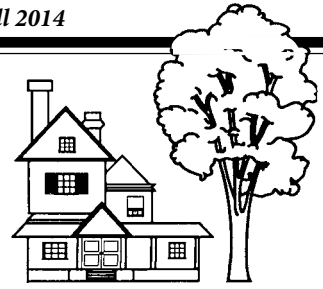


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Monday, October 27, 2014

7:00 – 10:00 PM

St. Philip's Church

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Agenda

7:00 Business meeting including election of 2014/2015 Directors

7:30 Candidates' Meeting

9:15 Meet the candidates over coffee, tea and cookies.

Please check our website www.dunbar-vancouver.org for more information.

Civic Election - Before You Vote

By Jonathan Weisman, President, Dunbar Residents' Association

“There is a holy mistaken zeal in politics...By persuading others, we convince ourselves.” (Junius, Letter 35)

Our choices, we hope, are tempered by reason. We think it a special virtue, and value thoughts which follow reason's path. But that singular 'path' is a mistake. Logic has a singular path, and reason is not logic.

Reason can forge different conclusions from the same facts. It abides contradiction, and its work is not tarnished by the sudden appearance of new choices. Reason adapts and accommodates

what logic must distort and incorporate.

But the price of reason is eternal uncertainty. Nothing marks its conclusions as final, and only time, through scarcity or boredom, trims the end of our consideration.

Without finality, we yearn for confirmation. Public approval supplies what lonely contemplation cannot. Uncertain conclusions, buttressed and defended, become us, and their spread becomes our growth. We become another false singular.

The public sphere is no blank to stamp with our choices – it is a refinery for our reason. We improve it the more we admit others' contributions. The clash of rhetoric, whatever we might pretend, hardens our views without strengthening them. We must admit our uncertainty if public interactions are to advance

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DUNBAR RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Dunbar Residents' Association (DRA) publishes this newsletter. The DRA is a registered non-profit society formed in 1989 as a forum for the concerns of the Dunbar community. Volunteers deliver over 6,000 copies of the newsletter three times each year (February, June, and October) plus the Salmonberry Days calendar (April) to every house and business in Dunbar.

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us, singularly or together.

Please take time in the coming weeks to see what the public arena offers, not to oppose that which opposes your choices, but to discover what reasonings underlie the choices of others.

Dunbar Community Centre Forward Plan and Park Board Negotiation Update

By Jane Ingman Baker, Vice-President - Programming, Dunbar Community Association Board

This September the Dunbar Community Centre Association passed a three year Forward Plan for your Dunbar Community Centre (DCC). The plan covers all aspects of the DCC operations and gives us direction for the immediate future. The five main themes are:

- Deliver Programs and activities that meet the needs of Dunbar residents;
- Establish more effective community engagement;
- Maintain and improve our building infrastructure;
- Foster an effective ongoing relationship with the Vancouver Park Board;
- Govern the Association effectively and efficiently.

The plan was developed over the last year with input from the centre's users, staff, other community groups and Board



members. The full plan is available on the Dunbar Community Centre website.

The Dunbar Community Centre Association (<http://www.dunbarcentre.org>) is actively taking part in the negotiations with the Vancouver Park Board to get a new Joint Operating Agreement (JOA). Our President Gerry Massing is one of the lead negotiators for the participating community centres. There is a confidentiality agreement in place between the parties so little can be shared as to what is said at the negotiating table, but talks are still ongoing.

The six community centre Associations that decided to sue the Park Board over the JOA obtained an interim injunction earlier this year which allows those Associations to keep operating their facilities until the trial. Dunbar is not part of this lawsuit. At present there is no date set for that trial, but it is expected that if the matter continues in the court system it will not be resolved for some time. The reasons of Mr. Justice Bowden granting the injunction can be found at <http://www.courts.gov.bc.ca/jdb-txt/SC/14/00/2014BCSC0080.htm>.

The 2015- 2018 Draft Capital plan that at the time of writing has not yet been passed by Council does not contain funding for a new Dunbar Community Centre. Britannia will be rebuilt and the Marpole centre will receive help. The plan does however

have funds that may be used generally for the maintenance and renovation of existing Centres.

The goal of the Forward Plan is to make the DCC the best it can be in these circumstances. We are very lucky to have a large building with lots of good programming space and our lobby is one of the few inside public spaces left in the city. Its central location and its juxtaposition with our great park are wonderful and create opportunities for unique community programming. The Board has allocated funds for a lobby renovation which should be starting soon and we will be working hard to get more funds for additional renovation and renewal projects. We have an active and dedicated Board who are committed to making the DCC the very best it can be.

One key area is programming and I have the privilege to be the Chair of the Programming Committee. The Forward Plan gives us the structure to keep improving our programming by keeping the programs we now offer running at their best and to bring on new programming to meet community needs.

If you have any ideas or comments, or would like to be part of this exciting phase of the DCC's journey, please send me an email at Ingman@telus.net. It will be our 60th Birthday next year - let's celebrate by being the very best we can be.

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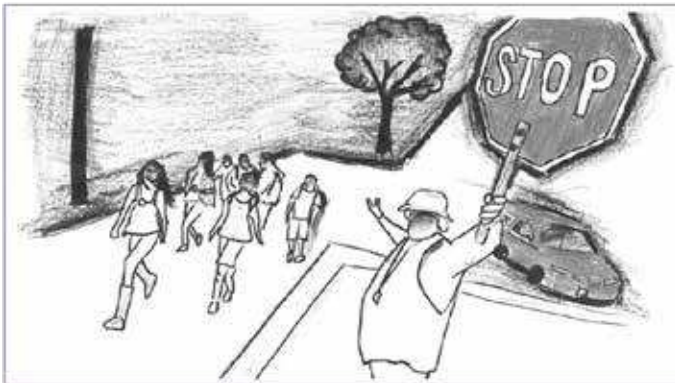
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Road Safety

By Paige Thomas, Kitchener Elementary School

Hi, I'm Paige Thomas, one of many kids who live in the Dunbar area. Road Safety is one of the most important issues in our community, especially in and around school zones. With the increasing number of cars on the road and the hectic pace of life, kids and pedestrians everywhere are at risk. My drawing for the Road Safety Campaign hopefully captures the importance of keeping your eyes on the road at all times and SLOWING DOWN in school zones. If a driver looks away for just one second or is in a hurry to get to an appointment, the results can be devastating. Nothing is more important than keeping it safe and respecting the speed limits around the Dunbar area and the entire city!



A Bike Rodeo at Lord Kitchener – #streetsmartkids

By Wendy Epp

For the past two years, we have rounded up the primary students at Lord Kitchener Elementary School (LK), parked their 200 bikes in the early morning and prepared for a Rodeo.



Volunteers Wendy Epp, Kira Domaschuk, Ashley Horlock, Barb Tyson and Chris Shorthouse.

Our initial goal was to give them a venue to work on bike handling skills, learn basic signals, and see how much fun wheeling to school could be. It was about drawing the kids to our Walking/Wheeling initiatives and knowing that they had been given a few tools to increase the likelihood of their being safe and capable.

As a physiotherapist, I saw the program as largely driven by a desire to see more kids “moving” their way to and from school under their own steam, increasing physical activity and moulding the future commuters into pedal power.

This past year, as a result of increased awareness within the City of Vancouver about LK’s commitment to traffic safety around our school, we stepped it up. The Vancouver Community Police brought a posse of volunteers and a track complete with stop signs, mini traffic lights and a commanding leader who spent time educating the kids on traffic safety.

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ramps, manoeuvring obstacle courses and mastering safety courses-----

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All we ask is that you extend the same road safety sensibility that these kids learned. It WILL make the streets of Dunbar safer. And with the blessings of the staff at LK, we will be rounding these kids up for another rodeo next year.

These events would not be possible without incredible volunteers who catch bikes, direct children, cheer loudly and apply only the occasional Band-aid.

For further details on this experience visit the VSB website and look up "Bike Rodeo."

Help Us Cut Crime - Join the Dunbar Community Patrol

By Marlene Anderson Joyce, Coordinator, Dunbar Community Patrol

Although our Dunbar neighbourhood is one of the very safest in the City, we do get our share of house and car break-ins. This summer saw an increase in those two crimes. During June, July and August, we had reported break-ins into 42 houses and 56 cars. There were also 7 cars stolen and 3 commercial businesses robbed. These statistics are available on the Vancouver Police Department website at <http://vancouver.ca/police>; click on Crime Maps. They are updated every Wednesday if you'd like to see where crimes are happening weekly.

Your Dunbar Community Patrol does its best to cover as much territory as it can, but we are always in need of new patrollers, especially cyclists. So if you enjoy walking or biking, meeting new people and getting to know Dunbar better, see our Recruitment Flyer in this issue.

Update From Dunbar Vision Implementation Committee (DVIC)

By Jane Ingman Baker, Chair

Again DVIC has had a busy summer.

Three projects are percolating along as well as the continual issues of policy development.

On the policy front, we have started work on the issue of heritage home retention and hope to be able to offer Council some insight into the problem from Dunbar. If you are interested in this issue and haven't sent me an email at Ingman@telus.net, please do. The following development projects are also underway:

Saint George's Senior School renovation and master plan application

Civic address: 4175 West 29th Avenue. Full application can be found at <http://former.vancouver.ca/commsvcs/planning/rezoning/applications/4175w29th/index.htm>.

St George's School has filed an application with the City to rezone the senior school campus to CD1 from RS5. The site is currently zoned for residential use and the school is an allowed use under that zoning. The School is planning to build new classroom space along 29th Avenue, a student residence along the north edge of the property and a new gym complex. They are applying for new zoning for the site that will be very specific for their needs but will keep the FSR to 0.6. The project is to proceed in phases over the next 20 years with the first buildings planned for academic teaching space. They have held several open houses, consulted with local residents and organizations, and modified the plan several times to take into account suggestions and concerns. At the time of writing, there is not a hearing date for the application. City contact: Grant Miller.

The Dunbar Partnership proposal for the redevelopment of the 4500 block Dunbar

Civic address: 3603 West 27th Avenue. Application number DE418298A.

Consolidation has occurred of the properties on the south side of Dunbar at the 4500 block (the Royal Bank block). All of the properties EXCEPT the Royal bank are slated to be demolished and a new 4 storey mixed use complex is proposed. It will have space on the ground floor suitable for a grocery store, underground parking, a mixed array of apartments above, a few town homes on the western edge and a space for the current insurance business in roughly the same location behind a small plaza space.

The proposal is within current zoning, so will not require a rezoning application. The owners, their architects and marketing team met with DVIC to discuss the project. It was very well received and has the support of DVIC. The owners are hoping to get construction started quickly and have created a separate strata parcel for the retail space so that it could open ahead of the residential units above. They report that they have a lease with Stong's for the main commercial space and that it will be a grocery store with maybe a coffee service on the street side.

The City contacts for this project are Anne McLean and Wendy Lebreton.

The Harwood proposal for the current Stong's location (4200 block Dunbar)

Civic Address: 3603 West 27th Avenue. Permit number DE418298.

The initial rezoning proposal for this site, put forward earlier this year, did not receive support from the City planning department. The department concluded that it was not within



the provisions of the Dunbar Vision or current City policy. Harwood has a new proposal, which their architects presented at the last DVIC meeting. Harwood has also held an open house. The new proposal is for a 5 storey structure. The plan is to ask for a relaxation of the height rules under the current zoning and to proceed by way of a development permit, not a rezoning. There are no plans for the upper parking lot and the owner has suggested that he will sell it for single family housing once construction of the main structure is complete. DVIC has received many comments on this redesign and we have not received any which support the project. The feedback is that the south end is still too high, that the density and massing of the project is not within current zoning, and that a variation should not be granted.

The project has not received the support of DVIC. It is the committee's view that the variation sought is not within the Vision, is excessive and not within the usual discretionary range. Harwood has said that Stong's continues to have a lease agreement with them for the commercial space in this development, but that Stong's may choose to have a different focus in this space than in the space in the 4200 block.

The City contacts for this project are also Anne McLean and Wendy Lebreton.

Dunbar Community Centre Falls in to the Arts

By Sophie Noël, Recreation Programmer at the Dunbar Community Centre

This fall, enjoy more community arts programming at the centre. The community centre has long been known as a great place to exercise and to enjoy traditional recreation programming for all ages. Now you can enjoy enhanced programming in the field of arts and culture.

Below are upcoming highlights. You can find a complete listing of our special events such as Family Haunted House, Holiday Craft Fair, Festive Tree Lighting and Breakfast with Santa in the Dunbar Recreation Guide or online at www.DunbarCentre.ca.

Community Stages

September 25 - December 3

In the centre Lobby, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Community Stages is an exciting project that teams up professional dancers and musicians to collaborate in public spaces. The lead artist at Dunbar is Caroline Liffman. She is a Vancouver contemporary dance choreographer who makes performance works for the stage, screen and public places.

Live in the Lobby

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7pm - 8pm**

October 14: Ross Douglas

November 4: TBD

December 9: TBD

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We. Oct 15, 7 pm - 9pm: Gluten Free Baking

Th. Oct 16, 7 pm - 9 pm: Native Edibles

Memo from Treasurer Sonia Wicken

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