

VICTORIA HIGH SCHOOL, PROJECT REPORT

April 2023



PURPOSE

This monthly project report will update the Victoria community through the remaining construction phase of the seismic upgrade, addition and site work at Victoria High School on 1260 Grant Street.

BACKGROUND

Since the opening of the school in 1914, Victoria High School has played a key role in the delivery of education in the area. The existing school facility includes the original school, which has many heritage features, an addition built in 1955 and an addition built in 2011, the Fairey Tech Shop Wing.

In 2004, the Ministry of Education performed Seismic Risk Assessments throughout the Province that identified Victoria High School as one of the highest risk facilities in the School District. In September 2019, the School District received Ministry approval to proceed with the seismic upgrade of the school, and an addition to provide a Neighbourhood Learning Centre (NLC).

The seismic portion of the project comprises the upgrade of 13,288 square metres of existing space. The NLC will provide 1,100 square metres of new space for a new Multi-purpose Room, Learning Commons, astronomy deck/outdoor classroom, as well as space for the International Community Association. Site improvements include additional parking, volleyball courts and a new artificial turf field. The project will increase the capacity of the school by 200 from 800 to 1,000 seats.

Thanks to this amazing project Victoria High School can continue to effectively serve students and the community for many future generations.

KEY TEAM MEMBERS

School District Facilities

HDR Architecture

Durwest Construction

MILESTONES

Construction—Started in April 2020/Planned completion Fall 2023

Site Work—Started in August 2022/Planned completion Fall 2023

Occupancy—Currently planned for January 2024

PROJECT UPDATE

- Starting April 24th, the frontage improvements on Gladstone Avenue and Grant Street will begin. This work will take up to three weeks to complete and is weather dependent. The scope of work includes demolishing existing curbs, sidewalks and street, to the centre line, and re-building new. There will be impacts to street parking while this work is being completed. There will be large construction vehicles needing access to the area; this work will impact traffic flow.
- The all-weather turf field is scheduled for installation in May, barring weather delays.
- Interior installation of steel stud, drywall, and T-bar ceilings is underway.
- Interior painting, flooring, and millwork is underway.
- Window restoration and replacement and terra cotta brick repair continue on the exterior of the school.
- Painting and audio/visual improvements to the auditorium are underway.

Updates are also available on our website at [Victoria High: Planning for the Future](#).