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Photo by Tanya Klaes

■ Eight-year-old Micayla Greschner's view of the Bastion Square celebrations was slightly obstructed by eight-month-old Rebecca Mulroney's headgear

Bastion Square: a people place

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Working in the newly revitalized Bastion Square is like being on vacation every day, says lawyer David Mulroney.

He was just one of many office workers, tourists, and locals out to celebrate the official opening of Bastion Square last week. Local dignitaries were also on hand to commemorate the area's \$850,000 revitalization project, completed recently after four years of planning and construction.

"We wanted to make Bastion Square into a wonderful people place that would draw people into the Olde Towne," said Carrie Greschner, chair of the Bastion Square Revitalization Association.

That objective has been achieved, evidenced by sidewalk cafes, the Sunday public market and numerous requests by various festival organizers for use of the space, Greschner noted.

Local dignitaries were on hand to reward the Revitalization Association with a grant for phase two of the project, now completed. The Provincial Capital Commission contributed a total of \$310,000 to the project, which was also paid for by British Columbia Buildings Corporation, the City of Victoria, the ministry of Municipal Affairs, Recreation and Housing, and the business and property owners of Bastion Square.