



## **AT RISK !!**

### **MENZIES STREET DRILL HALL**

We were recently reminded that the Provincial Government has an ongoing study to determine the future of the 1893 Drill hall constructed at 431 Menzies Street.

As can be seen from our [WEBPAGE](#) for the building, The Province has retained an architectural firm to prepare a report on the replacement of the historic building with the possibility of retaining it but immediately provides a ridiculous budget for restoration.

We hear that the firm the Province has retained is that which designed the McLoughlin Sewage Treatment Plant in Esquimalt.

We are hopeful that this will not be another "Royal BC Museum" consulting project where the public, the owners of the building, will only know what is going on after all decisions are made.



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## NATIONAL TRUST OF CANADA

### HERITAGE PROPERTY INSURANCE SURVEY.

Many of you participated in the survey conducted by the National Trust of Canada earlier this year getting your opinion on the problems being experienced by the owners of heritage properties in obtaining insurance for their homes.

In June the National Trust held an online session discussing the results of the survey and considering next steps.

The insurance problem is a real one but seems to vary from province to province.

To review the discussion session, check this [LINK](#)

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## MISSING MIDDLE HOUSING

The City of Victoria is asking for your input regarding the proposal to change zoning over wide swathes of residential areas of Victoria.

Due to pressure from concerned Councilors, the City must engage in a final consulting process. They must ask the citizens what they think about the rezoning initiative.

In our opinion, this is an un-needed piece of legislation. Many developers are busy, and successfully, converting existing houses to provide additional housing opportunities. They do not need a change in zoning laws to succeed.

Take a look at converted units shown below.

**PARTICIPATE NOW !!** You can do it online or drop into City Hall as indicated below.

View the City information at [LINK](#)

Join the City at a virtual Information Session will be held on Tuesday, July 12 from noon - 1 p.m. (please register at Eventbright [LINK](#)). An in-person Information Session will be held the same day, where you can drop by between 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Victoria

**project page. All are welcome at both information sessions.**



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John Adams, local historian and author is happy to announce the publication of a new book.

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