



2026 at a Glance

The Victoria Foundation is committed to working with your organization so you can continue to invest in your future, grow your assets and build capacity. Thank you for all you do to support our community. This year marks the Victoria Foundation's 90th anniversary. As we prepare to celebrate almost a century of impact made possible by organizations like you, here are some things you can expect from us in the year ahead.

January

- **Granting resources:** Update your calendar with recommended resources to help build capacity for your organization. Check out [the webpage here](#).
- **DonorCentral:** [Your account](#) will be updated with your distributions for the upcoming year, along with the market value of the fund. If you need assistance logging in to DonorCentral or would like a different staff member to have access, please [contact us](#) to assist you.
- **Community Grants Program Vital Stream:** [Visit our website](#) for our annual granting program timeline, guidelines, application questions, eligibility criteria and more.

February

- **Fund statements:** Your December 31 fund statement will update you on the fund's 2025 investment returns and contributions. It will also show how much is scheduled to be distributed for your programs and services in 2026.

- **Resource Library:** A new Hosted Organization resource page will be available on our website in February. It will share a variety of updates, templates and resources for Hosted Organizations.

Spring

- **Webinars:** Join us in the Victoria Foundation office to watch webinars hosted by the Canadian Association of Gift Planners (CAGP). [Email us to RSVP.](#)
- **March 25:** Shifting the Narrative: Indigenous-led approaches to donor communications
- **April 29:** From the Mailbox to the Planned Giving Wall - Building the Relationships Your Charity Needs for Transformational Success

May

- **Fund statements:** You will receive your March 31 fund statement for the current year. You can also expect to start receiving distributions from the fund on the timeline you have established with us.

June

- **CEO Transition:** After 25 years as the Victoria Foundation's CEO, Sandra Richardson will be retiring this fall as we celebrate our 90th anniversary. We'd like to express our immense gratitude to Sandra for her commitment and service to the Victoria Foundation and our community. The Victoria Foundation will welcome Ian Bird as our new CEO on June 15. Sandra will stay on as part of a transition period before retiring in the fall. Please [read letters](#) from our Board Chair Rob Gareau and CEO Sandra Richardson for more details.

Summer

- **Webinar:** Join us in the Victoria Foundation office on June 17 to watch “Why Every Charity Needs a Rock-Solid Gift Acceptance Policy”, a webinar hosted by the Canadian Association of Gift Planning Planners (CAGP). [Email us to RSVP.](#)

August

- **Fund statements:** You will receive the June 30 fund statement for the current year.

September

- **Pulse:** [Our annual impact publication](#) highlights how charitable organizations in our region and the generous donors who support them are making an impact in our community. It also shares the Foundation’s annual financial highlights.
- **90th anniversary event:** Stay tuned for more details and your invitation to our 90th anniversary celebration!
- **Contribute to the capital of your fund:** If you or your supporters wish to add to the capital of the fund, contributions made prior to **September 30** will be included in the calculation of the available distribution for 2027. Please note that our office will be closed on September 30 for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. In-person donations must be received prior to that date.

October/November

- **Annual Hosted Organization event:** We will feature a topic that is relevant to the sector, share the investment outlook and announce the distribution rate for the coming year. Watch for your invitation!

- **Fund statements:** You will receive the September 30 fund statement for the current year.

December

- **Year-end donations:** With the approaching holidays and year-end, many supporters will be thinking about giving to causes they care about. If you have supporters who wish to donate to your organization's fund, please let us know in early December to ensure timely processing. **For a donation of publicly listed securities, please let us know by December 4, 2026.**

Throughout the year

- **Vital Signs:** After 20 successful years of producing Victoria's Vital Signs, 2026 will offer an opportunity to reimagine the program. Stay tuned for more information on how we are creating a path for the future of Victoria's Vital Signs!
- **Educational offerings:** We will send you notices about upcoming educational offerings that may help you build your organization's long-term capacity.
- **Coffee Perks & Perspectives:** This new series of collaborative gatherings is designed to bring together Hosted Organizations to share insights on specific subjects. These informal coffee chats will foster peer-to-peer learning, strengthen collective knowledge and build stronger networks.
- **Sector research:** The Victoria Foundation recently led the Architects of Belonging study and participates in projects like State of the Sector to help us understand the needs of our community. We share this information with our fundholders and others who can help implement calls to action.

- **eNews:** You will receive the Victoria Foundation's Hosted Organization bi-monthly eNewsletter. We'll share resources specifically for charitable organizations, stories, grant updates, webinars and more. If you're not already receiving the newsletter, you can [sign up here](#). Additionally, [sign up](#) to receive our monthly general eNewsletter so you can stay up to date on our latest news, publications and grant updates.
- **Victoria Foundation online:** Visit our newly updated and rebranded [website](#). You can also follow us on social media for ongoing updates on programs and projects at the Foundation, including donor stories, featured grants, guest blogs, media highlights and more.

A few reminders

- **Updating contact information:** [Please let us know](#) when your key contacts change including your CEO, Director of Finance or Treasurer. We want to ensure we are sending important information to the appropriate people.
- **Donor stewardship:** A simple note of thanks, an existing resource that demonstrates the impact of your work, an invitation to attend an event or a tour of your organization can be very meaningful to your donors that give through the Victoria Foundation. [Email us](#) to support you in stewarding those relationships.

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