

# THE QUARTERLY



Winter • 2023

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## President's Message



*Happy 2023!*

Our holiday event January 7 at the golf course was a lot of fun. Laughter and good conversation filled the room. The view wasn't bad either! Thank you to all the VENC volunteers, guests and staff at the Olympic.

I encourage everyone to take a few minutes this month to review your membership profile on our website. It may need updating, perhaps, an address change or adding a current picture. Scroll through your activity choices: maybe you want to add new offerings, like mah-jongg. Delete previous choices no longer of interest to you. Our activity leaders will appreciate your support on this!

Consider registering for your neighborhood pod if you haven't already. It's a great way to connect with members in your area. Langford and Fairfield have several new members. Our current membership sits at 195.

In closing, I invite all members, especially newer members, to an informal happy hour hosted by your executive to learn more about volunteering at VENC. By lending your energy and enthusiasm our Club remains fresh, welcoming and engaging. Details for this event will be sent out next month.

Warmest regards, Alanna.



### Nominating Committee for 2023/2024 Executive

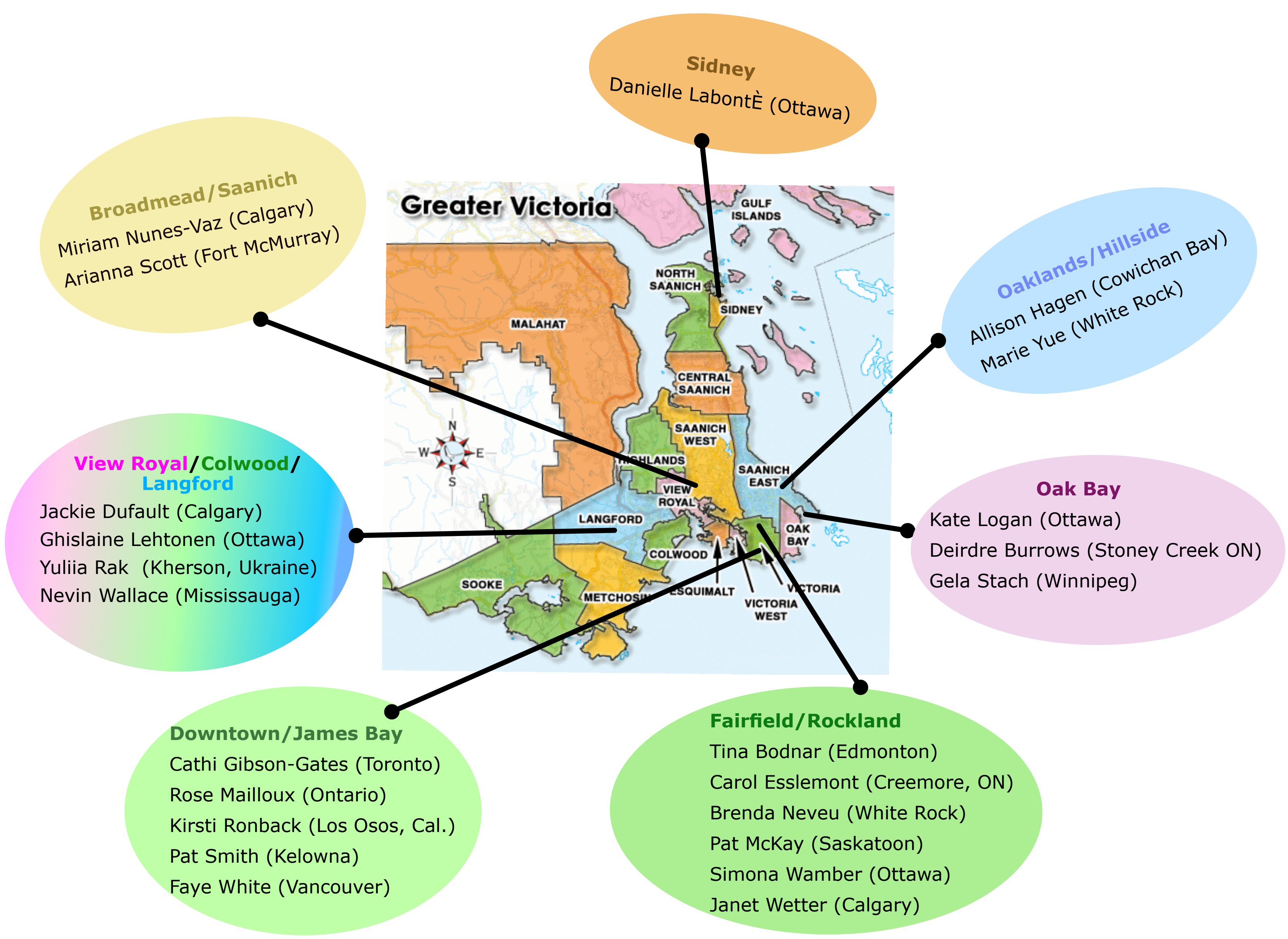
### Change is inevitable--except from a vending machine.

It is that time of year when we need to prepare for the nomination of new executive members for 2023/2024. **VENC is seeking 3 members-at-large** to join the nominating committee. Please consider volunteering; this is an important (but time limited) task vital to the continued leadership of the club. To volunteer, please contact Alanna at [vencpresident@gmail.com](mailto:vencpresident@gmail.com) or call her cell: 604 809-5421.

**Hold onto your hats!** Improvements are coming! Gradually activity groups will transition from using evites to invitations directly through our website. It will become quicker and easier for conveners to send out invitations and for members to register for activities. And no more annoying ads! And VENC will avoid paying the new fees that Evite is imposing for large mail-outs. Our trusty webmaster is currently piloting this new system with a couple of groups.

### VENC loves new members!

**A warm welcome to the new members** who have joined us since September. We are excited to meet and personally welcome these new members as they join our many activity groups:



### Leave your car behind: a Guide to travelling to downtown Vancouver

There are some great options for going to Vancouver from downtown Victoria without a car: private direct bus, public transit, seaplane and helicopter. Taking public transit can get you to downtown Vancouver and back for as little as \$51 or \$11.15 if you are a senior travelling on weekdays. If the 4.5 hour trip each way is too time consuming, you can take one of the daily scheduled helicopters from the Victoria harbour - flying time is a mere 35 minutes. This is a pricey option, but there are some great deals for off-peak travel, and you can bring a child with you for free on some of the flights!

Interested in finding out more? Check out the full guide, including insider tips, now posted on the VENC website. On the VENC homepage, click on the tab named "Our Community" or use this link: <https://www.victorianewcomers.ca/Community>