



The Westerner

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YOUR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER FOR WESTERN WEST VANCOUVER

THERE WILL BE NO APRIL MEETING OF THE WESTERN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

HOWEVER, AN ALL-CANDIDATES MEETING WILL BE HELD MAY 11th 2005.
7.30 pm at the Gleneagles Community Centre, 6262 Marine Drive WV. ,
COME ONE-COME ALL: WE NEED YOUR QUESTIONS!

COALITION UPDATE.

Dennis Perry has stepped down as President of the Coalition for the Tunnel to run as the Green Party Candidate in West Vancouver – Garibaldi. Ernie Corlett, a founding member of the Coalition to save Eagleridge Bluffs will be taking his place. Dennis plans to continue campaigning strongly for the tunnel.

B.C. FERRIES UPDATE. By Deborah Marshall (BC Ferries Communication Manager)

Renovations are underway at the Horseshoe Bay Terminal. As part of our commitment to customer-service improvements, passenger facilities at the Horseshoe Bay Terminal are being renovated in time for the busy summer season. On Monday, March 14 renovation work commenced in the foot passenger ticketing area and in all foot passenger waiting rooms. The work includes installing new flooring and wall panels, painting, new seating and washroom upgrades.

The Langdale washroom block located next to Lane 11 will also be rebuilt as part of the project.

The renovation project means that from time-to-time waiting rooms or washrooms will be closed and passengers will be directed around work sites.

ST. MONICA'S 2005 SPRING CALENDAR. By The Rev. Stephen Muir

Spring is a time when abundant new life reveals itself in all its glory, especially in Horseshoe Bay. We are among the most envied people in the country as we enjoy the magnolias, crocuses and tulips in full bloom. We are indeed fortunate to live in such a beautiful place. It was only three months ago when the world was horrified by the tsunami disaster in south Asia. Canadians were among the most generous givers in the world as millions responded with donations large and small to help the victims. The unprecedented response to the tsunami disaster is an important reminder that violence, war and terror are not the only way human beings can respond to a crisis. When given the chance, we are much more likely to act in a spirit of love and generosity. This is an important part of the Easter message: Love and Life and more powerful than hate and death.

May you experience the joy of the Easter message this spring.

St. Monica's Anglican Church

6404 Wellington Avenue West Vancouver 604-921-9112

Sunday services at 8:00 am (Traditional Communion) & 10:00 am (Family Eucharist)
Sunday April 17 at 7:00 pm. Our popular Iona Service, a Celtic inspired meditative service with music and prayer.

Baptism Sunday: May 15. Thinking about baptism for your child or yourself? Contact Stephen at 604-921-9112.

EBB & FLO

Our condolences go out today to Winnie Smith who lost her husband Leslie in February. The Smith's were long-time residents of Horseshoe Bay, and Les loved his home and garden. It will be sad not to see Winnie and Les sharing their electric scooter on their daily run around the day, enjoying every minute of their outings. Les lived a full life, and will be missed by his friends and neighbours. Our sympathy and best wishes to Winnie and Terry.

We have a new business in town; a fresh fish and meat store has opened on Bruce Street between Bay Cafe and the Bay Market. Richard, the storeowner, has plans to expand the business, and we wish him all the best in his new venture.

We hear on the ever-reliable grapevine that things are moving along on the old Esso gas station site. It will be very interesting watching developments, and we hope that the new owners plans work out. It is certainly an exciting concept, and we understand that a lot of interest has already been expressed. The tentative plan to build an aquarium at the end of the Municipal wharf is on hold for the time being. As usual, the problem is one of finances; it will be extremely expensive to get the project off the ground, and money just isn't available at this time. However, we are

constantly meeting on the matter and will keep you informed.

AND ANOTHER THING

The Westerner, as you know, is a newsletter published (hopefully) six times a year. Three people do all the work (two more than the other one), and we try to bring you the news from the western part of our municipality.

However, it has occurred to us lately that we are printing the same news in every issue. Yes, the Sea-to-Sky issue is important to us all, as are the plans developed by B.C. Ferries. But we perhaps are getting too set in our ways, and need some different stories in the Westerner. As you are probably aware, the Westerner is sponsored by The Western West Vancouver Residents' Association (WRA), and financing for publication is obtained solely through advertising. So we cannot publish a larger newsletter - unfortunately.

But we don't want to bore our readers, so from now on we are going to try for a "lighter note". More local gossip, items of interest, perhaps a column on "characters in the Bay" (goodness knows we have lots of them). We will, of course, still let you know what is going on (provided we know), and would certainly appreciate your input. So, if you have an interesting story that you feel your neighbours would get a kick out of, let us know. And if you, or someone you know, would like to advertise in your newsletter (which goes out to 1300 homes in our area) please phone us. Who knows, one day we may be able to publish monthly, and with eight pages. Well, we can dream, can't we?

THE DA VINCI CODE CHALLENGE !

We are sure that most of you will have read the best seller The Da Vinci Code by now. If you have, you may recall that Sophie Neveu's grandfather used anagrams to assist her English spelling, and that one time he told her that

ninety two English words of varying length could be formed from the word PLANETS. We tried it, and got ninety-five! No slang words, no plurals and no abbreviated words. And, of course, all the words must be contained in a dictionary. Give it a try next time you are fed-up watching television; it is lots of fun, and could be enjoyed over a glass of wine with friends and neighbours. If you get more than ninety-five please let us know –maybe we can get into the Guinness book of world records. And, yes, The Da Vinci Code is just about the most fascinating book we have ever read. It doesn't matter whether you believe it or not – it makes you think.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

As we all know the provincial election is being held on May 17th 2005, and this will be the last Westerner before that happens. The Western West Vancouver Residents' Association is sponsoring an All-Candidates Meeting at the Gleneagles Recreational Centre (see notice page 1 for details). As a community association we must be seen to be non-partisan in all elections, as neither the executive of the association, nor the publishers of this

newsletter, can claim to speak for all the members.

However, we *can* state that we will be having a battle for the seat of West Vancouver/Garibaldi which should, putting it mildly, be very interesting. And, as responsible citizens of this wonderful part of our province, we must get out there and vote. We know you are tired of hearing it, but didn't only 55% of the electorate turn out to vote in the last provincial election? All we have to do is to study the issues, listen to the candidates and put our mark on the ballot sheet. Voting is, in our opinion, a responsibility right up there with paying your income tax, and nowhere near as expensive.

So, in order to get to know who is running, and what their policies are, come to the all-candidates meeting, ask all sorts of questions, make your decision (if you haven't already done so) and cast your vote on MAY 17TH.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE WEST VANCOUVER – GARIBALDI PROVINCIAL ELECTION CANDIDATE DENNIS PERRY

I have recently gone from being the President of the Coalition to Save Eagleridge Bluffs at Horseshoe Bay to being the Green Party candidate in West Vancouver-Garibaldi, as well as becoming the Deputy Leader of the Party. Being at the epicenter of the tunnel issue has made it clear to me that the Liberals have no interest in working with this community as they think this riding will be an easy win for them.

It's the critical need for a strong voice to represent WVG in Victoria that has led me into the political arena. I am running in this election on the basis of my green conservative philosophy (green with a small c) which is more embedded in the policy of the Green Party than any other.

The Green Party has evolved and is positioning itself as the moderate, centrist party. The Party's challenge going forward is to increase its credibility by convincing conservative minded people that we truly are a centrist party, with a big environmental and sustainability commitment, and that we really do walk our talk.

The "sustainable" Olympics are in serious question. Wouldn't it be an unbelievable message to the world to elect the first Green to provincial, state or federal government in North America, in the riding of West Van Garibaldi, the outdoor venue for the 2010 Olympics. This really would be a shot heard around the world! We need a sustainability pit bull for 2010 and I want to be it!

The Green Party support in this riding is growing. Please join us in this exciting revival of interest in the politics that affect you and me. We must fight for local recognition in the Provincial Legislature and I believe that Dennis Perry, the Green Party Deputy Leader, is the best individual to accomplish that task.

We are seeking support to make this election one that will be truly memorable. If you are able to help in any way please contact me. Remember that significant tax credits make donations to political parties an easy way for you to help them.

The Green Party wants to keep you informed and we want to encourage and help all eligible voters to get out and vote.

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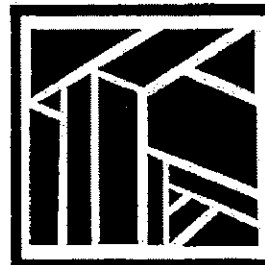

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BC Single Transferable Vote. What About It?

The Citizens' Assembly recommended a new system for electing our governments in BC. It is called BC-STV: a system designed by BC voters for BC voters, using a Single Transferable Vote system. It is a system that is fair because it is proportional, easy for voters to use, gives voters more power and choice, and provides effective local representation. This is the Referendum matter before us on the May 17th. 2005 provincial election. It is likely the most important governance policy that this generation decides for the future of British Columbia.

In late January, every household in BC received a copy of the Citizens' Assembly's Final Report. It cannot be emphasized strongly enough how important it is for all BC voters to read this report. One needs to be informed so that one can make a considered decision on May 17, 2005. It is vital to learn about this recommendation. There is conflicting misinformation circulating in the media. Unfortunately, this is not something that one can learn in 15 minutes or a 45 seconds sound bite.

The Citizens' Assembly - 160 members of the public, randomly selected, average voters just like any of ourselves, dedicated a year of their lives, thousands of hours, to offer us an opportunity to make a meaningful improvement in our political system. Gene Quan was selected from this riding, West Vancouver-Garibaldi. He will be speaking on the BC Single Transferable Vote electoral system on Wednesday, April 13th at the WV Seniors' Centre at 1 PM. He will also appear and make a brief presentation to WV Council on Monday evening, April 18th which will be televised on cable. Come to the Seniors' Centre talk with your questions.

For the Final Report and information on the recommendation, click on to: the official Assembly site www.citizensassembly.bc.ca ; unofficial Assembly Alumni site: www.bc-stv.ca ; Referendum Information Office (Victoria): www.gov.bc.ca/referendum_info

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2005 Memberships are now due!

WESTERN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

Membership fees: \$15.00 for 1 year, \$25.00 for 2 years, \$35.00 for 3 years

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Please make your cheques payable to the "Western Residents' Association". Drop off or mail to Mary Bayes, 6357 Chatham Street, West Vancouver, BC V7W 2E1

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www.HorseshoeBayVillage.com

Bed and Breakfast in West Vancouver!

At the March 2005 Western Residents Association Meeting, the issue of Bed and Breakfast locations in West Vancouver was discussed, as part of the ongoing preparation for the 2010 Olympic games. It was therefore decided that we would ask local residents their opinion of this issue.

Your help in filling out this Questionnaire would be greatly appreciated. Based upon West Vancouver defining Bed and Breakfast as a business within a single family dwelling in which temporary guest accommodation is provided for transient visitors and tourists for less than 30 consecutive days. No more than one meal per day per guest can be served and this meal must be served before 12:00 noon. (Paraphrase of Definition 4152), and no more than two rooms with private or shared bath plus onsite parking.

Question 1/ Do you think that Bed and Breakfast should be allowed in West Vancouver Residences?

Only during the period of the games and allowing a "shoulder" period before and after

Permanently

Undecided at this time

Comment:

Question 2/ What problems do you foresee if B & B's are allowed?

Question 3/ Would you be interested in running a B & B ?

During the Winter Olympic Games?

Permanently?

Undecided

Not at all

Question 4/ Would you object to a B&B operating next door to you?

During the Olympic period?

Permanently?

Any other Comments?

Where do you live?

Horseshoe Bay (the neighbourhood defined by the "bowl" of Horseshoe Bay)

Gleneagles (the neighbourhood south of Tantalus Park, the roundabout and St. Monica's Church to WVan Yacht Club)

Whytecliff (the neighbourhood to the west and north of Tantalus Park, the roundabout and St. Monica's Church)

Eagle Harbour

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