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ROUNABOUT THE BAY

By now you will all have probably noticed that we have a new traffic pattern at the intersection of Nelson, Rosebery and Marine Drive. Yes, by popular demand, we now have an authentic British style roundabout at that location which will make the traffic flow much easier. At least, that is the plan.

There is no doubt that the junction caused a great deal of confusion in the minds of tourists, and "something had to be done". It was also very high on the priority list of most people who attended the public meetings on the subject of Bay improvements last summer.

So, those of you who have driven in Britain, and lived to tell the tale, will have no trouble manipulating the new roundabout. For others, the best way is to keep driving round it in a circular manner until you find an off-road that looks like it is the one you want. Honestly, it apparently works in Britain and we have it on good authority that some drivers go around four or five times on some of the larger roundabouts before daring to make a decision to get off!

Seriously, although the traffic flow is not too much different from how it was, the enlargement and improved signage have certainly made a difference in negotiating what was a tricky intersection. Remember, all you have to do is to give priority to the vehicle already in the roundabout. Our congratulations once again to the municipal staff for their efforts in improving conditions in the Bay.

GLENEAGLES CLUBHOUSE

The issue of whether or not the pan-abode clubhouse building on the Gleneagles golf course should be pulled down has not yet been resolved. A committee from our association met with municipal managers and councillors at the end of October to make a presentation on saving the building. Municipal staff apparently feel that the building should come down and a new one be erected. However, as we stated in the last issue of the Westerner, a case could indeed be made to restore the pan-abode structure at less cost than building a new one.

We understand that council will probably be making a decision on this matter in the near future.

B.C. FERRIES

Not a lot to report on this subject at the moment. A meeting of the liaison committee was planned for early December, last year, but was cancelled because of the labour problems. We are certainly not prepared to express an opinion on the rights or wrongs of the labour dispute and can only hope that the issues get settled quickly and permanently to the satisfaction of all concerned.

A meeting between your association committee members and the B.C. Ferry Services is planned for February. Stay tuned !

SEA-TO-SKY UPDATE by Bruce McArthur (BruceMcArthur@shaw.ca)

Various Provincial and Federal agencies have been asked to respond to the Application of the Ministry of Transportation (MoT) under the *Environmental Assessment Act*. The following quotations are taken from letters of reply to these agencies. They were sent at the end of November and are posted on EA website.

From Angela Buckingham
Environmental Manager, Sea to Sky
Improvement Project, Ministry of
Transportation

"...determine if the works that are proposed within the application are reasonable, feasible and constructable."

"The MoT Westport Pit has been designed as a stockpile and processing site for rock from tunnel excavation..."

"Down slope wire-faced flexible MSE walls on existing rock fill slopes, there are potentially a lot of these fast and

inexpensive walls between Horseshoe Bay and Furry Creek."

"Eagle Ridge (Gleneagles) School in Horseshoe Bay...may be exposed to existing and future traffic noise levels...exceeding these guidelines."

There is a consistent theme throughout this whole process and that is for the proponents to meet the *letter of the law*. I think *intent of the law* should be the most important consideration and that we should continue to voice our objections to elements of the Sea-to-Sky proposal that will have an adverse effect on our quality of life.

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TRANSLINK

Now, here's another problem we have to deal with (as though we don't have enough in our lives). Have you been following the Translink story on how they need to raise millions of dollars to enable them to move people around in a more "efficient" way? It seems that they have come up with two schemes to assist them in financing their plan. One is to assess homeowners a higher property tax and the other is to levy a fee on business parking spaces. Both of these schemes will, of course, reflect negatively on the wallets of the poor, long suffering taxpayer (you and me). Perhaps it's time we asked some questions, for example, do we really

need a Richmond/Airport/Vancouver (R.A.V.) line? And if we do is there a less expensive option? This is an extremely contentious issue, and should be of great concern to us all.

Mr. David Stuart, Municipal Manager of West Vancouver District, will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of the Western West Vancouver Residents' Association:

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20TH, 2004 7.30pm
GLENEAGLES RECREATION CENTRE

We have asked him to speak on this and other matters that concern us. We hope that you can make it....should be interesting!

BAY IMPROVEMENTS

Have you been down to the Horseshoe Bay Park lately? If so, you will have noticed some changes. A much wider path, steps to the beach being repaired, improvements to the plaza etc. and work will begin this month on the Municipal Wharf and once again thanks are due to our hard-working committees, municipal staff and council. These improvements are long overdue but we are finally getting things done in the Bay.

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ST. MONICA'S CALENDER for JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2004

Philosopher's Cafe

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Boathouse Restaurant on the fourth Tuesday of the month beginning at 7:00 PM. The first session will be a discussion on the topic of same-sex marriage moderated by the Rev. Stephen Muir.

Exploring Genesis

The first book of the Bible is a treasure trove of engaging stories about God, people, life and death. Bring your questions and an open mind as we explore some of these stories with lots of discussion. Led by Rev. Stephen Muir of St. Monica's and to be held at the West Vancouver Seniors' Activity Centre, Tuesday Jan 20th to Feb 24th, 9:00 to 10:15 am. Call 604-925-7280 to register.

A Valentine "Supper and Concert" will be held at St. Monica's Saturday, February 7th 2004 This will be a fine dining experience from your friends at St. Monica's, featuring the romance of France with chanteuse Pauline Labelle. Call the church office at 604-921-9112 for price and time.

Sunday morning services:

8:00 am & 10:00 am with the Rev. Stephen Muir 604-921-9112
Email: smonica@telus.net
Located 1/2 block west of the "roundabout" in Horseshoe Bay.

YOUR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER FOR WESTERN WEST VANCOUVER

EDITORIAL COMMENT

As we mentioned in our last issue (which was back in September of last year), we are trying really hard to bring your newsletter out on a fairly regular basis, but it is difficult.

Getting the news together is fairly straightforward, but then we have to get it typed, set-up, printed, and most importantly, get advertising money in to offset the cost. But we will keep on trying, as we honestly feel that it is a worthwhile endeavor. Frankly, we would love to publish a bigger paper, with more news, local gossip, pictures and possibly in colour. Dream on!

Our aim in producing The Westerner is two-fold; first-fold of course, is to keep you informed of some of the things happening in your community and second-fold is to get you to join our association (if you are not already a member). We always need committee members, volunteer's etc., but even if you don't have time for committee work it is important to make your voice heard. So come to a meeting, it's a good opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones. There is a membership form below which we would love you to fill in and mail/drop off to us. And you don't have to be a member to come to a meeting. We are getting things done BUT;

YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, JANUARY 20TH, 2004 at 7.30pm Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month. (Except July and August).

PLACE: GLENEAGLES RECREATION CENTRE.

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Membership fees: \$15.00 for 1 year, \$28.00 for 2 years, \$40.00 for 3 years

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Check out Horseshoe Bay's new neighbourhood website;

www.HorseshoeBayVillage.com

This website has been specifically set up for the residents of Horseshoe Bay.