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- TOTAL OF \$300,000 OF ART DEDICATED TO THE PROJECT
- SPLIT INTO 2 DIFFERENT PHASES



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PHASE I – ART WALK



# An Open-Air Gallery in Your Backyard.

An art walk enriches the public plaza, offering a place where residents and the wider community can pause and feel inspired. Victoria-based artist Bill Porteous, along with the Township of Esquimalt, curated a series of four permanent works and one rotating piece, all by artists from Greater Victoria.

Supplied with laminated lumber (the same material used in the construction of the surrounding buildings), each artist explored the theme of community in their own style. Porteous himself produced a work that's integrated into the facade of the rental building facing Esquimalt Road—a dynamic brick diagonal that runs five stories.



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Fine artist Bill Porteous  
billporteous.com

## What initially drew you to this project?

The opportunity to work in a different town centre—I've done a number of fairly large commissions in Victoria, but not in Esquimalt. I also felt it would be rewarding to help artists bridge the gap between our ability to imagine without limits, and taking that energy to create something site-specific.

## How did you choose the theme of community?

It felt like a relevant topical consideration given today's political landscape. It's about what you want to contribute, not what you want to take.

## What were you looking for in the finished pieces?

I'm always looking for something that moves me. Something that hits deeper than my intellect—more my solar plexus or my gut. And there has to be some eternal quality. Not a first impression but a lasting impression.



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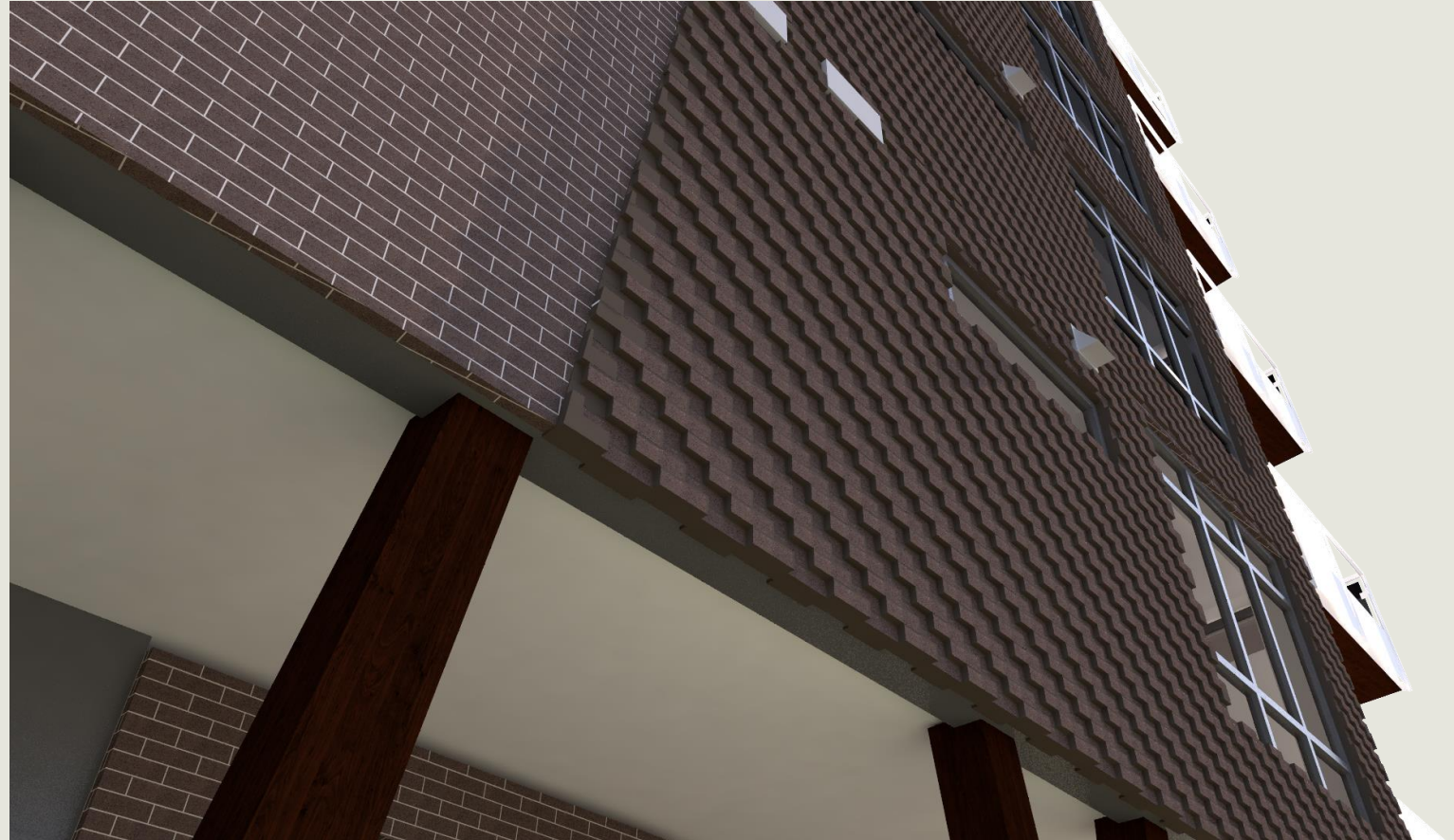


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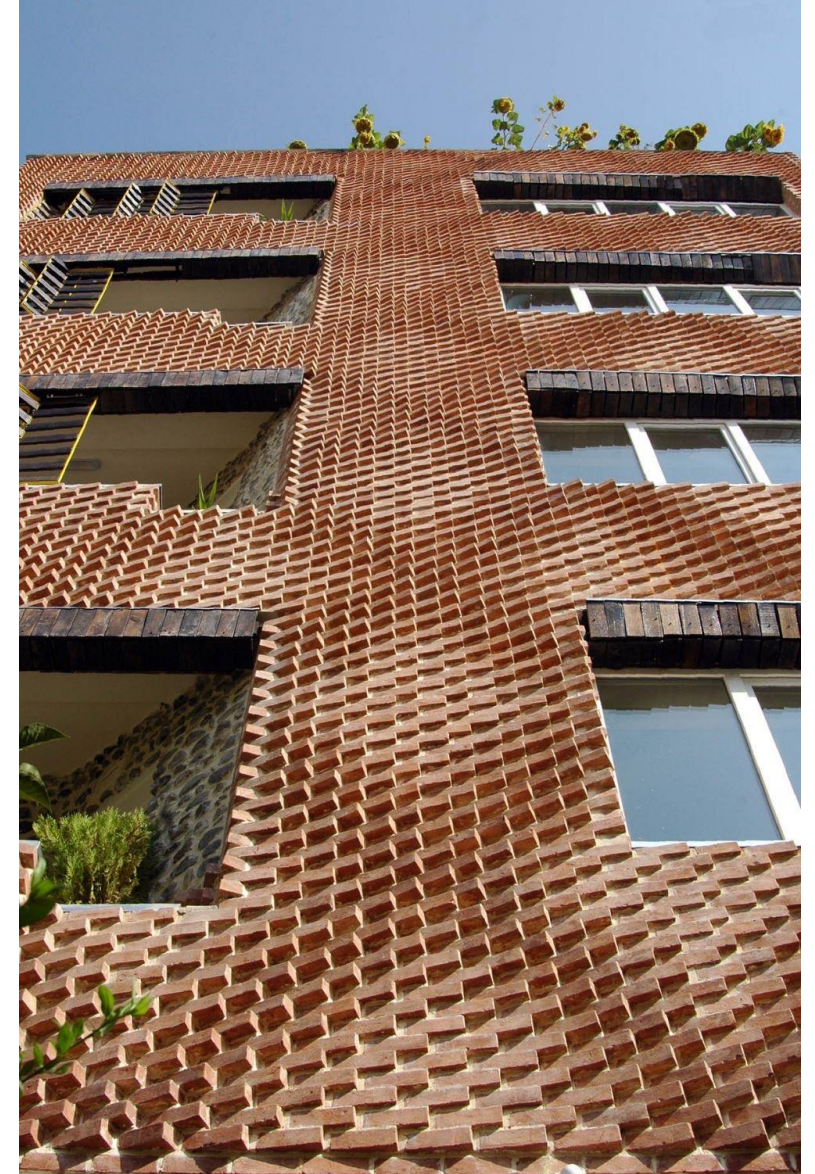
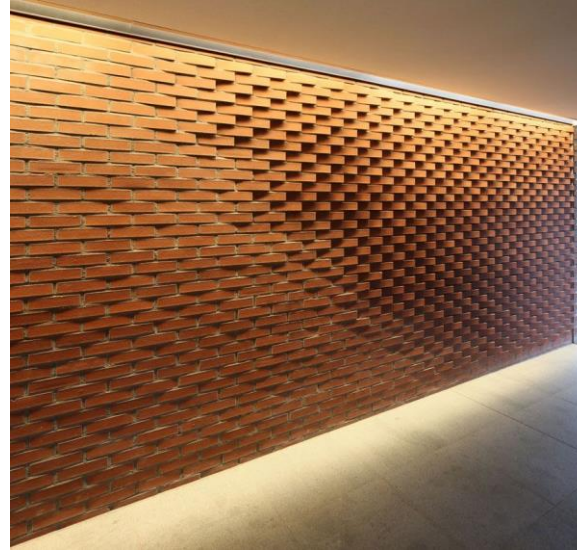
PHASE II – FAÇADE ART



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