

BACK ROADS TO HAPPINESS

start heading north on pandemic alley
when you hit Hope Avenue, take a right
walk about seven blocks until you hit the container housing beside Royal Athletic Field
it's not like a cozy condo but it's better than the tent city accommodations

walk another block until you hit Easy Street and head south
you'll notice several condo buildings in different stages of development
keep going another five or six blocks until you come to the roundabout
it can be confusing but just look at it as the latest piece of cosmetic surgery
on the downtown landscape
you would have thought that the shortest distance between two points was a straight line but....
the city planners have proven that theory wrong....
the shortest distance between two points is actually a circle

once you have navigated the roundabout you are in the Village
it is pet friendly, people friendly and bike friendly but not so car friendly

stop at Bubby's to get a coffee and a croissant
keep heading south on Easy St. Four three blocks and you have arrived at the ocean
you will encounter another urban body modification.....
a three way stop for cars, people, cyclists, skate boarders and roller bladers
there are no traffic lights but hey....what could go wrong here?....again.....urban planning

cross the road and sit on a park bench
you have arrived at the ocean.....happiness awaits you

take a long look at the ocean and don't worry about the American war ships that are out there....
they have increased their border surveillance ever since our neighbour across the Bering Strait
decided he wants to rebuild the Berlin Wall

smell the sweet ocean air.....and for a while,
chase every thought out of your head that isn't a happy one