



## Saanich Transit Centre Project Update



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March 27, 2025

#### Hello Neighbour!

Thank you for signing up to receive updates about the Saanich Transit Centre. We look forward to keeping you informed of activities happening onsite and answering any questions you may have.



### **Borehole drilling started Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**

Contractors and drilling equipment are onsite to enable geotechnical and environmental testing over the next two weeks. Drilling is expected to take approximately two weeks across all five properties. Exterior drilling across all five properties will wrap up this week and then interior drilling will occur next week.



### **handyDART Moving**

Over the coming weeks Transdev, the operators of handyDART, will move from Commerce Circle to the new LEED Gold handyDART Centre in View Royal. The new View Royal centre facilitates expanded handyDART ridership to meet the growth in demand as the region's population grows. See below for information about an open house and tour on Saturday March 29th.

BC Transit can now redevelop the five Transit-owned properties on Vanalman and Commerce for a future Saanich Transit Centre. This third operations and maintenance facility will support BC Transit's future fleet of electric buses that are



needed to meet local service demands and allow for the expansion of the Victoria Regional Transit System.



### **Transit and Police Training**

When contractors are not onsite, the unoccupied properties may be utilized at times for non-disruptive training activities by BC Transit and Greater Victoria police agencies. The unoccupied sites are fenced and secured when not in use.

### **Project Consultants**

Environmental protection is a key planning principle applied to site design and operational planning. McElhanney has been retained as the design consultant and Aqua-Tex Scientific has been retained as the independent environmental monitor to oversee the site preparation and planning for building demolition that will occur later this year.

### **Archeological Monitors**

An archeological assessment of the properties was recently completed by Terra Archaeology to assess whether there are any archaeological sites. Archeological monitors from local Nations will be monitoring upcoming soil disruption activities.

### **Project signage**

New signage will be installed this week with a QR code that will take passersby to the project website.





## Neighbourhood Open House

Tour the new handyDART Centre  
**Saturday, March 29th, 2025**  
10 a.m. – 12 noon

### **handyDART Centre Neighbourhood Open House**

You're invited to tour BC Transit's new handyDART Centre before it is operational in April.

Join us for coffee and walk through the building to learn more about BC Transit's first LEED Gold facility in BC, the many sustainable features on-site and how handyDART

service will be improved as a result of the new facility. Bike and vehicle parking available on-site.

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