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**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN: Intentional Transformation 2024 Conference | October 27-30, 2024 in Victoria, B.C.**

Dear colleague,

I hope this finds you well.

I'd like to invite you to attend the upcoming **Intentional Transformation: Reimagining Inclusive Community Safety and Wellbeing Conference from October 27-30, 2024 at the Victoria Conference Centre here on Vancouver Island in British Columbia, Canada.**

Join scholars, government leaders, experts, people with lived experience, knowledge keepers and more to share experiences with community safety and wellbeing work across North America.

I am honoured to host a conference that will connect you with leaders in safety, while encouraging you to challenge, explore and discover the current trends, issues and research in the fields of community safety and wellbeing.

Topics will include: urban safety; safety challenges in small and rural communities; solving social challenges through increased collaboration; policing and bylaw enforcement; new understandings of addiction, health and wrap-around care; strategies for supporting youth services; combatting polarization and extremism; strategies for addressing homelessness; small business crime reduction and disorder reduction strategies; and building community belonging, among others.

You may wish to consider kicking off the conference by registering for a study tour or experience offered on Sunday, October 27. Pre-conference optional events may include a day-long tour of Lekwungen culture guided by

Songhees Nation knowledge keepers, a banquet at the Songhees Wellness Centre, an OUR DWTN urban walking tour, and/or tours of local service providers and the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority's deep-water terminal.

You may also wish to extend your stay to participate in a complementary event offered by the Strong Cities Network and Foundation For a Path Forward, about practical city-led efforts to prevent hate and extremism and build resilience, starting midday on October 30 through October 31.

While Intentional Transformation 2024 will focus on wellbeing and safety, I encourage you to think about wellbeing and safety in your community intentionally, and help uncover tools, strategies and approaches that can help governments, advocates, service providers, first responders, residents and more, transform what wellbeing means in their community.

To learn more and to register, please visit [victoriainitiative2024.ca](https://victoriainitiative2024.ca).

I look forward to welcoming you to Victoria, and to the individual and collective learning your participation will enrich.

Warmest Regards,

Marianne Alto  
Victoria Mayor  
City of Victoria