

VICTORIA HIGH SCHOOL, PROJECT REPORT

February 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, volley ball 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

1) OVERVIEW

- Curbing work underway for the new parking lot, with asphalt starting in March.
- All-weather turf field and beach volleyball courts curbing is complete and fence posts installed.
- Turf field scheduled for installation starting in Spring 2023.
- Interior installation of steel stud, drywall and T-bar ceilings is underway.
- Interior painting, flooring and millwork is underway.
- Window restoration and replacement as well as terra cotta brick repair continue on the exterior of the school.

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