

Haiku Canada Weekend, May 15th – May 17th, 2015, Victoria, B.C.

Victoria has a personality as strong as its namesake, the longest reigning English monarch, Queen Victoria. Western Canada's oldest city (first known as Camosack) was originally settled in 1843 as Fort Victoria, a regional outpost of the Hudson's Bay Company. Its harbor was home to one of the world's largest whaling and sealing fleets and a major port of entry into British North America. (www.tourismvictoria.com)

VENUE for HAIKU CANADA 2015

New Horizons, James Bay Community Center, 234 Menzies Street, Victoria
(www.jamesbaynewhorizons.ca)

Our venue is in charming James Bay, one of the oldest historical districts of Victoria, steps away from the downtown core, the beautiful Victoria Harbor and Empress Hotel, the Legislature Buildings, the B.C. Museum of History, "Thinking Like a Mountain" – the Robert Bateman Centre, the Emily Carr House, world famous Munro's Bookstore, and eco tours (whale watching). Canadian artist Emily Carr (born in Victoria) will have a presence at our weekend and you may begin your quest for knowledge about her with this current video:



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[High Commission of Canada in the United Kingdom](#) uploaded a new [video](#).

A group from Haida Gwaii perform a traditional dance to launch the first solo exhibition of Emily Carr in the UK at the Dulwich Picture Gallery in London.

Registration

Registration for the conference and the Saturday banquet, will (also) be on line: www.haikucanada.org and available by Nov. 7th, 2014. Please check the website for regular updates.

Transportation

Fortunately, James Bay plays host to the majority of the city's hotels (ranging from the modestly priced Helm's Inn, James Bay Inn, Surfside Motel, to the mid-range – Ramada, Best Western, Harbour Towers, Royal Scot, to the upscale places like the Hotel Grand Pacific and the Oswego Hotel). Another alternative is for attendees to peruse popular affordable online short-stay sites like <https://www.airbnb.com> or <http://www.vrbo.com> and those coming from the US as walk-ons out of Seattle may get good deals on both hotel/and transportation by using Clipper Vacations <http://www.clippervacations.com/seattle-packages/victoria-to-seattle-overnight>. And those coming from the Lower Mainland may be able to take advantage of hotels/ferry/bus deals by booking via Pacific Stage Coach Lines: <http://www.pacificcoach.com/Bus-Coach-Travel/Crosswater/Vancouver-to-Victoria>

For participants flying to Victoria, the Victoria International Airport is northwest of the city, (30 minutes from Victoria) near Sidney-by-the-Sea and Brentwood Bay, home to the world famous Butchart Gardens. You may find more information here: www.butchartgardens.com around tours and dining. We are hoping to arrange pickups from the airport, closer to the time of the conference.

For our American friends: **Get your passports ready.**

Accommodation

Because of our traditional “Victoria Day Weekend” gathering for Haiku Canada, this year's weekend will need a considerable amount of “early” planning. Victoria Day (Monday, May 18th) in the city of Victoria, (her namesake) is a day of parades and celebrations. **Hotels need to be booked by Christmas.** For example, the Empress Hotel is already completely “booked” for this weekend. Our first choice, considering price, is Helm's Inn about four blocks from our venue. Second choice, a little closer, a bit more in cost, is the quaint, Edwardian James Bay Inn and Suites. There are others, also, to choose from.

We are also suggesting a three day ‘accommodation’ since the Haiku Canada weekend will conclude with an impromptu tour of some of the sights in the Harbour and downtown areas along with an impromptu Sunday dinner at Il Covo Trattoria in James Bay. If you're coming this far, we want to give you the best possible conference!

All hotels, B and B's, restaurants, and coffee shops are within walking distance of our venue, *The James Bay New Horizons Community Centre*.

Hotels

Helm's Inn 600 Douglas Street www.helmsinn.com

James Bay Inn Hotel Suites & Cottage, 270 Government St. **1-800-836-2649**

www.jamesbayinn.com

Harbour Towers Hotel & Suites, 345 Quebec St. www.harbourtowers.com

The Admiral Inn, 257 Belleville St. www.admiral.bc.ca

Royal Scot Hotel & Suites, 425 Quebec St. www.royalscot.com

The Embassy Inn Hotel, 520 Menzies St. www.embassyinn.ca

Hotel Grand Pacific, 463 Belleville St. www.hotelgrandpacific.com

Days Inn, 427 Belleville St. www.daysinnvictoria.com

Huntingdon Manor, 330 Quebec St. www.huntingdonhotelsuitesonharbour.com

The Oswego Hotel, 500 Oswego St. www.oswegovictoria.com

Best Western Plus Inner Harbour, 412 Quebec Street www.victoriabestwestern.com

There is also an International Hostel in Victoria: Turtle Hostel

With dorm rooms starting at \$20.00 per night. Like all hostels, there are arguments for and against. Turtle Hostel is not in James Bay, so taxis would be needed to get to our venue. The address: Turtle Hostel, 1608 Quadra Street, Victoria turtle.hostel@gmail.com
www.turtlehostel.ca, 1-877 – 381 - 3210

Inns/Bed & Breakfast

Albion Manor

224 Superior St.

www.albionmanor.com

Fisher House Bed and Breakfast

333 Simcoe St.

www.fisherhousevictoria.com

Marketa's Bed and Breakfast

239 Superior St.

www.marketas.com

Marifield House B&B
235 Government St.
www.marifieldhouse.com

John Lewis House B&B
58 Government St.
www.johnlewishouse.com

Rosewood Inn
595 Michigan St.
www.rosewoodinn.ivictoria.com

Haterleigh Heritage Inn
243 Kingston St.
www.haterleigh.com

Restaurants/Pubs/Coffee Shops

All restaurants, coffee shops and pubs are within walking distance from *New Horizons, James Bay Community Center*.

Restaurants

Sushi Matsuri
239 Menzies St.
250-590-8110
<http://tinyurl.com/oe7m5k>

Heron Rock Bistro
#4-435 Simcoe St.
250-383-1545
www.heronrockbistro.ca Heron Rock Bistro will host our Haiku Canada banquet, Sat. May 16th, 2015

The James Bay Tea Room and Restaurant
332 Menzies St.
250-382-8282
www.jamesbaytearoomandrestaurant.com

James Bay Fish & Chips
211 Menzies St.
250-383-5333
<http://tinyurl.com/oqbb3fg>

The Courtyard Cafe - Hotel Grand Pacific
463 Belleville St.

250-386-0450

<http://tinyurl.com/lcy9ndr>

Subway

239 Menzies St.

<http://tinyurl.com/ok67gie>

Barb's Place Fish & Chips

Fisherman's Wharf

250-384-6515

www.barbsfishandchips.com

Santiago's Café

660 Oswego St.

250-388-7376

<http://tinyurl.com/ltdk9p>

Il Covo Trattoria (a possible restaurant for Sunday evening, May 17th. (individual orders)

106 Superior Street

250 – 380 - 0088

www.ilcovotrattoria.ca

Pubs

The Bent Mast

512 Simcoe St.

250-383-6000

www.thebentmast.com

James Bay Inn Pub & Restaurant

270 Government St.

250-384-7151

<http://tinyurl.com/nqqdlef>

Coffee Shops

Serious Coffee

103- 225 Menzies St.

www.seriouscoffee.com/james-bay

James Bay Coffee and Books

143 Menzies St.

www.jamesbaycoffeeandbooks.com

Discovery Coffee

281 Menzies St.

www.discoverycoffee.com/tag/james-bay/

Starbucks

425 Simcoe St.

<http://tinyurl.com/p3naruk>

Looking forward to seeing you in May, 2015, in Victoria!

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