

A VISION OF THE
BAYANIHAN CULTURAL &
HOUSING SOCIETY

PROJECT
BUILDING CAPACITY FOR
AFFORDABLE HOUSING
AND SOCIAL / CULTURAL
ENGAGEMENT

"COME AS A VISITOR, LEAVE AS FAMILY"

*PHILIPPINE BAYANIHAN
COMMUNITY CENTRE*

FALL 2024

PHILIPPINE BAYANIHAN COMMUNITY CENTRE

BACKGROUND

- In 2001, the Bayanihan Cultural and Housing Society opened the first Philippine Community Centre in British Columbia at 1709 Blanshard Street.
- Since its inception, the modest 2,000 square-foot building served the needs of about 1,000 Canadians of Filipino ancestry, immigrants, caregivers, and temporary foreign workers .
- More than 20 years later, this population has increased 10 fold driven by international students and immigration. Filipinos are now one of Canada's fastest growing minorities. This growth and the region's growth has resulted in an increased need for services and affordable housing.
- The existing centre's size inhibits the ability to expand services and programs needed to meet the present and future needs of the community and to support the needs of the rapidly growing region.



A VISION FOR THE FUTURE

In response to the region's growing needs and our community, we aim to establish a new cultural complex with housing. Key components include:

- Units of attainable and affordable housing to serve seniors, international students, new immigrants, tourism and healthcare workers.
- A Museum to raise cultural awareness of the history of immigrants from the Philippines to the region.
- A 5,000 square foot multi-purpose performance hall to host social / cultural events.
- A classroom for anti-racism, diversity, language, multicultural awareness and sensitivity seminars.
- A child care centre to serve the needs of immigrant families that have limited access due to financial constraints and a lack of family supports.
- A commercial kitchen and classroom to encourage diversity and cultural awareness through culinary arts.
- A recording studio for podcasts to promote diversity and multicultural education.
- An indoor basketball court to promote healthy ageing and community gathering.
- A cafe and retail area to promote financial sustainability, community gathering, and to facilitate daily engagement.
- A community garden for environmental sustainability.

BUILD COMMUNITY WITH US

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OUR COMMUNITY

Since 2001, the Bayanihan Community Centre has been a place where Filipino culture and traditions are celebrated and shared with everyone. In addition to passing knowledge and traditions to younger generations, while supporting the needs of Filipino workers and migrants in the region, we have taken an active and supportive role in the region.

- Providing regular dinners to feed up to 100 needy people in the community
- Participating annually in the Victoria Day Parade
- Hosting the annual Mabuhay Festival at Centennial Square
- Fundraising for victims of natural disasters in the Philippines and other countries
- Sponsoring and supporting refugee families from Syria and Sudan
- Supporting consular outreach services of the Vancouver Philippine Consulate
- Hosting multi-faith services
- Community leadership, first aid, and CPR training seminars
- Hosting programs of several community organisations including:
 - Intercultural Association of Victoria
 - Victoria Immigrant and Refugee Centre
 - University of Victoria Women's Centre
 - Support Network for Indigenous Women and Women of Colour
 - Greater Victoria Local Immigration Partnership

THE PHILIPPINE BAYANIHAN COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Philippine Bayanihan Community Centre is a gathering place where everyone is:

- Supportive of family including seniors, children, the disadvantaged, and people with disabilities.
- Inclusive of all cultural heritages, ethnicities, religions, ancestries, places of origin, and sexual orientation.
- Protective of the dignity, rights, and freedoms of all Canadians.
- Receptive and appreciative of the diversity of other cultures.

EXPERIENCE YOU CAN TRUST

The Victoria Filipino Canadian Association is the oldest, continuously active registered Filipino community in Canada. Along with the Victoria Filipino Canadian Seniors Association and the Filipino Canadian Caregivers Association, it established the Bayanihan Cultural and Housing Society, the sole owner and operator of the Bayanihan Centre. The three organizations are represented on the Centre's board. Our community is unified and ready to champion the establishment of a provincial cultural centre in Victoria.

- Registered as a designated Charitable Organization under the Income Tax Act. (Business Number: 88978 0516RR0001)
- 2014 Maharlika Award for Outstanding Filipino Association
- Over 20 years of sound fiscal management
- Mortgage paid within five years

**OVER 20 YEARS
OF TRUST**



A CENTRE FOR EVERYONE



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BAYANIS WANTED

In the Filipino language, Bayanihan refers to the spirit of unity and cooperation. It represents a collective effort to achieve a goal for the greater good through cooperation, collaboration, and mutual support among members of the community.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ AFFORDABLE HOUSING
- ✓ PROMOTE DIVERSITY
- ✓ SUPPORT SENIORS
- ✓ SUPPORT FAMILIES
- ✓ SUPPORT YOUTH
- ✓ SUPPORT IMMIGRANTS,
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
& TEMPORARY WORKERS

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