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The Best Things in Life are Timeless

Experience Oak Bay Beach Hotel

At the southernmost tip of Vancouver Island lies one of Canada's most popular tourism destinations: Victoria, BC. This provincial capital city is known for its beautiful ocean and mountain vistas, charming architecture, and proximity to outdoor adventure. And one of its crowning jewels, and most beloved landmarks, is the Oak Bay Beach Hotel.

Having stood its place on a magnificent stretch of Pacific Ocean coastline for over 80 years, the Oak Bay Beach Hotel is currently undergoing a transformation that will see it re-open in Spring of 2012 as a luxury Victoria resort hotel and spa with private residences.

Honouring its rich history with Manor House inspired architecture and restored vestiges of the past, the luxury accommodations in this renewed hotel will be at once comfortable and perfectly elegant. As in the past, guests will be welcomed to make this Victoria BC hotel their home away from home. Enjoy fine dining in the Dining Room, take in a dinner show or a movie in the Theatre, enjoy a morning coffee or pastry at Kate's Café, sip a pint of Guinness at the Snug Pub, a local icon in its own right, or relax in the Baths at our seaside spa, while watching whales breach offshore.

While here, enjoy endless adventures in the Pacific-Northwest style, from whale-watching expeditions to spectacular out-island hikes. Then retreat to the comfort of your stately room to relax and rejuvenate for another extraordinary day. Be welcomed by the warm and gracious hospitality that has made the Oak Bay Beach Hotel one of the most celebrated luxury hotels in Victoria for over 80 years.

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An Exclusive, Seaside Escape

Discover Our Victoria BC Resort

The Oak Bay Beach Hotel was originally built on its prime oceanfront location in 1927. Today, this location is still Victoria's most prestigious address, tucked among the mansions and between the Victoria Golf Club and Oak Bay Marina. When this Victoria boutique hotel re-opens its doors in Spring 2012, it will be Victoria's first full-service luxury hotel with private residences. This is a property that is without comparison in all of Canada, with an extraordinary array of unique offerings carefully designed to meet our guests' needs:

ACCOMMODATIONS

The timelessly elegant accommodations at our Victoria boutique hotel will feature expansive ocean, residential and city views paired with an unparalleled array of luxury amenities and services. All rooms and suites will offer at least one gas fireplace and large spa bathrooms in addition to flat screen TVs and wireless Internet. Many of our rooms and suites will also offer either kitchenettes or full kitchens. For those not wanting to lift a finger while visiting us: full housekeeping, 24-hour room service, Valet and Butler services will also be available.

[Read more about accommodations at the Oak Bay Beach Hotel](#)

REAL ESTATE

The Private Residences at the Oak Bay Beach Hotel constitute a collection of 20 exclusive waterfront condominiums with all of the benefits of resort living. From your own luxury residence, you can take advantage of calling up an in-room chef, enjoying a daily soak in the Baths, (seaside mineral hot soaking pools) or enjoy your night caps in front of the fire in the Snug Pub. Or own your own Vacation Hotel Suite for a vacation investment opportunity that is second to none.

[Read more about real estate opportunities at our Victoria BC resort.](#)

DINING

From a casual coffee and morning treat in Kate's Café to drinks and pub fare in Victoria's original neighbourhood pub, the legendary Snug Pub, to an elegant fine dining experience in our Dining Room overlooking Haro Strait, we have a selection of dining options to choose from. For a truly special dining experience, make a reservation for our popular dinner theatre.

[Read more about dining at Oak Bay Beach Hotel](#)

MEETINGS & GROUPS

An alternative to the Victoria Inner Harbour hotels, our quiet residential location is the ideal destination for professional meetings and group retreats. Boasting intimate and larger areas, professional amenities and attentive service, our Victoria BC resort is the ideal choice for professional gatherings that are out of the ordinary.

[Read more about meetings and groups](#)

WEDDINGS & EVENTS

With the majestic Pacific Ocean as your backdrop and elegant Manor House-inspired event spaces, the Oak Bay Beach Hotel will be the ultimate destination in Canada for weddings and special events. Offering venues large and small, onsite catering and personalised event planning, our Victoria boutique hotel will surely be the unforgettable choice for your upcoming wedding.

[Read more about grand weddings in our historic location](#)

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A Rich History

Landmark Resort in Victoria BC

Tucked along the shoreline of the Pacific Ocean and surrounded by pristine off-shore islands is one of Victoria's best-loved local landmarks, the Oak Bay Beach Hotel. This English Country Manor House-inspired boutique hotel is rich in family tradition.

The original Oak Bay Beach Hotel was built on this site in 1927 by Major Merston and was the most celebrated hotel of its time. Unfortunately, that building was completely destroyed in a fire on October 14, 1930, although an exact replica was promptly rebuilt on its ashes. That building, with all its old world charm, became "the place to be and be seen" among locals and guests alike. Distinguished guests would dress up in their finest for their grand appearance in the Dining Room each night.

In the 1940's some rooms, which had housed Major Merston's young family during World War II, were converted by the hotel's new owner into Victoria's first neighbourhood pub, The Snug. The popularity of this local haunt became legendary, with the personal mugs of the regulars hanging around the bar, ready for their next visit. Its clientele could often be surprising: one might find the local "Bobbie" nipping in for a quiet pint during his nightly round, the Vicar stopping in for his evening sherry, or perhaps other notables meeting for a clandestine rendezvous.

A later owner, Mrs. Macdonald, was an avid antique collector and dealer, and her travels outfitted the hotel with many priceless antiques, many of which will be returning in the new hotel.

In 1972, the resort in Victoria BC was purchased by two businessmen from Winnipeg, Bruce Walker and Glenn Anderson. Having grown up working alongside his father and grandfather in the Oak Bay Beach Hotel, Bruce's son, Kevin Walker, and his wife Shawna, decided to continue the family's hotelling legacy, by purchasing it in October of 1995.

Despite constant updating and renovations, the old building eventually reached the end of its functioning life. Kevin and Shawna came to the difficult conclusion that if the Oak Bay Beach Hotel was to continue its history, it would need to be rebuilt. So, in 2004, they began the ambitious process of re-inventing Oak Bay's beloved hotel and "community living room". In late 2006, the doors to the old hotel were ceremonially closed... and then subsequently removed to be re-installed in the new incarnation of the Oak Bay Beach Hotel.

The old hotel was carefully dismantled over many months, preserving many physical elements of the old building and its furnishings to be re-used in the new hotel. In the end, 95% of the old building was either saved for re-use or recycled, resulting in only 5% ending up in the landfill... and extraordinary feat for a building of that era.

Today, the Walkers are anxiously awaiting the day that they can open the doors on a new era of hospitality at the Oak Bay Beach Hotel and continue its rich history. Years of careful planning and meticulous attention to detail, are now seeing this beautiful new hotel, inspired by and carrying forward the rich traditions of its past, once again rise on this landmark site.

When it re-opens in the Spring of 2012, the new Oak Bay Beach Hotel will once again be the talk of the town, the place to be seen, and the setting for unforgettable memories. The beloved Snug Pub will return, the elegant Grand Lobby will feel very familiar, and the warm, inviting hospitality of the Walker Family will not only invoke memories of its past, but inspire new memories for many years to come.

We look forward to welcoming you.

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Stunning Service on the Shoreline

Premier Choice in Victoria BC Resorts

Discover the timeless destination of the Oak Bay Beach Hotel, the most luxurious choice among Victoria BC resorts. Tucked among the mansions, golf courses and marinas of Oak Bay in a historic beachfront location, our hotel will offer exquisite accommodations, sophisticated meeting spaces and upscale Victoria BC condos. Review our list of services and amenities, providing the ultimate in pampering and convenience for both business and leisure travelers.

SERVICES & AMENITIES:

- 100 Hotel Rooms with Ocean, Residential or City Views
- Fine Dining
- The Snug Pub, Victoria's First Neighbourhood Pub
- [Dinner Theatre](#)
- [Full-Service Luxury Spa Facilities](#)
- Therapeutic Seaside Mineral Pools
- 24-Hour Room Service and Concierge
- Butler Service Available for All Guests
- In-Room Chefs for Suites
- Professional Meeting Space
- Elegant Event Space
- [Exclusive Waterfront Location](#)
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Comfortable Luxury

Premier Choice in Victoria Resorts

Welcome to the visual gallery for Oak Bay Beach Hotel, the most luxurious choice among Victoria resorts. Offering spacious hotel rooms and suites, exquisite dining, ample event space, and real estate for sale in Victoria BC, our Oak Bay resort will be the superlative choice for vacationing visitors, business professionals, and those who wish to own a part of this landmark destination.

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A Spacious Place by the Sea

Waterfront Lodging in Victoria

Honouring its rich history with Manor House-inspired architecture and restored vestiges of the past, the Oak Bay Beach Hotel is a luxury boutique hotel set amongst exclusive estates, between the Victoria Golf Club and Oak Bay Marina on the beautiful Pacific waterfront. Our timelessly elegant Victoria accommodations will feature expansive ocean, residential and city views paired with a sophisticated array of amenities and services. All rooms and suites will offer at least one gas fireplace and large spa bathrooms in addition to flat screen TVs and oversized windows that invite the beautiful outdoors into the experience. Many of our rooms and suites also offer either kitchenettes or full kitchens.

Upon check-in a Butler will be assigned to assist you by arranging your vacation needs during your stay for the ultimate lodging in Victoria. When staying in one of our [suites](#), you can enjoy the luxury of having gourmet chefs on call. Whether you are here on business or leisure, Oak Bay Beach Hotel offers five-star [services and amenities](#) that will leave you looking forward to many more future stays.

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A Room of Your Own

Seaside Accommodations in Victoria

Comfortable and perfectly elegant, the 100 guest rooms at the Oak Bay Beach Hotel will boast ocean, city or residential views. Appointed with English Country Manor House-inspired furnishings, our spacious yet cozy Victoria hotel rooms will offer a collection of historic and unique pieces, large spa style tubs and showers, gas fireplaces, oversized windows and contemporary amenities. From flat screen TVs, wireless Internet and luxury bath amenities to in-room butler service and 24-hour room service, the offerings in our accommodations in Victoria will ensure that every expectation is not just met but exceeded.

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Seaside Suites

Stunning Victoria BC Accommodations

While staying in one of the Oak Bay Beach Hotel's spacious suites in Victoria BC, take pleasure in the simple luxuries of resort living. Gaze upon the Pacific Ocean while your in-room chef prepares a gourmet meal made to your unique specifications. Enjoy a glass of wine in your large spa tub while a warm fire illuminates the room. Our Victoria BC accommodations will feature boutique suites with kitchenettes or one bedroom suites with full kitchens, at least one gas fireplace and large spa tubs, and personalized butler service. Contemporary amenities, such as flat screen TVs, wireless Internet and luxury bath amenities, invite you to enjoy every relaxing moment in these stunning suites in Victoria BC.

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Guest Room Services & Amenities

Luxury Lodging in Victoria BC

At the Oak Bay Beach Hotel, we understand the true definition of "luxury". Each of our over-sized rooms and suites in Victoria are beautifully appointed with custom-crafted solid wood furniture and luxurious 300 thread-count linens. And to compliment the comfort of your seaside surroundings, we offer an abundance of special amenities in our accommodations in Victoria BC to ensure you feel completely pampered and taken care of during your stay with us.

GUEST ROOM SERVICES & AMENITIES:

- 100 Hotel Rooms in Victoria with Ocean, City or Residential Views
- English Country Manor House-Inspired Furnishings
- Spa Bathtubs
- Gas Fireplaces
- Butler and Valet Service
- Kitchens or Kitchenettes in Suites
- Flat Screen Televisions
- Wireless Internet Access
- In-Room Chefs for Suites
- 24-Hour Room Service

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Own a Piece of Seaside History

Luxury Real Estate for Sale in Victoria

When it re-opens in Spring 2012, the Oak Bay Beach Hotel will be Victoria's first five-star, full-service hotel to feature private residences and vacation real estate ownership opportunities.

Nestled on the shores of the Pacific Ocean, among the stately mansions of prestigious Oak Bay and just minutes away from world-class golf courses, marinas, and shopping in Oak Bay Village, we boast what may well be the best location in Canada.

Housed in a timeless, yet sophisticated, structure inspired by the manor houses of the English countryside, will be the finest real estate for sale in Victoria BC. Twenty spectacular Penthouse & Sub-Penthouse Private Residences (starting at \$995,000) and 100 fully furnished Vacation Hotel Suites (starting at \$350,000) are available for sale. While the location alone makes these a valuable real estate opportunity, the benefit of resort living, with unlimited access to all of the hotel's luxury amenities, makes this a lifestyle opportunity that is second to none.

Owning an investment vacation property or a luxury waterfront condo in Victoria BC's most prestigious address is an opportunity not to be missed.

Simply email or call 800.668.7758 for more information about our investment hotel suites, luxury condos in Victoria BC or our bond investment opportunity.

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A Lifetime of Memories

Vacation Hotel Suites in Victoria

Located at the southernmost tip of Vancouver Island and wrapped by the shores of the Pacific Ocean, Victoria's mild climate offers year-round access to golfing, hiking, and other outdoor activities. As such, it is no wonder that Victoria is one of Canada's top tourism destinations, and there is no finer Victoria BC real estate opportunity than to own one of the investment Vacation Hotel Suites at the waterfront Oak Bay Beach Hotel, starting at \$350,000.

Owning a Vacation Hotel Suite at the Oak Bay Beach Hotel not only sets you up with a waterfront vacation property in Victoria BC's most prestigious neighbourhood, but the hotel pays you contracted monthly lease revenues when you are not using it, and covers all of your ownership expenses (such as strata fees, property taxes, and maintenance expenses).

There are a variety of layouts for our suites in Victoria and each one comes fully-furnished, with a fireplace and either a kitchenette, galley kitchen, or full kitchen.

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Exclusive Victoria BC Vacation Homes

The 20 exclusive Private Residences, starting at \$995,000, at the Oak Bay Beach Hotel will offer the legendary warm and embracing service of this place, for an experience of luxury resort living that will be at once comfortable and perfectly elegant. This is a rare opportunity - a chance to own something truly timeless.

The large floor plans of the suites are never duplicated, and these elegant Victoria condos for sale will be finished in a traditional Manor House style. Set on the shores of the Pacific Ocean, these private Victoria BC vacation homes offer sweeping panoramic ocean, mountain, and city views. Blend this spectacular site with the 5-star amenities, spa, and dining options available in this luxury seaside resort, and this is a lifestyle opportunity that is second to none. Whether ensconced in private luxury at home or mingling with the hotel community, the best of elegant resort living will be completely at your service.

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Our Bond Program

Private Placement Bond Offering

In March of 2009, we launched the first release of our private placement Bond offerings with the goal to secure our investment objectives by September 2009 at our luxury Victoria resort. We have now successfully sold out our first three releases of Bonds, which enabled us to begin excavation of the site on November 6, 2009.

Excavation and site preparation was completed in June 2010. Construction is now underway for our prime real estate in Victoria BC with an anticipated completion date of Spring of 2012.

Additional Bond Series are now available in subsequent releases for new investors. These additional new bond investments will reduce or even eliminate the need for conventional Construction financing and provide a secure investment with a sound rate of return to investors. This will allow the project to take advantage of lower construction costs and higher yield on real estate sales than if traditional development lending practices are relied upon.

HOW IT WORKS

- Accredited Investors must qualify at a minimum investment level of \$150,000 per person/couple for the bond subscription.
- Participants should be residents of either British Columbia or Alberta. Interested parties from other jurisdictions will require special consideration to ensure compliance with their local securities legislation.
- Investors will have the opportunity to enter into a real estate purchase contract subject to availability should they wish to redeem the bond upon maturity and assign the proceeds against the purchase of a Residence or Vacation Hotel Suite in the Oak Bay Beach Hotel.
- Security is provided in the form of a pooled mortgage registered against the land and improvements on the site of the new Oak Bay Beach Hotel at 1175 Beach Drive, Victoria BC.
- To receive a full Bond Offering document package, an investor is required to sign a Non-Disclosure Agreement and complete an investment application.
- Invested funds will earn simple interest at an agreed upon rate accruing to the balance on the date of redemption.
- 100% of the funds invested through the Bond Subscription will be administered by Deloitte & Touche, Vancouver, British Columbia.
- All legal documentation has been prepared by Fasken Martineau Dumoulin one of Canada's leading legal firms for security offerings.
- Draw requests will only be approved by the fund administrator when they reflect expenditures against the approved project budget.

INVESTORS WILL QUALIFY TO BE AN OAK BAY BEACH HOTEL FOUNDERS CLUB MEMBER AND RECEIVE:

- A credit (equal to 2% of the value of the investment) towards hospitality and services in the new Oak Bay Beach Hotel.
- Recognition in the form of a plaque mounted in the Clock Tower acknowledging participation in this unique approach to re-building the world renowned facility.
- Invitations to private hard hat tours of the new hotel facility as it is constructed.
- Invitations to all VIP events surrounding the celebration of the opening of the Oak Bay Beach Hotel.

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Fine Dining in a Historic Setting

Oak Bay Restaurants

With its seaside setting in the upscale neighborhood of Oak Bay, the Oak Bay Beach Hotel is an idyllic setting for dining in Victoria BC. Savour gourmet meals prepared from local ingredients paired with choice wines, carefully selected by our in-house sommelier, in our fine dining room. Enjoy a pint of your favorite beer from our waterfront patio in the Snug Pub, a legendary Victoria haunt. Or grab a cozy hot beverage and a small bite in Kate's Café, an exceptional choice among Oak Bay restaurants in Victoria BC.

We offer a rare experience of luxury, supported by a service standard that is simply unmatched. A perfect example is our on-staff sommelier. Imagine, when planning your evening meal, taking a walk down to our wine cellar to draw on the expertise of a seasoned master of vintage pairings, and leaving with the absolute perfect bottle of Pinot Noir for the fresh wild sockeye salmon you're preparing in your room, or better yet, having your in-room chef prepare for you. Moments like these are what living well is all about.

We will also feature a special dinner theatre program in our purpose-built theatre, appointed with hanging chandeliers, wood paneling and English Country Manor House-inspired furnishings. Enjoy live entertainment and film while feasting on delectable cuisine.

Discover Oak Bay's diverse options for dining in Victoria.

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Kate's Cafe

A Cozy Street-Side Victoria Cafe

Kate's Café in the Oak Bay Beach Hotel is our neighbourhood street-side café. Outfitted with many physical elements of the old hotel, including the original hotel entrance and several hand-hewn beams, Kate's Café is a cozy place to enjoy delectable goodies along with your favorite glass of wine or a perfectly prepared latte. Our menu will be featuring homemade soups, fresh sandwiches and an assortment of baked goods, both sweet and savoury. Relax next to the fireplace with the aroma of freshly baked bread drifting through the air and you will know; Kate's Café is destined to become a neighbourhood favourite.

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Outstanding Offerings

Victoria Restaurant Menus

Discover an array of gourmet specialties at the Oak Bay Beach Hotel, your destination for distinctive dining in Victoria BC. From meat pies and sausage rolls at Kate's Café to casual pub fare in the famous Snug Pub and artfully prepared local ingredients in our fine Dining Room with wine pairings by our onsite sommelier, experience the best dining in Victoria at our beautiful seaside resort. We are still creating our menus and offerings. Please check back closer to opening to see what we have in store for you.

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The Snug Pub

Victoria's First Neighbourhood Pub

Watch killer whales swim by from our waterfront patio while you enjoy your favourite beer or glass of wine at Victoria's original neighbourhood pub, the beloved Snug Pub. Recreated using actual touchstones from the original Snug Pub, this Victoria BC bar will soon be restored to its former glory as a cozy, warm, friendly place to chat with friends and simply indulge in the moment over your favourite drink and comfort food.

In addition to local and international brews and spirits and wine, the Snug Pub in Victoria BC will feature traditional favourites like fish and chips and steak sandwiches. While this is a licensed pub, families are welcome to partake in the Snug menu and enjoy their food in any of our other dining areas located on the main floor.

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The David Foster Foundation Theatre

Victoria Dinner Theatre at Oak Bay

Carrying forward our long-standing tradition of supporting the local art scene in Victoria BC, the David Foster Foundation Theatre at the Oak Bay Beach Hotel will be the premier venue for both live Victoria dinner theatre and special film features. Decorated in elegant Manor House style with hanging chandeliers, wood paneling and a full stage for live entertainment and film. While enjoying your show, indulge in delectable cuisine, the perfect complement to a more-than-perfect evening. And a portion of every dinner theatre ticket sold will go to the [David Foster Foundation](#), helping the families of children awaiting major organ transplants. Our Victoria BC theatre can also be reserved for private parties and occasions.

Learn more about our Victoria theatre by calling:

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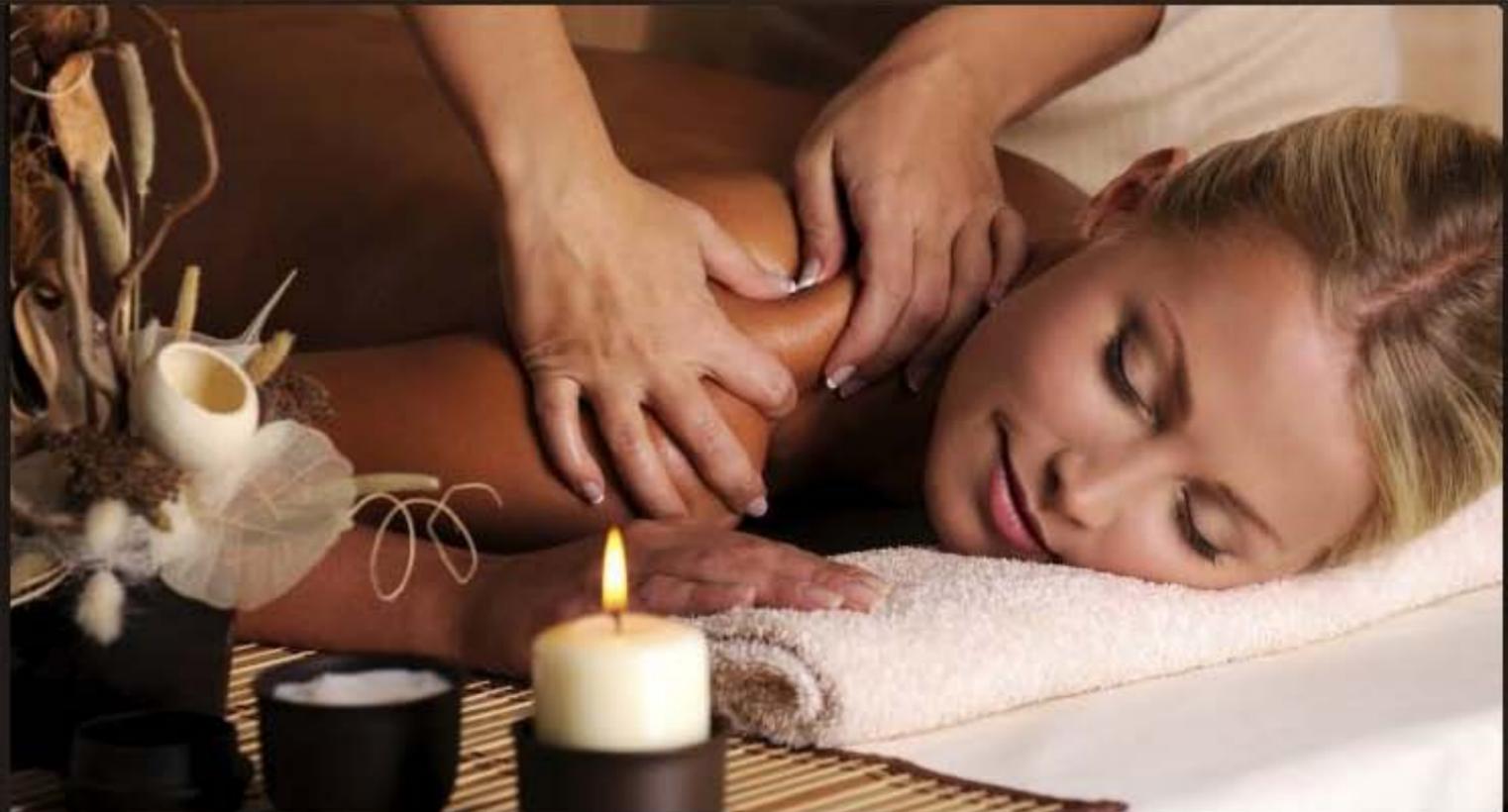
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Escape to an Oceanfront Retreat

Welcome to Our Rejuvenating Vancouver Island Spa

Indulge in pampering treatments by the sea at the Oak Bay Beach Hotel, your very own oceanfront oasis. The refurbished Boat House will house therapeutic [spa treatments](#) such as soothing massages and revitalizing facials. Adjacent to the Boat House will be a private patio for guests to relax in the outdoors, perhaps catching a glimpse of the whales and other wildlife that commonly frolic in the natural beauty of Haro Strait just off-shore of our Vancouver Island spa.

The signature feature of our wellness Victoria BC spa is a series of seaside hot therapeutic mineral pools. After an active day of outdoor adventure, soak away sore muscles overlooking the deep blue waters of the Pacific Ocean and snow-capped Mount Baker. Afterwards, relax by the outdoor fire pit with a glass of wine and watch the stars twinkle over the water.

Behind the pools will be a full fitness center built into the hill with a rooftop garden. This calming area will be a site for smaller spa treatments such as manicures and pedicures. Browse our list of [spa packages](#).

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Be Immersed in Relaxation

Seaside Victoria Baths

The Seaside Spa and Baths is our signature feature. When you stay at the Oak Bay Beach Hotel or own one of our private residences, you will enjoy unlimited access to our seaside Victoria baths, warmed to varying temperatures to optimize the health and relaxation benefits.

In the quiet of the evening, with the sounds of the ocean just beside you and the brilliance of the starry sky above, there's simply no better way to prepare for a restful night than spending some time soaking in the warm mineral baths and breathing in the fresh ocean air.

Pair your soak with one of our rejuvenating [spa treatments](#) and experience relaxation like never before. Discover for yourself why the Oak Bay Beach Hotel will be long considered home to one of the best Vancouver Island spas.

The revitalization and restoration of the waterfront pools for the new Oak Bay Beach Hotel was an important part of our reflections of the history of the original hotel. In the early 1940's and 50's the hotel's outdoor saltwater pool was also a significant feature that was enjoyed by many guests. Included among its guests was a baby Killer Whale named Miracle, who survived a gun shot wound and recuperated in the Hotel's salt water pool for three months in the summer of 1977.

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Soothing Treatments

Seaside Victoria Spa Resort

Oak Bay Beach Hotel will be home to one of the most relaxing Victoria BC spas, offering a range of treatments and services from massages and facials to manicures and pedicures. Paired with our seaside hot mineral pools, our spa in Victoria will offer the ideal seaside escape for guests seeking balance of mind, body and spirit.

Spa treatments offered at our Victoria spa resort coming soon!

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Slip Away into Solace

Victoria Spa Packages

The Oak Bay Beach Hotel will offer an array of alluring Victoria spa packages at our Vancouver Island spa. Combining revitalizing treatments with our signature seaside mineral baths for the ultimate spa experience, our Victoria day spa will be the most idyllic seaside destination for relaxation and repose.

Packages coming soon!

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Your Adventures Await

Plan Your Victoria BC Vacation

The community that surrounds the Oak Bay Beach Hotel is unlike any other, an exciting seaside destination for Victoria BC vacations, filled with adventurous activities for every taste. When planning your travel to Vancouver Island, be sure to include a stay at the Oak Bay Beach Hotel and take the time to explore our quiet residential neighbourhood, view the yachts at the marina up the street, or take in the Oak Bay Village for shopping, galleries, cafés and more. From whale watching expeditions to spectacular out-island hikes, opportunities for recreation are simply endless.

The Oak Bay Beach Hotel will also conveniently be home to a number of leisurely pursuits onsite. When you plan Victoria BC travel to our hotel, you will be afforded access to the scenic waterfront and a number of eco-adventure activities like kayak tours, whale watching and fishing charters leaving from the hotel's private dock. On your return, relax in our therapeutic hot mineral pools or enjoy a spa treatment at our full service spa.

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A Rich Location

Area Activities in Victoria

From whale watching expeditions to garden tours and wine tasting, activities in Victoria are varied and unforgettable and the Oak Bay Beach Hotel will be the ideal home base for exploring them all. Situated on the beautiful Pacific waterfront, our hotel will not only be a source of numerous Victoria BC things to do onsite, but will also grant guests access to a spectacular array of activities for the most memorable Vancouver Island vacation.

WHALE WATCHING

Inner Harbour, Victoria, BC

Whale watching is the second most popular reason visitors return to Victoria. There are 3 resident pods of Killer Whales that live and feed in the local waters. Our whale watching excursions will be available right off the hotel's private dock.

ABKHAZI GARDEN

Located just two miles west of the Oak Bay Beach Hotel, Abkhazi Garden is a public garden that was once private. The Abkhazi Garden is open seven days per week between March 1 and October 31. In addition to viewing the garden's acre of old trees and new plantings, guests may enjoy lunch or afternoon tea at the garden's delicious restaurant, which presents traditional cooking via local ingredients.

BEACON HILL CHILDREN'S FARM (BEACON HILL PARK)

Beacon Hill Park, Victoria, BC

Families will adore Beacon Hill Children's Farm, bringing an unforgettable rural experience into the city of Victoria. The children's farm is located in Beacon Hill Park, a vast oceanside green space nestled south of downtown Victoria and four miles west of the Oak Bay Beach Hotel. The farm is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. every day, weather permitting.

THE BUTCHART GARDENS

800 Benvenuto Ave, Victoria, BC

The Butchart Gardens, located just a half hour away from the Oak Bay Beach Hotel, offer visitors a more expansive garden experience than they would find at the Abkhazi Garden. The Butchart Gardens, which contain more than 1 million plants, also host two restaurants and a coffee shop. The property houses themed spaces such as the Rose Garden, the Sunken Garden and the Japanese Garden.

WINE TASTING

Saanich Peninsula

Victoria is a fruitful destination for wineries and most are highly accessible from the Oak Bay Beach Hotel by car. Many of the region's wineries are located on the Saanich Peninsula in villages such as Saanichton, about 20 miles north of the hotel and downtown Victoria. For those willing to travel a few miles outside of Victoria, the Cobble Hill district also features more wineries. Or, if you would simply like to relax by the hot pools – our in house sommelier would be happy to organize a wine tasting for you.

LOCAL AREA BEACHES

Enjoy beachcombing or relaxing in the sun at Willows Beach (3 mins drive away) or Cadboro Beach (7 mins drive away).

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Endless Entertainment

An Array of Victoria BC Activities

Entertainment in Victoria is diverse, consisting of museums, nightlife, sports and theatre. Discover the Inner Harbour's bustling center for shopping, restaurants and nightlife and head to the Maritime Museum for a lesson in pirates and shipwrecks. When you stay at the Oak Bay Beach Hotel, you will be within easy access of endless Victoria BC activities the whole family will enjoy.

VICTORIA'S INNER HARBOUR

Victoria's Inner Harbour, four miles west of the Oak Bay Beach Hotel, is the city's very walkable downtown center. Visitors can enjoy numerous activities, nightlife, restaurants and Victoria BC entertainment here. Kayaking trips and aquatic attractions within the city's harbour are available to those who enjoy water activities.

ROYAL BRITISH COLUMBIA MUSEUM

675 Belleville St, Victoria, BC

The Royal BC Museum is home to several permanent galleries, such as the First Peoples Gallery and The Big Map, along with a new March-through-October gallery focused on Emily Carr, who is considered one of Canada's greatest artists. The downtown Victoria museum is just four miles west of the Oak Bay Beach Hotel in the RBCM Cultural Precinct, a neighbourhood that houses British Columbia's legislative buildings and several historic buildings.

MARITIME MUSEUM OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

28 Bastion Square, Victoria, BC

The Maritime Museum of British Columbia is located in a 19th century building in Victoria's historic Bastion Square and features displays on pirates, heritage vessels and shipwrecks as well as three sailboats and 35,000 artifacts. The museum is housed in the oldest surviving courthouse in the province and features the oldest continuously operating open-cage elevator in British Columbia.

VICTORIA SALMON KINGS HOCKEY

1925 Blanshard St, Victoria, BC

Sports fans can cheer on the Victoria Salmon Kings, a professional hockey team that plays in the ECHL. The team plays its home games at the Save on Foods Memorial Centre, which is located near downtown Victoria, less than five miles from the Oak Bay Beach Hotel. The ECHL is a minor league hockey association, but the Salmon Kings are affiliated with the Vancouver Canucks of the major-league NHL.

PACIFIC OPERA VICTORIA

805 Broughton St, Victoria, BC

The Pacific Opera Victoria hosts its performances in the Royal Theatre in downtown Victoria, just four miles from the Oak Bay Beach Hotel. The company has four operas planned for the 2011-2012 season, Maria Stuarda, Carmen, The Flying Dutchman and Mary's Wedding

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What's in the Area

Shopping and Dining Victoria

The area surrounding the Oak Bay Beach Hotel offers excellent opportunities for shopping in Victoria BC as well as incredible restaurants in addition to our own [onsite dining in Victoria](#). Explore our favourite picks below and plan your vacation to the Oak Bay Beach Hotel today!

OAK BAY VILLAGE

Known as one of the most "British" sections of the Victoria area, Oak Bay Village is a residential and commercial neighbourhood in East Victoria with a population of roughly 18,000. The area is renowned for its tearooms, but visitors can also enjoy pubs, restaurants, boutique shops and art galleries here. Oak Bay's commercial strip lies about one mile from the Oak Bay Beach Hotel.

SIDNEY - BOOKTOWN

This small town is located about 20 miles north of Victoria and the Oak Bay Beach Hotel and is known for its bookshops. Officially dubbed "Booktown" for the fact that it houses nine bookstores within walking distance of one another, Sidney has approximately one book shop per 1,000 residents. Each of Sidney's stores features a different style of literature, granting guests thousands of titles to choose from in the small town.

BASTION SQUARE PUBLIC MARKET

Located in downtown Victoria's Inner Harbour, the Bastion Square Public Market is open every Thursday, Friday and Saturday between April 15 and October 1. The area, full of buildings dating back to the 19th century, hosts artisans who gather each weekend to sell their goods. The square is also home to the Maritime Museum of British Columbia and several bars and restaurants.

DOWNTOWN VICTORIA

Downtown Victoria is overflowing with spectacular dining options of various cuisines. From traditional fare to international menus, the area offers a wealth of restaurants for every palate, ranging from romantic French restaurants to exotic Indian. There are also vegetarian and vegan options.

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A Convenient Base

Nearby Businesses in Victoria

The Oak Bay Beach Hotel is the only hotel in Oak Bay and its waterfront location is just minutes away from Oak Bay Village shops, cafes and galleries. The closest business district is just 15 minutes away in Downtown Victoria, a hub for businesses in Victoria and entertainment options. Host meetings and groups at Oak Bay Beach Hotel to enjoy a wealth of amenities, from luxury accommodations to sophisticated event space, onsite adventure and entertainment activities, and a convenient location near the best of Victoria.

NEARBY VICTORIA BUSINESSES:

- University of Victoria
- Victoria Golf Club
- Oak Bay Marina
- Oak Bay Village Shops, Cafes and Galleries
- Downtown Victoria

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Efficient and Enjoyable Business Travel

Professional Suites in Victoria and Meeting Venues

The Oak Bay Beach Hotel will be the premier choice for professionally minded travelers seeking a five-star Victoria business hotel with exceptional services. Located on the gorgeous waterfront near the exclusive Victoria Golf Club, the Oak Bay Beach Hotel will offer spacious suites in Victoria BC equipped with kitchens or kitchenettes, in-room butler and chef service, flat screen TVs and wireless Internet connectivity.

Our oceanfront hotel will feature a number of meeting spaces onsite from the Theatre, ideal for larger events and banquets, to the intimate Study for board meetings and presentations. Guests can also meet with colleagues or clients at the Snug Pub or enjoy fine dining in our common area on the main level. The Oak Bay Beach Hotel is an ideal destination for corporate retreats, with unique team building opportunities to be had in our many outdoor adventure activities available right onsite. Plan business travel to the Oak Bay Beach Hotel, a truly unique and enjoyable Victoria business hotel.

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Memorable Meetings

Collection of Victoria Conference Rooms

Marrying sophisticated meeting spaces with attentive service, the Oak Bay Beach Hotel will be the ideal destination for Victoria meetings, conferences, corporate retreats and banquets. Rooms will be equipped with a range of professional amenities such as state-of-the-art audio-visual equipment, quality sound and lighting and teleconferencing in a historic, waterfront setting. From intimate presentations in the Library to grand banquets in the Theatre, the array of offerings onsite will be diverse and accommodating for large and small parties alike.

A particularly attractive feature for larger groups is the variety of dining, entertainment, and outdoor activities available right onsite. We make group travel planning easy.

Allow our onsite planners to assist with locating the ideal Victoria conference rooms for your occasion and filling in all the details to ensure your meeting is a success. Submit an RFP to begin the planning process now.

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Request for Proposal

Plan Events in Victoria

The first step to organizing Victoria meetings at the Oak Bay Beach Hotel is filling out a Request for Proposal. Simply submit the form below and one of our onsite planners will be in contact shortly about our Victoria conference rooms and meeting venues. The Oak Bay Beach Hotel will be the sophisticated choice for conferences, meetings and presentations, offering an array of meeting spaces for professional events in Victoria in an elegant seaside setting.

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First Name:

Title:

Company Name:

Address:

Address 2:

City:

State/Province:

Postal Code/Zip:

Email:

Phone:

Fax:

Event or Meeting Name:

Meeting Arrival Date:

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Meet by the Sea

Victoria Venues

The Oak Bay Beach Hotel will offer numerous Victoria venues throughout the property for professional events, from board meetings and presentations to cocktail parties and private dinners. Situated on the spectacular Pacific waterfront, guests enjoy ocean views and historic surroundings while brainstorming together or gathering for a cause. Rooms will feature quality sound and lighting and two breakout meeting rooms with teleconferencing. Review our venues below and plan meetings by submitting an [RFP](#).

THE LIBRARY:

This exclusive space will be suited to board meetings, private dinners and cocktail parties for up to 24 guests.

THE STUDY:

This charming, intimate room will be ideal for private dining, board meetings and presentations, seating up to 18 guests.

LOBBY:

The lobby area will be perfect for banquets and other larger occasions, featuring breathtaking ocean views in a classic Victorian setting. An adjoined terrace is available for outdoor gatherings, seating up to 250 guests.

THE THEATRE:

This grand room adorned with wood paneling and hanging chandeliers will be available for private functions and banquets, seating up to 180 guests. Purpose built to house our dinner theatre program, this room is equipped with a stage and a screen for film showings as well.

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Beginnings by the Bay

Victoria Weddings at Oak Bay Beach Hotel

Set against immaculately landscaped grounds with world-class gardens, therapeutic seaside mineral pools and a prestigious oceanfront address, the Oak Bay Beach Hotel will be a historic and unforgettable destination for Vancouver Island weddings and exclusive Victoria BC events. Bearing a rich and colourful heritage and a classic Victorian ambiance, the Oak Bay Beach Hotel will bring timelessness and comfortable luxury to any occasion, complete with exquisite catering, remarkable accommodations and impeccable service.

Seating up to 150 guests in an array of sophisticated [event spaces](#), the Oak Bay Beach Hotel will be the superlative choice for large or intimate Victoria weddings or events. Host a private dinner in our grand Dinner Theatre or celebrate with guests on our lobby terrace with the expansive Pacific Ocean as your backdrop. Simply submit an [RFP](#) to start planning your dream wedding at Oak Bay Beach Hotel today.

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Elegant Event Spaces

Waterfront Weddings in Victoria

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LOBBY:

The lobby area will feature breathtaking ocean views in a classic Victorian setting. An adjoined terrace will be available for outdoor receptions, seating up to 250 guests in the entire space.

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This grand room adorned with wood paneling and hanging chandeliers will be suited to private functions and elegant weddings, seating up to 180 guests.

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Escape to the Coastline

Reservations at Our Victoria Luxury Hotel

Set against immaculately landscaped gardens on the shores of the Pacific, the Oak Bay Beach Hotel will welcome guests into a luxurious experience complemented by a rich history. Whether you are planning a vacation, a dream wedding, or a business trip, our Victoria BC hotel will offer an array of services and amenities for the most discerning guests. From spacious accommodations to a wealth of activities and 5-star amenities, offerings at the Oak Bay Beach Hotel, when it re-opens in spring of 2012, will certainly position it as the premier choice in Victoria luxury hotels.

ONLINE RESERVATIONS:

To check availability and rates and/or to book reservations online for our Victoria BC hotel, please use our secure online reservation system.

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Phone: 250 598 4556
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BY EMAIL:

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Situated on the Brilliant Waterfront

Visit Our Luxury Hotel in Victoria

Located in a quiet residential location, the Oak Bay Beach Hotel will be a seaside destination resort poised for unforgettable experiences. The location of our luxury boutique hotel in Victoria, British Columbia is uniquely situated amidst the mansions and estates of the Oak Bay waterfront, overlooking the San Juan Islands and Mount Baker, and within walking distance to the Victoria Golf Club and Oak Bay Marina. Featuring upscale amenities, the hotel rooms and private residences at the Oak Bay Beach Hotel are the perfect choice for those seeking a truly 5 star experience in Victoria British Columbia.

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Fax: 250 598 6180
sales@oakbaybeachhotel.com

DIRECTIONS TO OUR SALES OFFICE IN DOWNTOWN VICTORIA, BC

Go south on Highway 17 towards Victoria. Highway 17 turns into Blanshard Street. Turn right on Yates Street. Turn Left on Wharf Street. The office is located between Bastion Square and Fort Street.

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Go south on Highway 17 towards Victoria. Highway 17 turns into Blanshard Street. Turn left onto Johnson Street. Take a right hand turn on Pandora Ave, which turns into Oak Bay Avenue. Continue through Oak Bay Village and Oak Bay Avenue will angle to the right and become Newport Avenue. Turn left on Windsor Avenue. Turn Right on Beach Drive. Continue past the Oak Bay Marina to Oak Bay Beach Hotel, which will be on the left.

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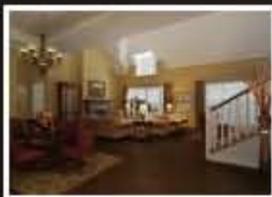
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Oak Bay Beach Hotel 1175 Beach Dr. in Oak Bay

Whether you're looking for a place to stay the night or to rest for much longer, this new offering goes well beyond expectation

Suzanne Morphet

Sun

Saturday, September, 24, 2011



A formal dining room will await both hotel guests and those living in the project's private residences.

Project name: Oak Bay Beach Hotel

Location: 1175 Beach Dr. in Oak Bay

Project size/ scope: Six storeys from Beach Drive, eight from the ocean side; steel and concrete construction with architecture inspired by English country manor houses. Features 100 furnished vacation hotel suites and 20 penthouse and sub-penthouse private residences.

Amenities include: David Foster Foundation Theatre (for movies, live theatre, and events), the Snug pub, a fitness centre, spa, café, formal dining room, great room and library.



The grand lobby, as shown in this rendering, will replicate a look from the original Oak Bay Beach Hotel and remind visitors of the hotel's earlier incarnation



Prices: Vacation hotel suites \$350,000 - \$1.95 million; private residences \$995,000 - \$3.95 million

Developers: Walker Hospitality

Builder: Metro-Can (General Contractor)

Architect: Bas Smith Architect

Interiors: Porada Design

Monthly fees: Monthly strata fees for private residences average 50 cents a square foot, and include access to the hotel's services and amenities, heating and cooling, garbage/recycling, and a residence butler. Owners of vacation hotel suites pay no monthly fees.

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Occupancy: May 2012

How does someone with no development experience manage to build a waterfront strata hotel in Victoria's tony Oak Bay neighbourhood, a place where change is about as welcome as snow at any time of year - especially when confronted with strong political and community opposition?

"Sometimes, if you knew what was ahead, you wouldn't go down that road," admits Kevin Walker, owner of the Oak Bay Beach Hotel.

"It's just been such a long and arduous process," agrees his wife and business partner, Shawna Walker. "And we certainly, I think, encountered every obstacle that a developer could encounter."



The Residence features 20 penthouse and sub-penthouse private residences.



Rooms are large and luxurious with gas fireplaces and expansive windows



The Snug pub uses beams, boards, bricks and leaded windows that were saved from demolition.



The story begins back in 2004, when the Walkers learned they couldn't renovate the old Oak Bay Beach Hotel any further without undertaking expensive seismic upgrades, something that wasn't economically viable with a 50-room hotel. That meant tearing it down and rebuilding from scratch, a plan that took the community four years to embrace.

Kevin Walker recalls the night the tide turned. An elderly gentleman had warned him that he would be speaking against the development at the upcoming municipal council meeting.

At the meeting, council members criticized the proposal, one after the other, followed by members of the public.

However, the elderly man remained silent.

The next morning, Walker says, the man was sitting in the lobby of the hotel waiting for him. "And he said 'Sir, I was so appalled at how you were treated last night that I couldn't even speak. They didn't give you a fair hearing.'" The man went on to form a group called the Friends of the New Oak Bay Beach Hotel and, according to Walker, was instrumental in reversing the opinion of the community.

But no sooner did the owners get the go-ahead to build a much bigger hotel and take down the old one, than the recession struck. One by one, prospective purchasers cancelled contracts. Without pre-sales, the owners had to find a new way forward.

The answer was to invite people to invest a minimum of \$150,000 in a private bond placement, secured by a mortgage on the property. "And by April 2009, we had already raised \$10 million into our private bond, and today we're just over \$40 million in the bond program," Walker says.

The new hotel is expected to cost about \$52 million, so the Walkers are well on their way to raising enough money to pay for the building.

Sales have been going just as well. "It looks like we might actually achieve about \$12 million in sales this month alone," says Walker, adding that eight of the 20 private residences on the top two floors of the building have sold, as well as 48 of the vacation hotel suites.

The residences begin at \$995,000 and one just sold for a groundbreaking (for Greater Victoria) \$1,800 per square foot. Leslee Farrell, a Victoria realtor who specializes in luxury waterfront property, says the Oak Bay Beach Hotel is setting a new standard for luxury real estate in Victoria, comparable to Vancouver's Shangri-La or Fairmont Pacific Rim.

While "the prices achieved may have surprised some," Farrell says, "people will pay for quality and for the lifestyle offering that this project brings."

If you don't have \$1 million or more, but want to call a piece of the hotel your own, you can buy a hotel suite starting at \$350,000. Shawna Walker says buyers who view this as an investment are guaranteed a certain minimum rate of return (one that compares favourably with buying a



waterfront condo in Victoria and renting it out) but also allows the owner to use the suite for 16 weeks a year.

She also points out that owners don't have to pay strata fees or contribute to the building's overall maintenance costs, the way typical strata owners do. As well, each suite will have only one owner, not multiple ones as is the case with some fractional hotel properties.

So what do buyers get for their big bucks?

Let's start with the steel and concrete building, which Kevin Walker promises will be a grand hotel. "This will be to Victoria what the Opera House is to Sydney" he says confidently. "Just wait and see."

It's being rebuilt in the tradition of an English manor house, but more than three times bigger than the old hotel - six storeys to three - with the upper levels set back, so it appears smaller than it actually is.

Rock from the Black Tusk near Squamish has been quarried specifically for the exterior of the first three floors. "That rock is going on to the building piece by piece by piece by craftsmen that have been fitting rock together for decades," says Walker. "You look at the rockwork and you go, 'Wow, this is a work of art in itself.'" Finishing exterior touches include a widow's walk on the highest point of the building, authentic chimney caps, and a clock tower that will show the names of everyone who has ever worked for the Oak Bay Beach Hotel. "We could have had a precast chimney top put in place, but instead we went to England and selected 22 different, historic chimney caps," Walker says.

Inside the hotel, rooms are large and luxurious, breaking from the manor house mould whenever necessary to offer spa-like bathrooms, gas fireplaces and expansive windows to take in the waterfront views. Three public areas of the hotel - the lobby, the Snug pub and Kate's Café - will replicate much-loved rooms from the old building, using the same beams, boards, bricks and leaded windows that were saved from demolition. (It's interesting to note that only five per cent of the old hotel ended up in the landfill; the rest was recycled.) The popular dinner theatre will be back as well, this time in a dedicated space with a sound system.

A three-level underground parkade - it will have separate garages for owners of the private residences - will have piped-in music, painted floors and walls, a car wash on every level and a lobby on every level. "You actually have a sense of arrival on each of those levels," Walker explains.

But it's things you won't see that will also make this hotel special - like the 75 steel anchors that burrow 11 metres into the bedrock beneath the hotel. "In a seismic event, there is no doubt about it, this is one of the safest buildings in all of North America," Walker says.

There is also extensive

soundproofing that includes triple-glazed windows, coffered and insulated ceilings, and double walls between rooms and residences with dead air space in between to block noise from neighbours.

"We spent three days doing flush tests, flushing toilets and actually listening to the sound, to make sure that we couldn't hear them," he adds.

Then there are all the amenities, including a seaside therapeutic mineral pool, fitness centres and spa, butler and valet services, and 24-hour room service and concierge.

As the owners survey the new Oak Bay Beach Hotel rising from the spot where the previous hotel stood for more than 80 years, they're both relieved that the development road is coming to an end and excited about the hotel's new beginning. It will reopen next May and they're already booking rooms and wedding parties.

A gala weekend on May 25 will see the Walkers partnering with the David Foster Foundation, a favourite local charity that supports Canadian families with children in need of organ transplants and which is celebrating its 25th anniversary next year. For \$5,000 a head, guests can enjoy a private and public concert with the Victoria native, rub shoulders with other celebrities and enjoy the hotel's amenities. All proceeds go to the foundation.

"Kevin and I always knew that we wanted to give back in a significant way and align ourselves with a foundation," says Shawna Walker.

Something, perhaps, like the Oak Bay Beach Hotel returning to its rightful spot on the Oak Bay waterfront.

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Victoria' s Oak Bay Beach Hotel will reopen with a Miracle Concert

Posted on [September 8, 2011](#) by [Crystal](#)

When historic Oak Bay Beach Hotel reopens, guests invited to share In the miracles with star-studded weekend fundraising package May 25-27, 2012

Sept. 8, 2011, Victoria, BC - Rare is the opportunity to “buy in” to a hotel’ s grand opening event, usually reserved for travel agents, media and key customers. However, Victoria’ s [Oak Bay Beach Hotel](#) has created a special partnership with Grammy award winner David Foster to present a fundraising weekend extravaganza guaranteed to shake up Oak Bay and put the historic hotel back on the map.

When the original Oak Bay Beach Hotel was torn down in 2006, many felt it would be a miracle if it would reopen. Despite economic downturns, the iconic hotel, which sits on arguably one of the most valuable pieces of waterfront in Canada across from the famed Victoria Golf Club, will reopen in May 2012 with a star-studded weekend package and *Miracle Concert*, benefitting home town hero, David Foster and his Foundation.

Guests staying at the Oak Bay Beach Hotel during the gala opening will be treated to private concerts in the David Foster Foundation Dinner Theatre, opportunities to mix, mingle and dine with celebrity guests, full complimentary access to all of the hotel’ s amenities and attend a spectacular dinner with VIP seating for the David Foster and Friends *Miracle Concert* at the arena. The package is available for purchase for CDN \$5,000 per person, based on double occupancy and a three- day, two-night stay, with all meals included.

The Walker Family, owners of the soon to be reborn [Oak Bay Beach Hotel](#), also announced today a \$2M pledge, raised over 10 years, for the [David Foster Foundation](#), and the naming of the hotel’ s famed dinner theatre in honour of the foundation.

“When we reopen next May, our guests will be introduced to not only our hotel but also the **David Foster Foundation Theatre**, paying homage to the philanthropic work of David Foster, a local boy who never forgot the importance of giving back as his own star rose,” said Kevin Walker.

“It’ s a privilege to join forces with David’ s foundation, an



organization that does such great work in our community and across North America.”

One hundred per cent of the cost for the exclusive weekend package will be donated to the David Foster Foundation by the Oak Bay Beach Hotel, with a goal to raise \$1M from the opening alone. An additional \$1M will be raised by the Walkers over 10 years, in a variety of ways, including proceeds from ongoing sales of all dinner theatre performances.

“We realized our grand re-opening is a much anticipated event, and we wanted to make the most of it for our community,” said Walker. “To be able to make this announcement and commitment to the David Foster Foundation is a dream come true for our family. David, through his foundation, has given many people second chances from supporting families with non-medical expenses during a critical time and educating people on the value of organ donor registration. Now, every guest who comes to the hotel and visits our theatre will learn about our very own home town hero, David Foster.”

For more information about the gala weekend, people may visit www.oakbaybeachhotel.com or the gala event website at www.davidfostermiracleconcert.com or call 1-800-668-7758.

About the Oak Bay Beach Hotel

The new Oak Bay Beach Hotel is being completely rebuilt on the same spectacular oceanfront lot where the previous hotel sat for over 80 years. It will reopen as a 100-room hotel with 20 luxury residences and vacation hotel suites in 2012. Built to five star standards, hotel and residential amenities include a seaside therapeutic mineral pool, a fitness centre, spa, David Foster Foundation Dinner Theatre and fine-dining restaurant, Kate’s Café and the much loved Snug Pub. Not only is this Victoria’s first combination full-service luxury hotel and private residence, it is also the only commercial waterfront development in Oak Bay. For more information, visit www.oakbaybeachhotel.com

About the David Foster Foundation:

The David Foster Foundation was created in 1986 by 16-time Grammy award-winning producer and songwriter David Foster. It all began with a phone call from David’s mother in his hometown of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada - asking him if he could visit a girl from BC who was in UCLA Medical Centre in Los Angeles awaiting a life-saving organ transplant.



When David met the girl and her mother, he saw how difficult it was for them being so far from their family, friends and home. He asked the little girl what she wanted more than anything in the world, and she said “I just want to see my sister”. David realized that for the price of an airline ticket, he could make her dream come true. That was the day the David Foster Foundation was born.

In Canada, the David Foster Foundation financially supports families whose children are undergoing major organ transplants. Families receive support for non-medical expenses incurred when traveling away from their homes to be with their child during transplant.

The Foundation also promotes organ donor awareness and registration throughout Canada and the United States. For more information, visit www.davidfosterfoundation.com



Oak Bay Beach Hotel Buyers Receive Five-Star Treatment From The Get-Go

Posted on [September 22, 2011](#) by [Crystal](#)

Sept. 20, 2011, Victoria, BC - With the trend of five-star hotel living picking up all across North America, developers of the [Oak Bay Beach Hotel](#) property are upping the ante by introducing a concierge service that starts at the day of purchase.

Until the hotel opens in May 2012, the new residence and vacation hotel suites owners care concierge, Crystal Bruneau, will help buyers create the home (or vacation spot) of their dreams, assisting in everything from the individualized customization of their residential suites to arranging the details for move-in day and beyond. Twenty residences and vacation hotel suites are being built in the \$52M, Tudor-style waterfront hotel (seven of the 20 are already sold or are near closing).

“It’s so important for us that our buyers feel that signature, first-class hospitality right away, without having to wait until move-in day,” said Kevin Walker, owner and developer of the Oak Bay Beach Hotel project. “And after the hotel opens next spring, our on-site concierge will offer guests an unsurpassed, personal level of service - unlike anything that already exists in Victoria and exceeding visitor and resident expectations day in and day out.”

Bruneau joins the Oak Bay Beach Hotel team with a background in the hospitality, marketing, architecture and culinary industries.

“There’s really nothing comparable to Oak Bay Beach Hotel living,” said Bruneau. “Not only will it soon be Victoria’s premier resort destination, but for the lucky few, it will also be home. It’s such an honour to welcome our purchasers to the hospitality of hotel living right away and help them create a space that’s unique to their needs as well as beautiful.”

As Victoria’s first luxury hotel and spa with private residences, some of the perks available to residents will be the unlimited use of the seaside, therapeutic mineral pool, fitness centre and spa; services from an on-staff sommelier and fine dining in The Dining Room; and 24-hour room service and concierge. Oak Bay Beach Hotel is being built to LEED Gold Standards and will operate at the highest level of the Green Key Eco-rating Program (North America’s recognized leader in sustainable hospitality operations). Pre-opening pricing starts at \$350,000 Cdn (vacation hotel



suites, ranging from 400-to 750-square-feet) and \$1M Cdn (residences, ranging from 900- to 1,900-square-feet).

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Note to editors: high-res renderings of Oak Bay Beach Hotel interiors/exterior are through SendtoNews. Historic photos of the original building are also available.

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The Oak Bay Beach Hotel has been an iconic seaside hotel in Victoria BC since it was originally built in 1927. Having recently undergone a complete reconstruction (opening May 2012), this new boutique resort and spa honours its rich history and maintains its charm with several restored finishing materials and antiques that were saved from the old hotel building. Inspired by an English country manor house theme, this grand hotel is at once timeless elegant and luxuriously welcoming.

Located along what is known as the "golden mile" for its many mansions and estates, the hotel's grounds stretch right down to the shores of the Pacific Ocean, with most rooms and suites offering expansive panoramic views of Haro Strait, the San Juan islands and the magnificent snowcapped Mt. Baker across the waters in Washington state.

As in the past, guests are welcomed to make this hotel their "home away from home". Enjoy fine dining in the Dining Room, take in a dinner theatre show or a movie in the purpose-built theatre, enjoy a morning coffee and pastry in Kate's Cafe, or sip a pint of your favourite ale in the Snug Pub, a local icon in its own right, or relax in the seaside mineral pools, while watching whales breach offshore.

A selection of outdoor activities leaving right from the hotel's own dock, will provide ample memories from your time spent in this special place.

We look forward to having you as our guest!

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ACCOMMODATION

Each of our oversized rooms and suites feature comfortable furnishings that envelope you in warmth and coziness. Taking full advantage of the expansive ocean, residential and city views, each room features floor to ceiling windows and most have patios or balconies.

Guest Services & Amenities:

- 100 elegantly appointed rooms and suites
- English Country Manor House inspired decor and furnishings
- Spa bathtubs
- Fireplaces
- Either a kitchenette or full kitchen
- Flat screen televisions
- Wireless internet access
- Butler and Valet services
- 24-hour room service
- In-room Chefs available for private dinners prepared in your suite

Check-in: 2:00 pm

Check-out: 12:00 noon

SPA AND FITNESS

The Baths at the Oak Bay Beach Hotel are something quite spectacular and should not be missed. Stimulate your circulatory system with a soak in our three warm mineral pools. Unwind with a rejuvenating spa treatment or reinvigorate yourself in our fitness facility. All located down at the oceans edge.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE

Enjoy a variety of dining options to suit your tastes:

The Dining Room

Pacific Northwest-inspired cuisine utilising locally sourced ingredients in a traditional fine dining setting overlooking stunning Haro Strait

The Snug Pub

Victoria's first neighbourhood pub, the Snug is a beloved local haunt, serving traditional pub fare. Check out the best seaside patio in town!

Kate's Cafe

A cozy street-side cafe serving fresh-baked treats, both sweet and savoury, light meals, barista beverages, and more.

ENTERTAINMENT & ACTIVITIES

Dinner Theatre

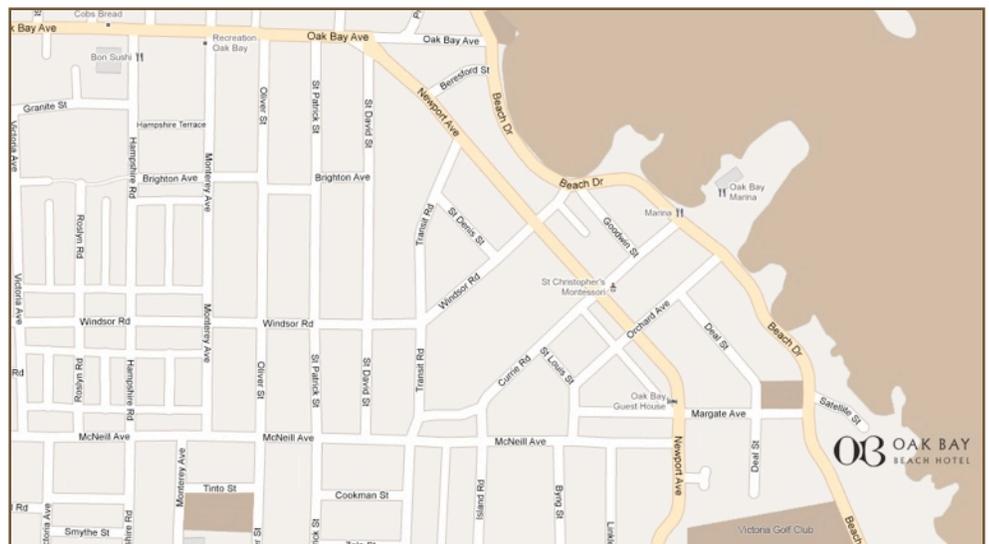
Supporting the local arts scene, our Dinner Theatre program is a long-standing tradition at the Oak Bay Beach Hotel. Shows running September through April.

Adventure Activities

Take advantage of our seaside location with a kayak, island hike, or whale-watching tour leaving from our dock through the summer.

Complimentary Shuttle to Downtown

For many more Victoria attractions & activities.



Full time hotel living by the sea captures record prices! Recent sale reaches \$1,800 per square foot

Posted on [September 13, 2011](#) by [Crystal](#)

Sept. 12, 2011, Victoria, BC - New sales heights are being set for Victoria, BC , thanks to the Oceanside neighbourhood of Oak Bay and developers of the newly renovated Oak Bay Beach Hotel, a \$52M endeavor with private residences averaging in excess of \$1,300 per square foot.

Set to open its doors in the spring of 2012, eight of the iconic hotel' s 20 private residences and 48 investment/vacation hotel suites have already been sold.

“We’ ve had great success in selling these units - a testament that speaks to the appetite for luxury hotel living in the Pacific Northwest, ” said Kevin Walker, owner and developer of Oak Bay Beach Hotel. “Just recently, we completed a groundbreaking private residence sale that came in at \$1,800 a square foot, and we have very strong interest for condos up to \$2,000 per square foot. Price is rarely an issue for our clients who recognize we are offering the highest quality, in a distinctively unique building on a world class site, with views that take your breath away. This is the new gold standard for real estate.”

July 2011 stats from the Victoria Real Estate Board show that Oak Bay has the highest selling prices in the Greater Victoria district, with \$862,345 as the average price for a single-family residence and \$413,563 for a condo. Pre-opening pricing for Oak Bay Beach Hotel starts at \$350,000 (vacation hotel suites, ranging from 400 to 750 square feet) and \$1M (private residences, ranging from 900 to 1,900 square feet).

“Every city has its signature property and in my mind the Oak Bay Beach Hotel is setting a new standard for luxury real estate in Victoria, comparable to Vancouver’ s Shangri-La, The Fairmont Pacific Rim and newly opened Hotel Georgia, ” says waterfront real estate specialist, Leslee Farrell. “While the waterfront location is incomparable to anything else on the market now and in the conceivable future, what truly sets this property apart is Kevin and Shawna Walker’ s vision for lifestyle and hotel living.”



The Oak Bay Beach Hotel is well on its way to completion, having just announced a May 25, 2012 grand opening gala weekend to be held in partnership with the David Foster Foundation, an organization that provides financial support to Canadian families with children in need of lifesaving organ transplants. With all weekend sales proceeds going to Foster's foundation, the \$5,000-a-head package includes private and VIP-seated concerts, the chance to rub shoulders with celebrity guests and full complimentary access to the hotel's many amenities.

Once open, the rebuilt English Manor House-inspired Oak Bay Beach Hotel will, once again, feature the once-loved Snug Pub and David Foster Foundation dinner theatre, with ticket sale proceeds also benefiting the Foundation. And to recapture the essence of the original 1920s hotel, developers have reused a number of materials, such as bricks, windows, beams and furniture, in the new hotel.

As Victoria's first luxury hotel and spa with private residences, some of the amenities available to residents and guests alike will be use of the seaside, therapeutic mineral pool, fitness centre and spa; services from an on-staff sommelier and fine dining at The Dining Room; 24-hour room service and concierge and onsite Adventure desk for planning activities. .

For more information about purchasing a private residence or vacation hotel suite at the Oak Bay Beach Hotel, visit www.oakbaybeachhotel.com or call 1-800-668-7758.

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