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BC FERRIES UPDATE – Deborah Marshall
(BC Ferries Communication Manager)

The West Vancouver – BC Ferries Liaison Committee was formed last summer with a mandate to provide a forum to discuss issues of mutual interest. The objectives of the committee are to discuss noise and disturbance issues impacting residents from the operation of the terminal, and to work towards a long term relationship based on mutual respect and understanding of the constraints faced by the participants.

The chair of the committee is David Patrick, and the community representatives are: Chris Adshead, Liz Byrd, Bill Lord, Bruce McArthur, Barbara Pettit, John Roberts, Dan Sewell and Gary Troll. The District of West Vancouver and West Vancouver Police attend the meetings, and the Ministry of Transportation and VanIsle Traffic Services will be invited to participate.

The committee has met on two occasions thus far, and has established a list of issues for discussion which include: pedestrian access between the terminal and the village; traffic congestion; noise of the ships' whistles; ship speed in harbour; terminal lighting; ship and terminal public address announcements; landscaping; and beach erosion. The committee is working with BC Ferries to develop action plans on each of these items.

At the last meeting, the Terminal Manager advised that the landscaping by Ron's Walk will be restored by the end of March. The

committee will continue to address matters of concern in an effort to seek resolution.

UPDATE ON RON'S WALK

Work on the clean up of Ron's Walk should begin the week of March 7th and be completed by the end of March. During the clean up process, Bloomingfields Garden Care and Design, will have their dumpster located alternately at the dead end part of Argyle, Douglas and the lane between Argyle and Douglas. We look forward to the walk being restored to its original look.

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This is the Westerner's "chatty" column bringing you the latest in local news.

We must first of all extend a warm Horseshoe Bay welcome to our two new businesses that will be opening soon – probably later this month. Chris and Renata Janik are opening their new bakery (Hearth Creations Bakery) at 6367 Bruce Street and we couldn't be happier. Lots of residents have been suggesting that we need a bakery and at last we are going to have one. Our very best wishes to Chris and Renata for a successful venture.

Our second new business is the Sea-To-Sky Dollar Cafe, which will be located at 6338 Bay Street (next to Arigato's). Mike Merati will be opening a general store providing such items as greeting cards, stationery, hardware, kitchenware etc. combined with

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coffee bar and pastry sales. It is refreshing to welcome new businesses to our community and we wish them well.

Another couple that have moved into the Bay recently have taken up residence in the park. We have always understood that there was a municipal by-law against building in parks, but it doesn't seem to have stopped this couple. It has been suggested that they are perhaps empty-nesters but one of our researchers said their home was full of little ones. We are, of course, referring to Mr. & Mrs. Heron who have built their home in a tree on the waterfront. Lovely to see them zooming in and out of their home; wonder if they got a building permit?

We don't have more news at this time but give us a call if you need to know more about what is happening in the community. If we don't know the answer we will find someone who does. And don't forget our next W.W.V.R.A. meeting is March 16th (Tuesday) at Gleneagles Rec. Centre (upstairs in the Spinning Room). See you there.

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A special "thank you" to **David Weiser** for his design for the new Westerner logo.

ST. MONICA'S - Rev. Stephen Muir

"Le Bistro Monique" was the place to be February 7th as we converted our church hall into a French bistro and our church sanctuary into a concert venue for the wonderful chanteuse Pauline Le Bel with pianist Michael Creber. The evening was oversold with many Horseshoe Bay neighbours enjoying the evening together. This event was a result of the Community Development survey of last summer. The people of Horseshoe Bay told us they want more cultural and community events and we are doing our best to deliver! This was just one of many events in the works.

Up coming plans include:

Sunday, March 28th at 5:30 pm St. Monica's Church. Mexican theme dinner with entertainment by Salvador. Tickets: \$10.00 per person, \$20.00 per family
Saturday, May 1st St. Monica's Community Day. Market place, refreshments, bouncy castle, garage sale etc. For tickets or more information, call the church office 604-921-9112.

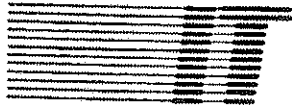
Ash Wednesday on February 25th marks the beginning of the season of Lent – a time of preparation before the great celebration of Easter. Wednesday evenings in March will feature a special Lenten program on "What did Jesus say about...?" We will look at what Jesus said about forgiveness, sexuality, healing, money, politics and more! If you are interested in joining us, please call the church office for more information.

We are your community church – why not drop by for a visit? Our Sunday morning services are at 8:00 am (traditional communion service) and 10:00 am (family oriented contemporary eucharist). We are located just ½ block west of the Horseshoe Bay roundabout. We would love to see you!

Open Letter to Premier Gordon Campbell, regarding the first section of the Sea to Sky Highway Improvement Project. From Bruce McArthur Chair of the WRA.

Dear Premier:

The western part of West Vancouver should not be subjected to further devastation that is dictated by transportation requirements and unrealistic budgetary limitations.



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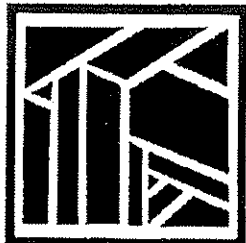


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Please promise that your choice of the highway routing near Horseshoe Bay will not destroy what is irreplaceable. This gateway is an important welcome to the natural beauty of Howe Sound and points north. The Sea to Sky entrance should not give the impression of a poor design by an uncaring Ministry of Transportation. The route chosen must meet the criteria for function and impact. Cost comparisons should be used only to separate options that meet these criteria. If a building block approach is used, the completed segments must allow for the cost-effective completion

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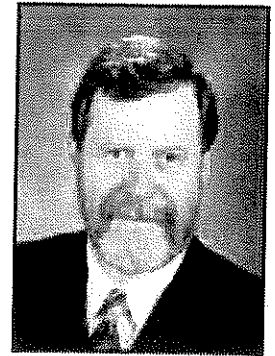
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at a later date. We understand the necessity of working within budget guidelines and the need to get the best value for our dollar, but we hope that we're learning not to waste our transportation dollars by supporting an inferior design that will provide inadequate results.

The four draft design options that were presented in the West Vancouver Open House sessions all have function and/or impact features that are undesirable. We attended these sessions and we had informative discussions with the presenters. We are certain the flaws have been well documented and the various concerns have been discussed and that they will be brought to your attention.

The only acceptable, long term design for the entrance to the Sea to Sky Corridor is a four-lane, two-way tunnel system and it should be of sufficient length to clear the sensitive upper wetland portion of Larsen Creek. This course of action has the least impact environmentally and visually. The existing highway section to Sunset Beach could be retained as-is, to give local traffic an easier route for access and safety. It would also provide an alternate route for dangerous goods and northbound traffic from Horseshoe Bay and the BC Ferries. Let's build it now while it is most cost-effective and the needs of the future are addressed.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

It seems as though there is so much going on in the community these days it is hard to keep up. We have mentioned the two new businesses that have opened (or soon will be) and, of course, there is ongoing work on the municipal wharf. We are in discussion with municipal staff on the possibility of renovating the shed (at the end of the wharf) and turning it into an aquarium. Only an idea at the moment, but it could happen. We have set up a committee to research this concept, and have other committees studying such issues as the Sea-to-Sky highway project, the Gleneagles golf course clubhouse, the official community plan, the vacant Esso station site etc. Our community is indeed fortunate to have people willing to devote a lot of their time and energy to the protection and improvement of our living standards. We realize that we are continually emphasizing the importance of community work but unless we have people looking after our interests all kinds of nasty things can be inflicted upon us! We would like at this time to thank the many people who are looking out for us all and hope that they will continue the essential work. We also hope that other people will join our committee members and get involved in their community. We had an excellent attendance at our February meeting and hope to see you all again at the next meeting. Remember...

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NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, MARCH 16TH, 2004 at 7:30 pm.

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month. (except July and August).

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