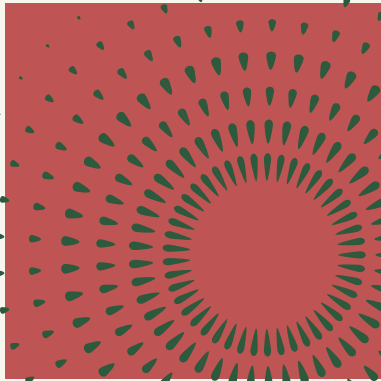


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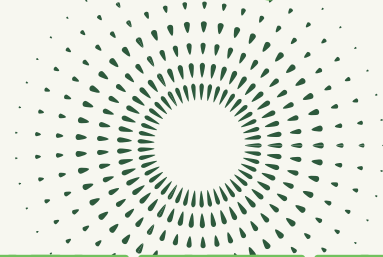
A terrific group of people braved torrential rain on June 9 & 10 to launch collective action on Victoria's urban forest and climate change -there is much we can achieve together, the possibilities are exciting!A big thank you to our fearless facilitators - Michael and Naomi.



### Workshop 1 recap

At our first two workshops we got to know each other a bit. We walked the Yates Street Community Garden block and looked for signs of climate change causes, impacts, mitigation and adaptation. The purpose of this was to bring us all to a common understanding of climate change in the urban environment. It got us thinking about downtown in relation to what Victoria can expect, or is already experiencing: increased precipitation, loss of biodiversity, rising sea levels, more, frequent, longer and hotter heatwaves; increased building & infrastructure damage; and increasing threats to health and wellbeing.

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We're light on photos for this newsletter, as we don't yet have photo permissions from everyone.





## Workshop #2 Recap

From discussing “what is” on a CIMA walk, we moved to “what could be” and did a visioning activity in the second workshop. Which leads us to the third workshop.... “What will be” - downtown’s second community garden!



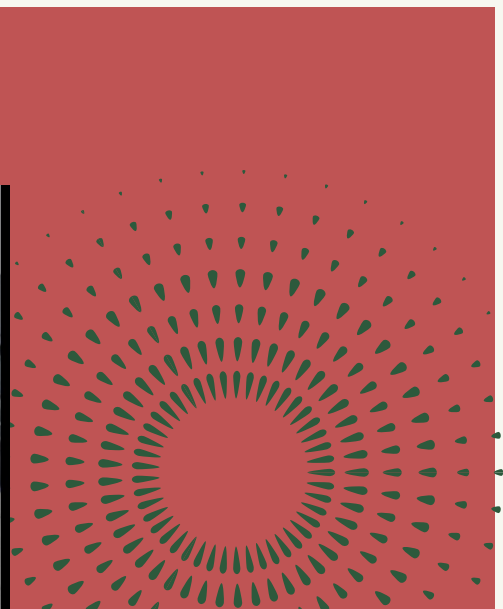
## Homework

If you can before July 15:

- \* Visit the View Street Parkade, 6th floor
- \* Google and imagine what it could be, bring your ideas and/or images on July 15
- \* Write down or email ([coolkit@victoriadra.ca](mailto:coolkit@victoriadra.ca)) your ideas for our next action



Calgary rooftop



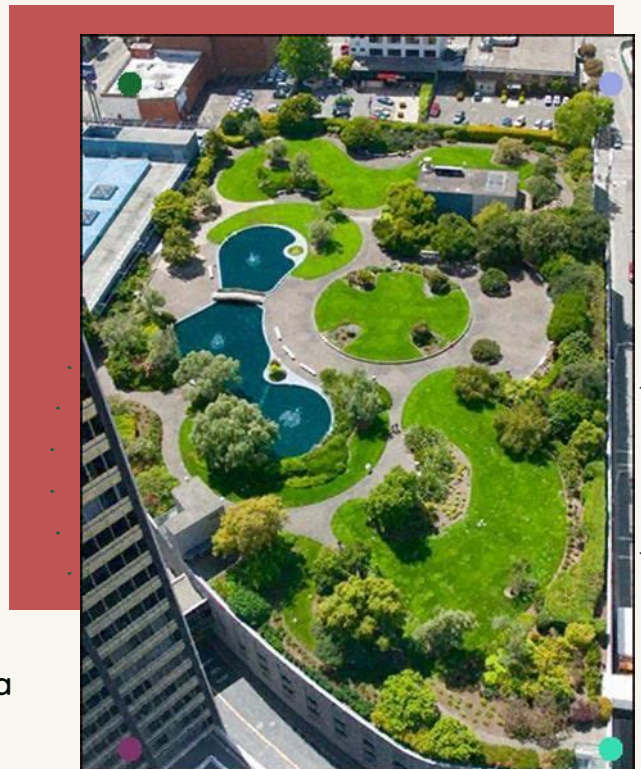


• Workshop #3 - Saturday July 15, 2023  
Yates Street Community Garden  
10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

- \* Document our Ideas for a second downtown community garden
- \* Decide what's our next action?
- \* Light lunch



Rooftop garden Houston, Texas



Oakland, California atop a parkade since 1960 ---->



## ACTION IDEAS

There are many suggestions in your Victoria Coolkit hardcopy. Two that we discussed:

- \* become knowledgeable about the city's development process and provide climate-focussed input on development
  - \* increase tree canopy & green spaces, for instance similar to Friends of Trees (<https://friendsoftrees.org>)
- We also have use of a mobile air particulate monitor



More Information about the 2nd Downtown Community Garden  
Please see the file attached to this email.

