

**Unveil the hidden value of your Oak Bay Home!**

**Call Sylvia for a confidential, no obligation discussion**



**1105 Donwood Dr. | \$1,875,000**  
*Gorgeous and updated | Broadmead*



**977 Island Road | \$1,300,000**  
*Fantastic South Oak Bay*

**Sylvia Therrien**  
Personal Real Estate Corporation  
**CHRISTIE'S**  
INTERNATIONAL REAL ESTATE  
**Newport Realty**  
1144 Fort Street, Victoria



*The Value of Experience* • [Sylvia@SylviaTherrien.ca](mailto:Sylvia@SylviaTherrien.ca) • [SylviaTherrien.ca](http://SylviaTherrien.ca) | 250.385.2033 • Cell: 250.888.6621

# Support continues to pour in for Oak Bay employee

**Christine van Reeuwijk**  
*News Staff*

Oak Bay embarks on public works week with a more sombre than celebratory mood this year.

Oak Bay resident and public works employee Steve Seekins, 52, was killed at a Monterey Avenue job site on May 17. Seekins, a husband and father of two, was working on a sidewalk shortly after 8 a.m. when he was struck by a black SUV moving at a high rate of speed, police said. The driver of the SUV, a 66-year-old Victoria woman, was taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Oak Bay Police Chief Const. Mark Fisher said there has been an outpouring of community support for Seekins' family and other municipal employees.

"It's good to see they're getting

a lot of support locally from the community, municipality and of course family," Fisher said. "I'm impressed but not surprised at the level of support the community is providing to our staff and the family ... it's much appreciated."

An online fundraiser had reached almost \$100,000 as of Tuesday. To donate visit [gofundme.com/f/collection-for-oak-bay-public-works-employee](https://www.gofundme.com/f/collection-for-oak-bay-public-works-employee). The district hosts a barbecue fundraiser May 25 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the front lawn of municipal hall. Funds raised will support Seekins' family.

Two other employees who were working with Seekins remain off work, said Steve Rennick, deputy director of engineering and public works for Oak Bay. All employees were offered counselling.

The crew was conducting maintenance on a storm drain and Seek-

ins was looking into a manhole to check the flow when he was hit.

Rennick urged motorists to slow down, be extra cautious and follow traffic control measures when cones and signs are present near worksites.

Public works crews started their shifts last Thursday at the memorial on Monterey Avenue. "We stood over the memorial and said some words ... reminded everyone to check in on each other," Rennick said.

The investigation into the crash is in its early stages and Fisher said there was a pattern of erratic driving prior to the crash. Police are seeking any witnesses or dash camera footage from anyone who has not already spoken with investigators.

Police, WorkSafe and the BC Coroners Service are all conducting concurrent investigations.  
[christine.vanreeuwijk@blackpress.ca](mailto:christine.vanreeuwijk@blackpress.ca)



Police identified Oak Bay resident Steve Seekins, 52, as the man who died May 17 after he was hit by a driver while working. (GoFundMe)



## Take the Annual Survey and share your feedback!

To help Oak Bay Council understand community priorities, you are invited to provide feedback on the types and levels of service and special projects that you prefer.

The questionnaire is available online at [www.connect.oakbay.ca](http://www.connect.oakbay.ca) and paper copies are available at:

- Henderson Recreation Centre - 2291 Cedar Hill Cross Rd, Victoria, BC
- Monterey Recreation Centre - 1442 Monterey Ave, Victoria, BC
- Oak Bay Recreation Centre - 1975 Bee St, Victoria, BC
- Municipal Hall - 2167 Oak Bay Ave, Victoria, BC

Results will be reported to Council in late 2023 prior to budget discussions and will be shared with the public.

The annual questionnaire will be open until July 4, 2023.

Visit [www.connect.oakbay.ca](http://www.connect.oakbay.ca) to take the survey now

SCAN ME



## COMING UP IN THE COMMUNITY

### June

- 12 Council Meeting**  
Monday, June 12 at 6:00 p.m.  
Visit [oakbay.civicweb.net](http://oakbay.civicweb.net) to view the Agenda watch the livestream
- 24 Committee of the Whole**  
Monday, June 19 at 6:00 p.m.  
Visit [oakbay.civicweb.net](http://oakbay.civicweb.net) to view the Agenda watch the livestream

## Stay up to date with what's on the Agenda for upcoming meetings!

Visit the Portal at [oakbay.civicweb.net](http://oakbay.civicweb.net) to sign up to receive notifications when meeting agendas and minutes are published.