Build new building for school (Multi-story) on west side of track? Keep this school – but get extra "new" space on that vacant land where shops were torn down in 2011 Please consider how the loss of this iconic building will affect peoples' lives (lost), Pride in our decision – makers. Don't take the cheapest route. Do what is right and good. Save the sunny bleachers Heritage and amenities are not mutually exclusive Big enough for all catchment students (Think Royal Bay) I disagree- Oak Bay High is already FULL – Facades are useless Build the future upon its heritage The kids!! More talk about what they need to succeed. Look at the compiling truer cost estimates, the numbers appear, slanted to demolition What to do with site of old Fairy Tech? Keep some of the architectural features of this school

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vic High housed between 1,000 – 1,500 for 50 years. Build an addition or use portables, if needed • The attic artwork and signatures must be preserved. So much history and emotion there. Keep the music program alive, build a new building behind the front façade • Do the right thing – protect this historic building • Catchment students should be accommodated, build an addition. We already did that with the “New Wing”. Do it again. Vic High used to house 1500 students in the 1970’s Do that again • Do seismic upgrade, keep existing structure. Add capacity when needed • Build an astronomy facility, build a long house on the former Fairy Tech property to house a culinary school that can be used for the students Community/First nations • It’s the people (staff and students, principal and vice principal) that make the school great! KEEP THE BUILDING!! Say NO to tearing it down. Get \$ from the Federal Government and this school is a war memorial. KEEP THE BUILDING!!! • A rare occasion when I agree with Grumpy Tax Payer \$ • How to keep the spirit of the school alive during the building period with the students having to bus to another facility. • Consider creating spaces for the students to hang out in groups. Places to sit, read books, draw • There must be precedents for this kind of decision. What have other places done to preserve historical buildings/features while bringing them up to modern standards? Surely there are other creative models we could refer to. • The attic graffiti must be saved its art should be hung in Art school walls for all to enjoy. Everything in this schools tells a story • Our responsibility to The Lekwungen people under the commitments made to the T.R.C. cultural growth!! • What do the current students think? • VHS is a great location for the film productions that the city goes to great lengths to attract. “In the land of women” Budget 100 million, consider potential lost revenue as well as costs • Build an addition • The school should be big enough for all catchment kids! • What about the isolation method described by Councillor Madoff. Has anyone investigated this option? • Perhaps, though, a fourth option should be considered that would still make economic sense while respecting and
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	<p>honouring the heritage of Vic High. Architects could integrate heritage features of the existing Vic High, such as the two ornate facades, the large windows and the two war memorials in the entrance. Bricks could be sold to build a courtyard or for the alumni to fund extracurricular programs. The four-foot square granite blocks in the structure could highlight design elements. For our money, the best legacy for the old Vic High is making a sensible decision, one that would respect taxpayers by saving \$60 million or more, and yet accommodate an increasing enrollment. Consider the \$51.6 million Oak Bay High School that opened in 2015, replacing the old school that dated back to 1929. Built to the highest environmental standards to reduce operating costs, the new building required reusing and recycling existing building materials and has a major reduction of its carbon output to meet Gold LEED certification. The community-at-large will also benefit from various services within the facility. The headline at the time was unequivocal: “The new Oak Bay High School: Love it, amazing, inspiring.”</p>
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Victoria High School: *Planning* for the Future

Tell us why you feel this way

These THREE elements:

heritage environmental capacity
are most important to me because.....

Heritage preservation because history is important, also it's a waste to tear down. We need to be responsible in caring for our environment, and always look to the future as well — build for future.

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Tell us why you feel this way

These *THREE* elements:

7 5 8
are most important to me because.....

Space for students to learn all the important stuff like athletics, performing arts etc. are essential for students learning - they need to find their passions and space is essential for these activities. The community is growing - need to make room for more students.

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Victoria High School: Planning for the Future

Tell us why you feel this way

These THREE elements:

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are most important to me because....

#2: Heritage is Very important so needs to be part of the decision process.

#3: Cost really needs to be apart of the Proces because the citizens of Victoria do not have a bottomless bucket of \$\$ & with all the capital projects already in the works or being considered it would be inconsiderate to put the financial burden on Victoria people.

#8: Current School is not big enough to support today's students as well as future growth.

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Tell us why you feel this way

These THREE elements:

Heritage Protection Capital Costs. Environment
are most important to me because.....

We have to protect our history above all else.
I suspect the cost to demo the building and
dispose of the waste might offset a large
piece of the cost to refurbish the exterior
and rebuild the interior up to current
standards.

Let's keep a big piece of
Victoria's architecture

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Tell us why you feel this way

Heritage
These **THREE** elements: *Amenities* *Capacity.*
2 7 8
are most important to me because.....

I + would be a shame to lose the unique architecture of this school in the Greater Victoria area. If some way could be found to retain the front (+sides?) of the current building, but build a replacement in behind it, that would be the best of both worlds.

Increased capacity + amenities from a new building while still retaining the outward character behind the front if possible.

I'm not an architect.

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Victoria High School: Planning for the Future

Tell us why you feel this way

These THREE elements:

are most important to me because.....

1. *Heritage* : don't let the city make another mistake
- preserve what's here. Look what happened to the
Johnson St / Blue Bridge houses.
2. *Cost* = upgrade - again look at the Blue Bridge
houses.
3. *Environmental* : speaks for itself.

Message to Mayor Higgs & councillors :

use your common sense - if you had
any & if you know what it is !!

Don't let Victoria end up being a concrete jungle.
We have lots of "old" things to be proud of &
preserved.
Be the right thing for a change

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Victoria High School: *Planning* for the Future

Tell us why you feel this way

These THREE elements:

ENVIRONMENTAL HERITAGE SCHOOL AMENITIES

are most important to me because.....

THE HISTORY OF VIC HIGH IS CLEARLY PALPABLE AS SOON AS ONE ENTERS THE SCHOOL. IT CREATES A LARGER SENSE OF PERSPECTIVE FOR ALL. WITH IMPROVED AMENITIES, THE SCHOOL OFFERS MORE FUNCTIONALITY AND BETTER SERVES THE STAFF AND STUDENTS. ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS ARE A MUST - ANY CHANGE TO A STRUCTURE NEEDS TO BE SUSTAINABLE AND LESSEN THE FOOTPRINT LEFT BEHIND.



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Tell us why you feel this way

These *THREE* elements:

_____ are most important to me because.....

THIS PART OF OUR HISTORY,
IT IS HERITAGE + MUST
BE SAVED FOR FUTURE
GENERATIONS.

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Victoria High School: *Planning for the Future*

Tell us why you feel this way

These **THREE** elements:

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are most important to me because.....

3/ Spending 110 million
makes NO SENSE

8/ I still believe in
being able to walk
or ride to your
neighborhood school

7/ Learning styles
will continue to change

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Vic High is in the 19th Century

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Tell us why you feel this way

These THREE elements:

History

are most important to me because.....

If we lose buildings like this we lose the flavor of our city. We become just another FLAVOR OF VANILLA. Instead of taking down our past we should be preserving it. To suggest taking this building down is almost criminal. Take a look at Italy, and all the old buildings there. They have way more earthquakes than we do.

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Tell us why you feel this way

These **THREE** elements:

environment heritage amenities
are most important to me because.....

- I care about the health of our kids
- History + heritage is a critical component of the whole city
NOT just students + families here
- It is important that there is more attention to equity across schools
re: amenities + more integration of community access / services / amenities

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Tell us why you feel this way

These THREE elements:

Heritage protection Environmental considerations School amenities
are most important to me because....

Vic High is the most significant heritage building in the Fernwood neighbourhood.

It is also a significant building for community events

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Tell us why you feel this way

These THREE elements:

Environment Culture/heritage usability
are most important to me because.....


The amount of waste created to tear down a building and build a new one ~~is~~ needs to be considered and measured. The greenest building is one already built.

Consider the room sizes, ceiling height, amount of natural light, size of hallways that come with this building. A new building will be built to minimum space/height standards. Student will be cramed in to class rooms, hall ways, washrooms etc. insted of enjoying the spacious learning enviro. of this 100 yr. old building.

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Heritage Values matter! Should consult w/ community about why they value this

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Seismically up grade this building and build an annex.
why is this not being considered?

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Tell us why you feel this way

These THREE elements:

Catchment Flexibility of space Amenities
are most important to me because.....

I am a teacher in training /
counsellor in training. Heritage
is lovely, but education + access
to flexible space, with enough
room for all (and room to
grow), and an awareness of
the need for the arts + activities
is ESSENTIAL.

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Tell us why you feel this way

These *THREE* elements:

HERITAGE

ACCESS

LEARNING

FACILITIES

are most important to me because....

I try to understand the economic hurdle that faces the individuals having to decide Vic High's fate. As a former student, an current community member Vic High represents a connection to the past for so many people in this city. We can't cut off that connection. We need to maintain heritage and I will fight to the bitter end to preserve this very important structure... PLEASE KEEP VIC HIGH .. PLEASE

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Tell us why you feel this way

These **THREE** elements:

Heritage Consideration - Flexible Learning

are most important to me because.....

I believe this building to be a landmark to the community and would forever change Ferwood's unique character. As a former Alumni and neighbour, I feel my property would indeed be worth less if our beautiful school was gone and our children lost that connection to their past. Also, as an educator, I feel we owe it to our future students to give them the gifts of history - real practical history - as much as we can. Thank you
Please hand in the feedback form before you leave.
So much for doing this.

Victoria High School: *Planning* for the Future

Tell us why you feel this way

These **THREE** elements:

are most important to me because.....

- ① Heritage landmark.
- ② cost of the seismic upgrade -
is includes items that should have
been part of ongoing building maintenance
- ③ - do not think building should be
torn down; instead it should be
upgraded + preserved for community
use and ~~the~~ housing.

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Tell us why you feel this way

These THREE elements:

Heritage / History Programs

environmental

are most important to me because.....

first and foremost is the history that comes with the school and building the memorials to the vets who fought in the War and lost their lives.

Second the beauty of the building its self lets not lose another historical building - (Nobody if debating tearing down St. Ann's academy or the original part of St. Joes hospitals. This building is over 100 yrs old that make it a precious commodity.

Environmental concerns are a given but during seismic upgrades these issue CAN be addressed without destroying the building.

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Tell us why you feel this way

These **THREE** elements:

Heritage

Environmental

School Amenities

are most important to me because....

It would be a travesty to tear down Vic High - it's a significant heritage building. The architectural style is representative of a historic time... save it for future generations. Culturally its part of Victoria for so many.

Environmentally it would be a waste - things ending up in the landfill - marble, bricks etc.

The amenities need to be considered - arts, auditorium, gymnasium, library it would need to meet the needs of the diverse student population... a safe and healthy environment that fosters learning.

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Tell us why you feel this way

These THREE elements:

SAFETY HERITAGE COMMUNITY CULTURE
are most important to me because.....

VIC HIGH MUST BE MADE SAFE BUT IT MUST BE
DONE IN A WAY THAT MAINTAINS THE HERITAGE
ASPECTS OF THE BUILDING INCLUDING THE
INTERIOR IF POSSIBLE. IT IS ^{AN} EXTREMELY
IMPORTANT COMPONENT OF THE CULTURAL HERITAGE
OF VICTORIA. DO NOT DEMOLISH!

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Tell us why you feel this way

These THREE elements:

Heritage Environment Amenities
are most important to me because.....

Buildings can be awesome
without being shiny + new.
VicHigh brings the weight of
history + a link to the past,
and that's valuable for our kids
to have too. It's important to
teach them that we don't throw
stuff out just because it's old.
Mend and make do!

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Tell us why you feel this way

These *THREE* elements:

are most important to me because.....

VHS's future does NOT
include an estimate of
student enrolment over
1000 So other solutions
will be required NOW!

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Victoria High School: *Planning* for the Future

Tell us why you feel this way

These THREE elements:

Heritage CAPITAL COSTS SCHOOL AMENITIES

are most important to me because.....

Heritage: Once it is done; it is done. It is part of our past
and should be preserved. It is a part of what
makes Victoria Victoria

CAPITAL COSTS: All are expensive. Spacing between options
are daunting

AMENITIES: Only new school really important what is
here?

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Tell us why you feel this way

These *THREE* elements:

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are most important to me because....

Plan for the future + preserve the building - why don't we have room for the students in cashment area instead of foreign students?
There are a mix of heritage in the population exposure to foreign students is no longer needed - it is only \$\$.

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Tell us why you feel this way

These THREE elements:

① HERITAGE ② COMMUNITY ③ AMMENITIES

are most important to me because.....

- ① ORIGINAL/OLDEST SCHOOL IN (B.C.?) I BELIEVE. (HERITAGE) HOMES IN VICTORIA GET DESIGNATED AS SUCH SO UNTOUCHABLE - VIC HIGH SHOULD BE INCLUDED UNDER THIS TITLE AS WELL.
- ② COMMUNITY - AREA SOMETHING WE CAN BE PROUD OF, SHOW OFF.
- ③ AMMENITIES ARE ENOUGH NOW WE FEEL.

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Victoria High School: *Planning for the Future*

Tell us why you feel this way

These **THREE** elements:

Community access Increased Capacity Amenities
are most important to me because.....

- I believe that inviting communities into schools via community resources such as day care, lectures, community spaces is very valuable to the school community, that parents feel welcome to be involved.
- Increased capacity - growing population must be planned for.
- Amenities - having a 13 yr old + 11 yr. old coming to vic high - New turf field would be highly valued.

I believe this can be incorporated in to doing an addition on this school + adding another high school near by - St. Willis - to accomodate the growing population.

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Tell us why you feel this way

These THREE elements:

Heritage Protection School Amenities Increased Capacity
are most important to me because..... For Catchment
Students

- Ensuring future generations are shown and taught about the history behind Vic High
- School Amenities as Vic High has always had an amazing way of creating an inclusive accepting environment with it's programs offered at Vic High.
- Increased Capacity is another big one as future generations keep getting larger.

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Tell us why you feel this way

These THREE elements:

Heritage School Amenities

are most important to me because.....

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Tell us why you feel this way

These **THREE** elements:

HERITAGE PROTECTION SCHOOL ARCHITECTURE

are most important to me because.....

- ENROLMENT EXPANSION CAN BE ACCOMMODATED BY BUILDING ADDITIONAL FACILITIES/BUILDINGS BEHIND THE SCHOOL, ~~ALONG~~ GLADSTONE OR ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE STADIUM PLANNET FIELDS AND TRACK.
- THE HERITAGE ASPECT IS MORE THAN JUST A SCHOOL BOARD ISSUE, IT IS A COMMUNITY ONE THAT HELPS DEFINE THE TYPE OF CITY WE WANT AND WILL LEAVE TO FUTURE GENERATIONS.
- CAPITAL COSTS APPEAR LARGE AT THE OUTSET OF ALL PROJECTS, BUT NOT SO WHEN VIEWED OVER THE LIFE OF THE PROJECT.

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Tell us why you feel this way

These THREE elements:

community Access Flexibility of learning spaces Increased capacity
are most important to me because....

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Rent out unused
spaces theatre,
gym - art classes
dance studio in
evenings - wkds.

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Also used for community
meetings - day care

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We need to look to the
future and provide
adequate space for
future students.

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Tell us why you feel this way

These *THREE* elements:

Heritage Protection Comm. Access School Amenities
are most important to me because.....

This school and this build hold an incredible amount of history. History not only important to Victoria, but all of Canada (Vic High students fighting in the world wars etc)

Community Access to the theatre, gym etc would be great!

Providing as many opportunities for students to experience through school amenities.

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Tell us why you feel this way

These **THREE** elements:

Capacity School Amenities Environmental
are most important to me because.....

Because the future is more important to our family, kids need to attend a neighbourhood school with all the ~~same~~ same opportunities as other schools.

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Tell us why you feel this way

These *THREE* elements:

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are most important to me because.....

The School has national historic value. It is a primary resource of WWI + II. It is beautiful. It is important to retain as much of the original interior + exterior as possible. We should add on to the building not destroy the historic iconic aspects of this space

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Tell us why you feel this way

These THREE elements:

- ① Heritage Protection ② Flexibility of learning space ③ Environmental consideration
are most important to me because....

① Vic High has such an amazing + important history. As an alumni I feel pride to have been a part of it.

② As an educational assistant that has worked in the district for many years + in a number of schools I have seen a great need for flexibility in learning spaces. With the move to inclusive ed it is becoming necessary ~~that~~ to have learning spaces that can be adapted for diverse students

③ As a member of this community it is important to me that we all do our part to support our environment

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Tell us why you feel this way

These THREE elements:

safety Culture Memories
are most important to me because.....

Safety is most important
because of health and other obvious
reasons, culture is important to retain
Victoria's name and reputation as well
as Fernwood's entire feel. For memories
if you want to visit high or know ancestors
who did it means a lot to you also if you're
a alumni you will get some nostalgia
and amazing memories that you
couldn't get anywhere else period.

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Victoria High School: *Planning for the Future*

Tell us why you feel this way

These THREE elements:

AMENITIES CAPACITY _____

are most important to me because.....

- ① THE SCHOOL NEEDS AMENITIES THAT SUPPORT THE INTERESTS AND ABILITIES OF ALL STUDENTS INCL. ART STUDIOS, ATHLETIC FACILITIES, MUSIC ROOMS, COMMERCIAL KITCHES, LABS ETC. AMENITIES INCL. ACCESSIBILITY. AT PRESENT, THIS SCHOOL IS HOSTILE TO PEOPLE W/ DISABILITIES.
- ② WHATEVER THE OPTION, VIC HIGH NEEDS TO BE BIG ENOUGH TO ACCOM. ALL STUDENTS IN THE CATCHMENT. THIS IS AN EQUITY AND ACCESS ISSUE. LOW INCOME STUDENTS SHOULDN'T BE FORCED TO SPEND MONEY ON TRANSIT. STUDENTS W/ MOBILITY ISSUES NEED A SCHOOL NEAR THEM. AND WALKING OR BIKING TO YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL IS GREEN!

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Victoria High School: *Planning* for the Future

Tell us why you feel this way

These THREE elements:

HERITAGE

ENVIRONMENT

AMENITIES

are most important to me because.....

this school was attended by myself, my father, his friends, family and many of the most important people to me. It is a thread of commonality that many aspects of modern times lack. This isn't another secondary school. - this is the school.

A full demolition means most, if not all, of the materials go to landfill. In today's world, that is and should be unacceptable.

I was never part of the arts and alternate programs, choosing to focus on academics, but life has taught me that we have enough math and science, we need creativity and imagination. Variety. Options. boxes outside the box.

I honestly feel that losing Vic High and all it has done and will represent will be a tragedy we won't be able to undo.

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Re people choosing Option 2 - Heritage Protection - Probably politically incorrect, but I would love to see analysis of how many of them are child-free + therefore possibly less motivated by the immediacy of safety concerns.

Tell us why you feel this way

These THREE elements:

School Amenities Community Access Capacity for Catchment
(7) (6) (8)
are most important to me because.....

Capacity - For the love of godness, there has to be enough room for the students. Talk to planners at Camosun College. The Centre for Business + Access (CBA Building) was built for existing numbers, + was inadequate for needs from the day it was finished. They/Ministry of Ed did not project, + it was an embarrassment.

School Amenities - It's a school! It should have great learning spaces and learning needs to help people who are overstimulated by the intensity of high school clutter + need a quiet space. Vic Hi is famous for theatre, + it would be great to have a good enough theatre that community events + even professional events happen there.

Community Access - Fernwood, Quadra, Fairfields + Oaklands do not have a city library branch! That looks a wee bit elitist considering the pockets of poverty in some of those neighbourhoods. Quadra Community Centre has a food bank - Fernwood doesn't. Renting out dance spaces for evening dance classes would make money - just put in healthy lighting - not fluorescent. Talk to eye health/brain health specialist Dr. Cameron McCredan for advice.

A modern gym would kickstart Vic Hi's "rehabilitation" as a place with a ^{viable} sports program.

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My daughter is entering Grade 9 at Vic High in Sept. 2018. If you need any parents for focus groups, I can volunteer: elizabethmonk@shaw.ca

Victoria High School: *Planning for the Future*

Tell us why you feel this way

These THREE elements:

Capital Cost School Amenities Increased Capacity for catchment students
are most important to me because.....

- Cost matters because the people that live in Victoria will pay for it + fiscal responsibility is important to me
- School Amenities are vital to the students and they deserve a school that offers equal opportunities to any school in the city/province
- Increased capacity is important because kids should be able to go to school in the community they actually live in, to build pride in school/neighborhood/city.

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Victoria High School: Planning for the Future

Tell us why you feel this way

These THREE elements:

CAPITAL COSTS ENV. CONS. HERITAGE PROTECTION
are most important to me because.....

- ① A VERY BIG PROJECT. ~~LOSS~~ COSTS HAVE TO BE GIVEN SERIOUS CONSIDERATION. I HEARD A LOT OF PEOPLE ^(OLDER) BEING VERY NOSTALGIC TODAY. BUT THOSE OLDER FOLKS WON'T END UP PAYING FOR THE NEW BLDG. ~~ET ASSUME~~ ~~SAME GOVT~~
- ② AS A 5 YEAR RESIDENT OF FERNWOOD, I'VE BECOME VERY FOND OF THIS BLDG AS I WALK BY IT MOST DAYS. HOWEVER PERHAPS A "NEW" BUILDING COULD BE DESIGNED WHICH IS ARCHITECTURALLY INTERESTING BUT MUCH SAFER, MORE FLEXIBLE & ENVIR. FRIENDLY.

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Tell us why you feel this way

These THREE elements:

Heritage generational ~~to~~ Living
are most important to me because.....

(A community belonging)
connection to each
generation

History
(continuing)

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Victoria High School: Planning for the Future

Tell us why you feel this way

These THREE elements:

Heritage Value School Amenities Increased Enrollment
are most important to me because.....

- ① This is a heritage bldg and should be saved at all costs & not as important as keeping the future attached to the past.
- ② Up grade some of the important amenities and make it more comfortable. but do not change the stairwells.
- ③ If extra class rooms are needed consider replacing the old Tech area and track with new additional bldg and move track to Tech area.

Thanks for this opportunity !!

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Victoria High School: *Planning* for the Future

Tell us why you feel this way

These THREE elements:

~~3~~ 2 ~~4~~ 7 ~~5~~ 6
are most important to me because.....

~~The costs should~~

- THE BUILDING IS THE SENSE OF PRIDE FOR A VIC HIGH GRAD (AND LONG TIME NEIGHBOUR)
- THE BUILDING BRINGS MULTI-GENERATIONS TOGETHER AND IS A CATALYST TO OUR WAR TIME & OTHER HISTORY.
- UPGRADE OR BUILD NEW AMENITIES AND CAPACITY ON THE OLD FEIRY MSCH SITE ALONG WITH NEW TRACK AND RYM ETC.
- COMBINE COMMUNITY AMENITIES FOR STUDENTS & NEIGHBOURS POSSIBLY WITH THE PARK NEXT DOOR.

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Victoria High School: *Planning* for the Future

Tell us why you feel this way

These THREE elements:

Heritage Flexibility of learning School Amenities
are most important to me because.....^{spaces}

I believe it is too easy, the cheaper way,
to tear down our history.

Every child learns differently and at their
own space - this flexibility is very important.
Offering these amenities opens up their minds
to options.

Heritage because that is what makes this school
^{so} beautiful

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Tell us why you feel this way

These THREE elements:

2

6

7

are most important to me because....

The building must be maintained. The historical and cultural value is too great. The theatre should be upgraded. The lighting, sound and seating areas/systems are antiquated.

Lastly, the building needs be a vital part of the community — day care, meeting rooms and access for community groups. Not to mention connections to the Belfry.

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Tell us why you feel this way

These THREE elements:

Heritage Environment _____

are most important to me because.....

as the oldest high school in B.C., it must be preserved. If only the outer structure is preserved what modifications must be made to the interior will not retain the wide hallway and high ceilings. Buildings of today are not made of the same quality as those of an earlier era.

If an expansion is required it should match the present structure

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Tell us why you feel this way

These THREE elements:

heritage environment flexibility

are most important to me because.....

1. I have personal connection to the school
I was a 3rd generation student. My
ancestor was the Malcolm in Malcolm &
Dinsdale ^{construction} who built the school. But apart
from that, it is a beautiful structure that
must be preserved. I don't understand why
it is not protected as a Heritage building.
That is a travesty.
2. Tearing it down is not an ecologically sound
choice. Consider Reuse & Recycle.
3. I had to come up with a third choice + no one
else had chosen this one.

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Tell us why you feel this way

These THREE elements:

Environment Heritage Amenities.
are most important to me because....

- We need to value preservation over sending everything to the landfill, we will not survive our current pace of tear down and build new.
- I believe that we can all be more creative in our thinking around long term value, how we use what

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Tell us why you feel this way

These **THREE** elements:

1 Environment 2 Heritage 3 Amenities

are most important to me because.....

1. Protecting the enviro. is more important now than ever before. Tearing down & rebuilding would be to high of a toll. Repairing is the best option.

2. VH is full of history, & we are a city full of it. We can't keep tearing down old buildings, just because of cost. I won't my children to come to VH one day & feel the same way I felt going here: Proud; of the history, the soldiers that gave their lives, and the sense of being a part of something important. Another modern, white-walled building just can not provide that.

3. VH is a school of Fine arts, which I feel lead to love & accept among students while I attended ('10 - '14). It puts VH apart from other schools in the best way. It teaches kids how to express themselves. I know it helped me. And I know it will help many more. Save our Vie High ♥

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Tell us why you feel this way

These THREE elements:

Heritage Plot / School Acre / Operating Costs

are most important to me because....

The building
is so
beautiful
to tear down
rebuild the
interior but
keep some
of the
architecture
from the
inside.
A part of
Victoria
would be

We need to
be competitive
and keep
school program
running.

If the Mayor
of VSC would
just not
spend any
more money
on building
and painting
cross walks
we would have
the money
in reserve!

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Lost forever!

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Tell us why you feel this way

These *THREE* elements:

COST

are most important to me because.....

NEW BUILDING WILL BE MORE EFFICIENT,
LAST LONGER, AND CAN ACCOMMODATE
MORE STUDENTS.

CAN BE DESIGNED FOR FUTURE

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Victoria High School: *Planning* for the Future

Tell us why you feel this way

These *THREE* elements:

are most important to me because.....

OVER ALL SAVE OUR HERITAGE
SOME WHAT - THE FRONT MAIN
ENTRANCE - SAFETY & A NEW
EXTENSION FOR EXTRA CLASS ROOM
ON THE GRASS AREA BETWEEN VIC
HIGH & FERNWOOD RD.

GO FOR GOLD

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Tell us why you feel this way

These **THREE** elements:

Heritage Arts Community
are most important to me because.....

① This is one of the most significant buildings in Western Canada. Its architectural merit is beyond question.

② My life was shaped by my study of music at Vic High. Several of us are still in touch more than half a century later.

③ Schools should be used for community events. I miss the old "night school" classes where I learned so much.

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Tell us why you feel this way

These **THREE** elements:

Costs Access Flexibility
are most important to me because..... Costs to keep vesable
operation of School

Programing flexibility is a well known
quality of Vic High

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Victoria High School: *Planning for the Future*

Tell us why you feel this way

These THREE elements:

HERITAGE COMMUNITY ACCESS INCREASED CAPACITY
are most important to me because.....

- VIC HIGH IS ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL HIGH SCHOOL IN CANADA
- OTHER BUILDINGS LIKE HUMBER COLLEGE & OSGOOD HALL HAVE BEEN BEAUTIFULLY RESTORED
- THE BUILDING IS AN ASSET THAT WILL BE INVALUABLE TO A GROWING COMMUNITY
- MUCH UNDER USED SPACE

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Tell us why you feel this way

These *THREE* elements:

_____ are most important to me because.....

1. Heritage
2. Safety

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Victoria High School: *Planning* for the Future

Tell us why you feel this way

These THREE elements:

are most important to me because.....

1) SEISMIC UPGRADE

WITH RETAINING EXISTING
BUILDING

I WENT TO VIC HIGH

& IT HELPED SHAPE

THE PERSON I BECAME.

* IT ISN'T ALWAYS
ABOUT THE MONEY.

I BELIEVE.

THE PEOPLE OF THIS
CITY WILL HELP. (DONATE) ETC.

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(JUST ASK THEM.

Victoria High School: *Planning for the Future*

Tell us why you feel this way

These THREE elements:

Increased capacity school amenities Capital Cuts.
for students
are most important to me because.....

The need to fulfill future generations of students and
not to spend millions but still not deal with
the problems of the future.

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Victoria High School: *Planning* for the Future

Tell us why you feel this way

These *THREE* elements:

_____ are most important to me because.....

VICTORIA IS RAPIDLY BECOMING A
"COOKIE CUTTER" CITY OF GLASS AND CONCRETE.
WE MUST MAINTAIN OUR CHARACTER AND
UNIQUE NEIGHBOURHOOD FEELING. LET'S
NOT LOSE HISTORY TO DEVELOPERS. KEEP
THE BUILDING - MAKE IT SAFE.

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Victoria High School: *Planning* for the Future

Tell us why you feel this way

These THREE elements:

① OPERATING COST ② ENVIRONMENT ③ SCHOOL AMENITIES
are most important to me because.....

① WHATEVER YOU DO YOU MIGHT AS WELL DO IT RIGHT
AND BUILD FOR THE FUTURE AND GO GREEN,
E.G. SOLAR PANELS ETC.

IF YOU KNOW IT DOWN, HOW IS THE RUBBLE
① GOING TO BE DEALT WITH?

I DIDN'T GO TO SCHOOL HERE BUT MY
CHILDREN WILL BE GOING, ONE AS SOON AS
SEP 2015. SO SAFETY IS MY MAIN CONCERN
AND TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATE LEARNING
SPACE. IT IS A BEAUTIFUL BUILDING AND LOTS OF
CHARACTER, BUT HAVING JUST
TOWNED THE SCHOOL, IT NEEDS WORK. WHO WANTS

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TO IT W THAT CATERING, E.G.?

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Tell us why you feel this way

These THREE elements:

Historical str. Amenities Catchman

are most important to me because.....

H: Oldest school in BC + memorial for the vets
that served ~~the~~ our country.

A: Students need more space + equipment
for theater, dance, and ~~esports~~ sports
- fix the track!

C: space for students to ~~be~~ learn
+ grow

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Victoria High School: *Planning* for the Future

Tell us why you feel this way

These THREE elements:

Heritage Heritage Heritage
are most important to me because.....

Come give a cheer for
Victoria High. We never
falter. We never die.
Praise our colour black and
bold and cheer for the team
so brave and bold. And if anyone
should question us why. We give
a cheer and then we reply,
"That we're 1500 strong and this is
our fighting song."

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Tell us why you feel this way

These THREE elements

Health Accessibility functional space.
are most important to me because.....

I'm concerned about the old
interior health standards.
functionality + use of space.

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Tell us why you feel this way

These THREE elements:

heritage increase capacity school/amenities
are most important to me because....

HERITAGE because Once gone can't be replaced. Modern structure like Oak Bay not working out too well.

Increase capacity so that catchment students can enroll. But realistically as numbers tend to go up and down.

Amenities for students AND for community.

SAVE OUR ICONIC BUILDING!!!

more important than \$\$.

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Tell us why you feel this way

These THREE elements:

heritage adaptability community values
are most important to me because.....

- * heritage + history of Vic High is a defining feature of Victoria culture + values
- * 21st Century ^{learning} ~~needs~~ means schools need flexible, adaptable spaces to accomodate multiple learning styles.
- * Vic High's history generates strong community values of respect and for people, environment and to the past.

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Tell us why you feel this way

These **THREE** elements:

School Amenities Environment Flexibility of Learning Space
are most important to me because.....

Ultimately, Vic High is a learning space & the learning needs of the students (all students) must be the priority.

It's also important to balance the financial cost with ~~the~~ environmental impact, preserve what makes sense, re-use what can be re-used & properly dispose of the building waste

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Tell us why you feel this way

These **THREE** elements:

Heritage Amenities Catchment

are most important to me because.....

This school is more than a building it is an icon. It symbolizes the nature and history of Victoria.

There is more value in preserving and enhancing its function than seeing a new school constructed and this venerable old building demolished.

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Tell us why you feel this way

These **THREE** elements:

Capital cost - flexibility of school amenities
are most important to me because.....^{learning spaces}

I chose these 3 because safety will be addressed in all 3 plans.

Capital cost is important because this is not the only school in the district requiring upgrading. Why spend a huge amount more on a building that may not meet the learning needs of children in 20-30 years from now.

flexibility of Learning Space - The priority must be the education of our children for generations to come. The new curriculum focuses on flexible learning. The structure of the school must be able to support this. Learning should be the most important element in the decision.

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school amenities - Similar to learning space,

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which plan will best support school amenities that make teaching and learning in this space - D

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Tell us why you feel this way

These THREE elements:

Heritage Environment Amenities

are most important to me because.....

Reservation of our heritage is vital to keeping our city a desirable place to live, including our schools. So much is being lost.

Environmental costs of destroying and rebuilding must be honestly calculated. It is not a benefit to build new

Amenities: Ideally, neighbourhood amenities should be integrated with our school system

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Tell us why you feel this way

These **THREE** elements:

Heritage School Amenities Operating costs
are most important to me because....

Heritage b/c it's an important landmark in our neighbourhood, School amenities b/c I want my daughter to ~~have~~ feel that her education & opportunities to explore different options are valued & operating costs because less operating costs = less carbon footprint.

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Tell us why you feel this way

These THREE elements:

Heritage Flex Amenities
are most important to me because....

- What is the cost of Heritage. We are saving numerous Heritage Homes, why not the oldest High School?? It is the least factor!!
You have an opportunity to save one of the most valuable buildings, make it a Heritage Site.

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Tell us why you feel this way

These THREE elements:

Heritage lost capital Community Amenities
are most important to me because.....

- 1- There are few things young people can do to feel connected to the past. The building & its memorabilia can be part of that. (In addition to its influence on community)
- 2 - Obvious, shouldn't overexceed expectations
- 3 - The more community involvement, the more donations, the more connection to students & their learning goals.

Thank You!

- [Redacted] (Son of a class of '66 grad)

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Tell us why you feel this way

These THREE elements:

Heritage Protection
Community Access
Flexibility of Space
are most important to me because...

1. The school is beautiful + historic, exactly what Victoria strives to be
2. Healthy communities build healthy students
3. Adaptability to change will prevent another demolish-scare.

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Also, Victoria has money. This is important

gorgeous building

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Tell us why you feel this way

These **THREE** elements:

Heritage Environment School amenities
are most important to me because.....

I live in area & appreciate fully the heritage aspects of Fernwood, including V.H.S. - the environment speaks to the community as well - keeping a balance between old & new important.... all schools need good learning spaces for students - healthy spaces healthy minds!

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Victoria High School: *Planning for the Future*

Tell us why you feel this way

These THREE elements:

Heritage Amenities Heritage
are most important to me because.....

This building is more than adequate
as a school for the modern era.
It's wonderful theatre, gym, workshops and
classrooms provide excellent spaces for
students to operate.

The issue of heritage is by far the
most important since the school is perfectly
adequate for education. Facades don't
create heritage — Save the Building

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Tell us why you feel this way

These THREE elements:

are most important to me because.....

- I feel it is better to build a new building with more environmentally friendly design and lower operating costs. Need a modern, efficient heating system plus LED lighting and better insulation.
- This building is impractical by having too many stairs and walking about it is like a maze.
- Because of some of the unique or impressive architectural features, the historical integration in a new building.
- Ensure that a new building is large enough for the existing student enrolment plus add additional classrooms that will be available as student population increase. Don't build schools such as Trillium and Royal Bay that were too small the day they opened. Build this so it can be easily expanded if necessary.
- Ensure that school amenities will be available for what is needed for job skills in demand.

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- Renovating this school is so costly and will place huge extra financial burdens on the school board and taxpayers.

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- Heritage values similar to this existing building could be added to a new building, such as exterior, hallways, gym, auditorium, etc.

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Tell us why you feel this way

These *THREE* elements:

HERITAGE HERITAGE HERITAGE

are most important to me because.....

Vic High is the focus, the fulcrum, of Fernwood. It has played an amazing role in the history of Victoria (its grads, its educational standards, its cultural influence, its role in two wars), but it is also an iconic building designed by a key Victoria architect on a wonderful campus. To demolish this building would be an act of stupid vandalism and an outrageous abuse of public trust.

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Victoria High School: *Planning* for the Future

Tell us why you feel this way

These THREE elements:

HERITAGE COMMUNITY ACCESS SCHOOL AMENITIES

are most important to me because.....

ONCE BEAUTIFUL HISTORIC BUILDINGS ARE GONE - IT IS FOREVER. IT IS MORE EXPENSIVE TO WORK WITH EXISTING STRUCTURE BUT IT IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IS CRUCIAL ~~THE~~ SCHOOL AMENITIES - KIDS HAVE DIVERSE NEEDS & LEARN IN DIFFERENT WAYS - GIVE THEM ALL THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHINE. TEARING DOWN IS SHORTSIGHTED & ONLY UPGRADING SEISMIC IS NOT IN BEST INTEREST OF STUDENTS

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