

**AMENDED AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMISSION
TO BE HELD IN THE
BOWEN PARK COMPLEX CONFERENCE ROOM
WEDNESDAY, 2012-APR-25, COMMENCING AT 7:00 P.M.**

1. **CALL THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMISSION TO ORDER:**

2. **INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:**

- Add Item 6 (c) & 14 (c) – Delegation – Tali Campbell, Youth Sticking Together
- Amend Item 9. (a) – Dog Off Leash Recommendation.

3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

(Motion required to adopt the Agenda.)

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

- (a) Minutes of the Regular Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission Meeting held Wednesday, 2012-MAR-28, at 5:00 p.m., in the Bowen Park Complex Conference Room.

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(Motion required to adopt minutes of 2012-MAR-28 as circulated.)

5. **PRESENTATIONS:**

- (a) PacificSport Vancouver Island – Drew Cooper.

6. **DELEGATIONS: (10 MINUTES)**

(Motion required to receive the delegations.)

- (a) Mr. Todd Wood and Mr. Sheldon Smith, International Order of Odd Fellows – Black Diamond #5, 2505 Blackcomb Place, Nanaimo, BC, V9T 6A3, requesting that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission accept their donation of a clock to the City of Nanaimo.

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- (b) Mr. Jai Brookes, Waterfront Cafe, 1980 Estevan Road, Nanaimo, BC, V9S 3Z2, wishes to discuss with the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission his request to use a new mobile food services unit in Maffeo Sutton Park for 2012 as part of his existing contract with the City of Nanaimo.

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- (c) Mr. Tali Campbell, Youth Sticking Together, 492 Gardason Way, Nanaimo, BC, V9R 6H8, requesting the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission waive fees on the allocation of the Lacrosse Box from 2012-JUN-29 to 2012 JUL-04 for a Youth Sticking Together event. Pg. 251.1

LATE DELEGATIONS: (5 MINUTES)

(Motion required to allow late delegations.)

7. CHAIR'S REPORT:

- (a) **2012 B.C.R.P.A. Membership** Pgs.
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Selection of members for B.C.R.P.A. Local Government Membership in addition to Commissioners Johnstone, Greves, and Pattje.
- (b) **2012 B.C.R.P.A. Symposium** Pgs.
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Selection of members to attend the B.C.R.P.A. Symposium "Esprit de Corps" being held in Victoria, 2012-MAY-09 to 2012-MAY-11.

(Motion required to receive the Report.)

8. REPORTS OF ADVISORY BODIES:

- (a) **Parks Committee.** No meeting held.
- (b) **Recreation Committee.** No meeting held.
- (c) **Cultural Committee.** No meeting held.
- (d) **Grants Advisory Committee.** Commissioner Avis to report on the meetings held since 2012-MAR-28.
- (e) **Port Theatre.** Monthly report for March, 2012. Pgs.
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- (f) **Nanaimo Art Gallery.** Monthly report for March, 2012. Pg. 294
- (g) **Nanaimo Museum.** Monthly report for March/April, 2012. Pgs.
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(Motion to receive all Advisory Body reports.)

9. **STAFF REPORTS:**

(a) **Dog Off-Leash Parks**

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Staff's Recommendation: That the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission approve the following recommendations to Nanaimo dog off-leash parks for 2012:

2011 pilot sites (make permanent):

1. *St. George's Ravine (Schedule A)*
2. *Invermere Beach (Schedule B)*

2012 pilot sites (one year duration):

1. *Forested area adjacent to May Richards Bennett Pioneer Park (Schedule C)*
2. *Northfield Kiosk (Schedule D)*
3. *Gallows Point (Schedule E)*
4. *Wardropper Park (Schedule F)*

Other sites:

1. *Continue to make improvements to the Beban Dog Off-Leash Park.*
2. *Permit off-leash dogs at Upper Colliery Dam during park hours.*
3. *Once the new Bowen West field opens, permit off-leash dogs on the Diver Lake field throughout the year.*

(Motion required to adopt recommendation.)

10. **INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS:** (Staff reports)

- (a) Monthly Report – Senior Manager of Parks & Civic Facilities.
- (b) Monthly Report – Senior Manager of Recreation and Culture Services.

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(Motion to receive all Information Only Items.)

11. **CORRESPONDENCE:** (Action Required.)

- (a) Letter dated 2012-MAR-20 from Trevor and Sandra Evelyn, 3470 Stephenson Point Road, Nanaimo, B.C., V9T 1K3, regarding a VIP request for Planta Park Playground.

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CORRESPONDENCE: (Information Only.)

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| (b) | Letter dated 2012-MAR-22 from Bob Bevis, Past President, Tidesmen Barbershop Chorus, thanking Commission on behalf of the Chorus for their 2012 Cultural Operating Grant. | Pg. 321 |
| (c) | Letter dated 2012-MAR-27 from Barbara Kerfoot, BookFest Fundraising Volunteer, thanking Commission on behalf of the Children's Literature Round Table for the 2012 Arts, Cultural and Festivals Event Grant for the Vancouver Island's Children's Book Festival to be held on 2012-MAY-05. | Pgs.
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| (d) | Letter dated 2012-MAR-29 from James A. Duthie, Treasurer, A Cappella Plus, thanking Commission on behalf of the A Capella Plus Choral Society for their 2012 Cultural Operating Grant. | Pg. 325 |
| (e) | Letter dated 2012-MAR-29 from James A. Duthie, Co-Chair, Nanaimo Sings!, thanking Commission on behalf of the Nanaimo Sings Choral Festival Society for their 2012 Cultural Operating Grant. | Pg. 326 |
| (f) | Letter dated 2012-MAR-02 from Kathryn Grant, President, Malaspina Choir, thanking Commission on behalf of the Choir for their 2012 Cultural Operating Grant. | Pg. 327 |
| (g) | Letter dated 2012-MAR-30 from Kathleen J. Riley, Chair, Nanaimo Chamber Orchestra, PO Box 135, Station A, Nanaimo, B.C., V9R 5K4, thanking Commission on behalf of the Orchestra for their 2012 Cultural Operating Grant. | Pgs.
328-340 |
| (h) | Letter dated 2012-APR-01 from Kathleen Darby, Executive Director, Nanaimo Conservatory of Music, 375 Selby Street, Nanaimo, B.C., V9R 2R4, to Commission enclosing their final report and narrative on the 2012 Vancouver Island Chamber Music Festival. | Pgs.
341-358 |
| (i) | Letter dated 2012-APR-04 from Rick Becker, Director, Harbour City Jazz Society, 3123 Robin Hood Drive, Nanaimo, B.C., V9T 1N9, thanking Commission for their support and enclosing their financial statement. | Pgs.
359-360 |
| (j) | Minutes of the Nanaimo Harbour City Seniors, Board of Directors meeting, held 2012-APR-13. | Pgs.
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(Motion required to receive all Correspondence.)

12. COMMUNITY APPOINTMENTS TO THE CULTURAL COMMITTEE:

- (a) Six "members-at-large" to be appointed.

(Motion required to appoint six "members-at-large" to the Cultural Committee for a three-year term.)

13. **APPOINTMENTS TO STANDING COMMITTEES:**

(a) Parks Committee (5 members to be appointed).

(Motion required to appoint five members to the Parks Committee for the period of their current term of appointment to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission. Motion required to appoint a Chair of the Parks Committee.)

(b) Recreation Committee (5 members to be appointed)

(Motion required to appoint five members to the Recreation Committee for the period of their current term of appointment to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission. Motion required to appoint a Chair of the Recreation Committee.)

(c) Cultural Committee (4 members to be appointed)

(Motion required to appoint four members to the Cultural Committee for a three-year term. Note: At the first meeting of the Cultural Committee a Chair will be selected from amongst the membership by the membership.)

14. **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPOINTMENTS TO CITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE:**

(a) Grants Advisory Committee (2 members to be recommended)

(Motion required to recommend to Council two members for appointment to the Grants Advisory Committee for the remainder of their current term of appointment to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission.)

15. **SPORTS HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE:**

(a) The Sports Hall of Fame Committee (1 member to be recommended)

(Motion required to recommend one member for appointment to the Sports Hall of Fame Committee for the period of their current term of appointment to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission.)

16. **NOTICE OF MOTION:**

17. **CONSIDERATION OF OTHER BUSINESS:**

18. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS:**

- (a) Mr. Todd Wood and Mr. Sheldon Smith, International Order of Odd Fellows – Black Diamond #5 - Donation of clock to the City of Nanaimo.

- (b) Mr. Jai Brookes, Waterfront Cafe, 1980 Estevan Road, Nanaimo, BC, V9S 3Z2, requesting to use a new mobile food services unit in Maffeo Sutton Park for 2012 as part of his existing contract with the City of Nanaimo.
- (c) Mr. Tali Campbell, Youth Sticking Together, 492 Gardason Way, Nanaimo, BC, V9R 6H8, requesting fees be waived on the allocation of the Lacrosse Box from 2012-JUN-29 to 2012 JUL-04 for a Youth Sticking Together event.

19. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

20. **QUESTION PERIOD:**

21. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn with next regular meetings as follows:

COMMISSION	Wednesday, 2012-MAY-23; 7:00 p.m. Bowen Park Complex Conference Room
Cultural Committee	Wednesday, 2012-MAY-02; 4:15 p.m. – if required Bowen Park Complex Conference Room
Recreation Committee	Wednesday, 2012-MAY-09; 3:00 p.m. – if required Bowen Park Complex Conference Room
Parks Committee	Thursday, 2012-MAY-10; 5:00 p.m. – if required Bowen Park Complex Conference Room

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMISSION
HELD IN THE BOWEN PARK COMPLEX CONFERENCE ROOM
ON WEDNESDAY, 2012-MAR-28, COMMENCING AT 5:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Commissioner D. Johnstone, Chair

Members: Commissioner T. Greves
Commissioner F. Pattje
Commissioner L. Avis
Commissioner H. Houle
Commissioner S. Lance
Commissioner A. McPherson
Commissioner B. Meunier
Commissioner G. Savage
Commissioner B. Sparkes
Commissioner M. Young

Regrets: Commissioner J. Cowling

Others: Mercedes Beaudoin-Lobb, Donald Rinald, and Ian Thorpe.

Staff: R. Harding J. Ritchie
S. Samborski R. Tweed, recording

1. CALL THE OPEN MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

It was moved and seconded that the Agenda be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

(a) Minutes of the Regular Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission Meeting held Wednesday, 2012-FEB-22, at 7:00 p.m., in the Bowen Park Complex Conference Room.

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

5. PRESENTATIONS: (None.)

6. DELEGATIONS: (None.)

7. CHAIR'S REPORT:

(a) Welcome to Howard Houle, RDN Electoral Area "B" representative.

- (b) Commissioners Cowling, Lance, Meunier and Sparkes were presented with a card, booklet, and gift of a potted, sapling Garry Oak in appreciation of their service on the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission.
- (c) Members were advised of the passing of Harry Wipper on 2012-MAR-22 at the age of 81. Mr. Wipper served as Director, Parks, Recreation and Culture Department, from 1958 – 1988. Mr. Wipper's memorial service will take place on Saturday, 2012-APR-07, at 2:00 p.m., at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 29 Church Street, Nanaimo.

8. REPORTS OF ADVISORY BODIES:

- (a) Parks Committee. Commissioner Pattje reported on the meeting held 2012-MAR-08.

- i. ITALIAN FOUNTAIN PARK IMPROVEMENT PLAN.

Parks Committee Recommendation: That the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommend that Council approve the draft Italian Fountain improvement planning process.

It was moved and seconded that the recommendation of the Parks Committee be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

- ii. MANSFIELD PARK IMPROVEMENT PLAN.

Parks Committee Recommendation: That the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommend that Council approve the draft Mansfield Park improvement planning process.

It was moved and seconded that the recommendation of the Parks Committee be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

- (b) Recreation Committee. No meeting held.
- (c) Cultural Committee. No meeting held.
- (d) Grants Advisory Committee. No meeting held.
- (e) Plan Nanaimo Advisory Committee. No meeting held.
- (f) Social Planning Advisory Committee. No meeting held.
- (g) Port Theatre. Monthly report for February, 2012.
- (h) Nanaimo Art Gallery. Monthly report for February, 2012.
- (i) Nanaimo District Museum. Monthly report for February/March, 2012.

It was moved and seconded that the Advisory Body reports be received. The motion carried unanimously.

9. STAFF REPORTS (Action):

(a) Travel Assistance Grant – Nanaimo Youth Choir.

Staff's Recommendation: That the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommend that Council approve the application for a Travel Assistance Grant for the Nanaimo Youth Choir in the amount of \$1,100.00 in order that the youth choir can attend the Pacific International Children's Choir Festival in Eugene, Oregon.

It was moved and seconded that the recommendation be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

(b) Travel Assistance Application – Nanaimo Curling Club.

Staff's Recommendation: That the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommend that Council approve the application for a Travel Assistance Grant by the Nanaimo Curling Club in the amount of \$200.00 for two members to participate in the 2012 Canadian Wheelchair Curling Championships in Thunder Bay, Ontario.

It was moved and seconded that the recommendation be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

(c) Travel Assistance Grant – Wheatsheaf Fastball Club.

Staff's Recommendation: That the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommend that Council approve the application for a Travel Assistance Grant to the Wheatsheaf Fastball Club in the amount of \$1,000.00 for 20 players to attend the 2012 Senior B Men's Western Canadian Fastball Championships being held in Abbotsford, British Columbia.

It was moved and seconded that the recommendation be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

(d) Food Vendor Services at Departure Bay Beach.

Staff's Recommendation: That the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommend that staff develop a request for proposals for food vendor services to be provided at the Departure Bay Beach site conditional on agreement in principle from the local area businesses and the Departure Bay Neighbourhood Association.

It was moved and seconded that the recommendation be adopted.

Discussion: RFP and award should occur by 2012-MAY-01. License fees will be nominal. Westwood license fee is about \$720/year – it will be comparable. Power, water, or sewer to the site will not be provided through the park. The vending unit must be self-contained. The intent would be to select one vendor for the area. The location is near where the parking adjacent to the grassy area by the Kin Hut. The applicant, La Vida Vegan, will be notified of the RFP. Staff are responding to Commission's desire to look at these options. Services can also be explored; however, economic viability is unknown at this time. The City does not own the property – it is licensed from the Province. The RFP responses and recommendation would come directly back to

Commission for approval at the 2012-APR-25 meeting. The neighbourhood will be consulted and the project will not move forward without concurrence. If there is an issue with the businesses, that information will also be brought back to Commission.

The motion carried unanimously.

(e) **Port Theatre Society / City of Nanaimo Co-Management Agreement.**

Staff's Recommendation: That the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommend that Council:

1. Approve the five-year Co-Management Agreement between the Port Theatre Society and the City of Nanaimo;
2. Increase the 2012 Management fee by \$15,000; and,
3. Reduce the City's Capital contribution to the Port Theatre starting in 2013 from \$100,000 to \$75,000 and reallocate the \$25,000 to the PR&C Capital budget for the Port Theatre building.

It was moved and seconded that the recommendation be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

10. **STAFF REPORTS (Information Only):**

(a) **Senior Manager of Parks & Civic Facilities.** Monthly report for February, 2012.

- A lot of planning processes going on – Maffeo Sutton, Harewood, VIP parks – Forest Drive being a primary one at this time - working with Stephenson Point neighbourhood which will come forward as a VIP request at a future date.
- Animal Services has stepped up enforcement of dogs off leash in all parks. A dedicated enforcement person will be coming on in May.
- There are a number of problem areas where Canada Geese are being controlled.

(b) **Harewood Centennial Park Improvement Planning Process Update.**

On 2012-MAR-26, Council approved Harewood to be next for a neighbourhood plan. Staff may proceed with the Department planning to a certain point and then review based on the overall plan.

(c) **Senior Manager of Recreation and Culture Services.** Monthly report for February, 2012.

It was moved and seconded that the Information Only Items be received. The motion carried unanimously.

11. **CORRESPONDENCE:** (Action Required.) (None.)

CORRESPONDENCE: (Information Only.)

- (a) Letter dated 2012-FEB-29 from Ms. Maureen Pearse, Senior Manager, Corporate Administration, 6300 Hammond Bay Road, Nanaimo, BC, V9T 6N2, advising that Director Howard Houle is the 2012 Electoral Area "B" representative appointed to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission by the RDN at their meeting held on 2012-FEB-28.

- (b) Minutes of the Nanaimo Harbour City Seniors Board of Directors Meeting held 2012-MAR-02.

It was moved and seconded that the Correspondence be received. The motion carried unanimously.

12. NOTICE OF MOTION:

13. CONSIDERATION OF OTHER BUSINESS:

- (a) Commissioner Sparkes expressed his regret that he would not be returning for another term on the Commission, and his appreciation to Staff for all that they have done during his term.

14. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS:

15. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (None.)

16. QUESTION PERIOD: (No questions.)

17. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 6:08 p.m. that the meeting adjourn, with the next regular meetings as follows:

COMMISSION	Wednesday, 2012-APR-25; 7:00 p.m. Bowen Park Complex Conference Room
Cultural Committee	Wednesday, 2012-MAY-02; 4:15 p.m. – if required Bowen Park Complex Conference Room
Recreation Committee	Wednesday, 2012-APR-11; 3:00 p.m. – if required Bowen Park Complex Conference Room
Parks Committee	Thursday, 2012-APR-12; 5:00 p.m. – if required Bowen Park Complex Conference Room

The motion carried unanimously.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

D. Johnstone, Chair
Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission

R. Harding, Director
Parks, Recreation and Culture

ensure that the Recorder Secretary has a copy of your presentation if it is different than that submitted.

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DEPARTMENT OF
PARKS RECREATION AND CULTURE



REQUEST TO APPEAR AS A DELEGATION

ON 2012 - April - 25

year month day

NAME OF PERSON MAKING PRESENTATION:

Print TODD WOOD / Sheldon Smith.

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street address City Province Postal Code

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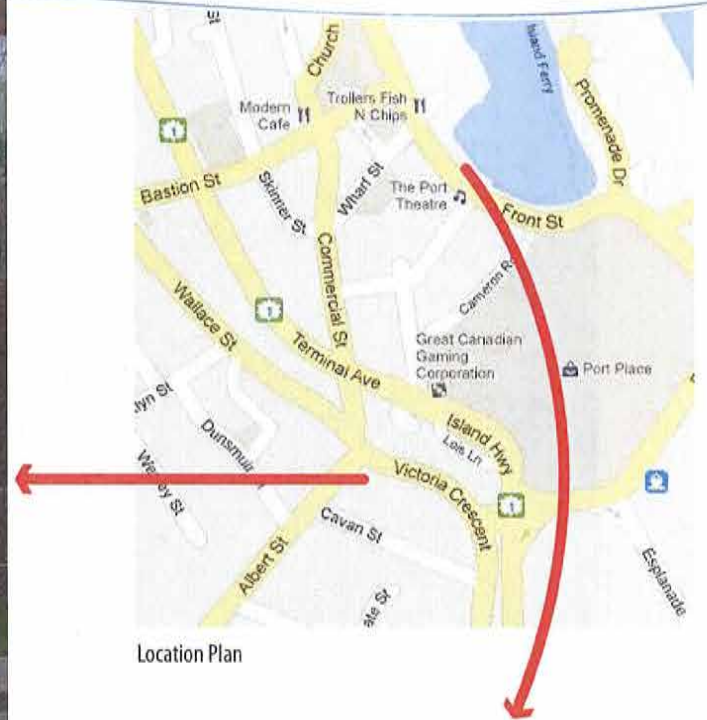
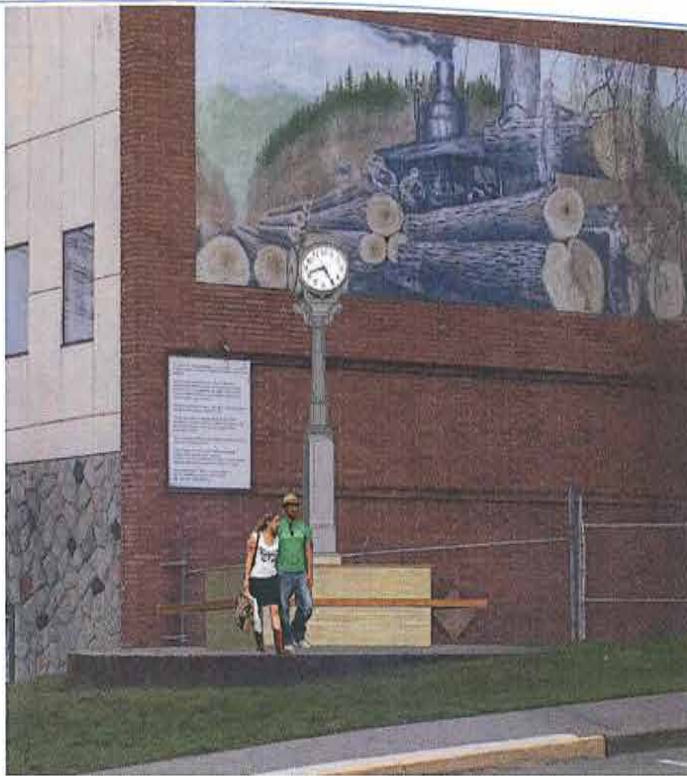
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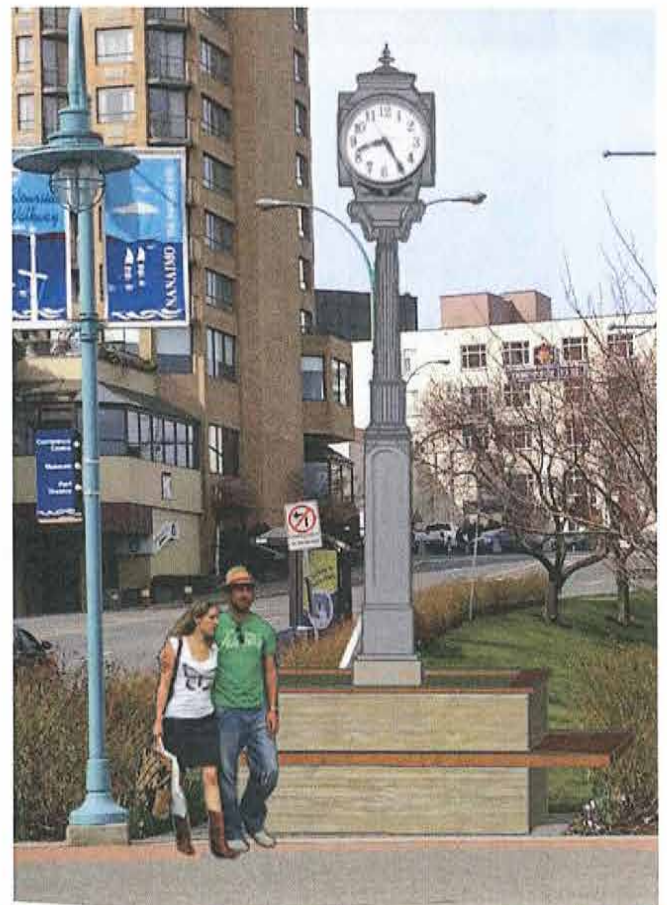
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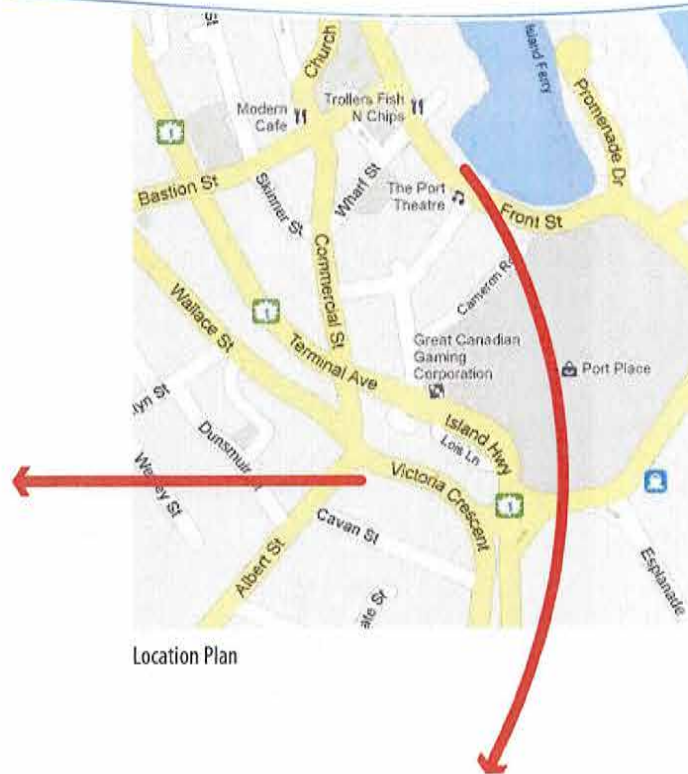
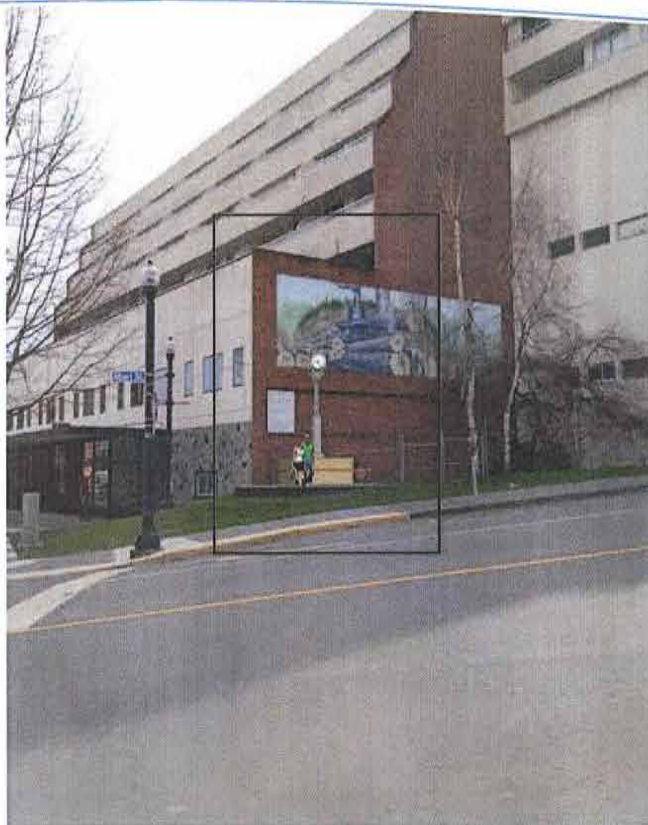
DETAILS OF PRESENTATION:

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McGregor Park.

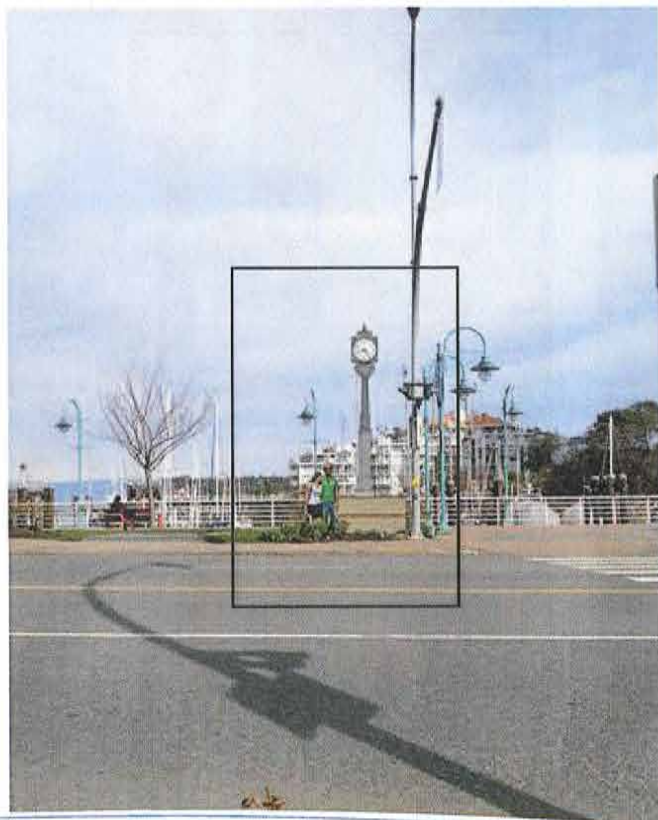


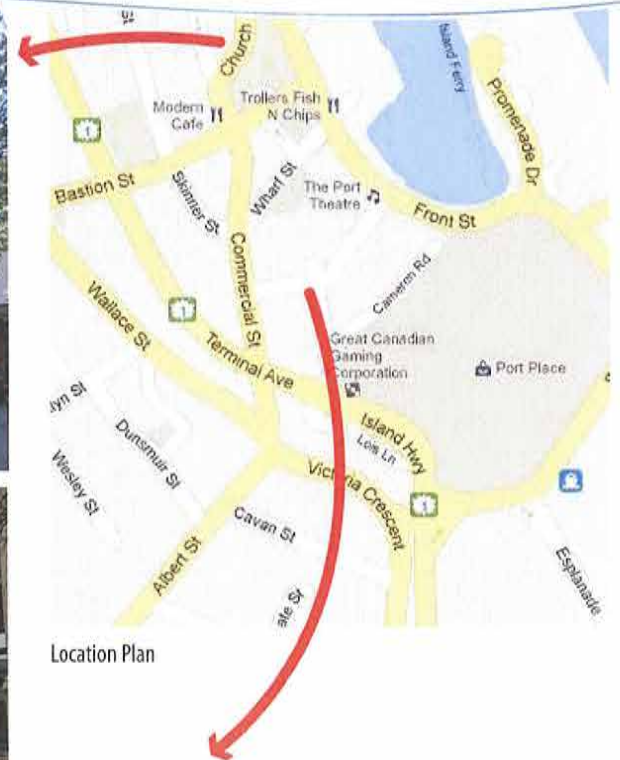
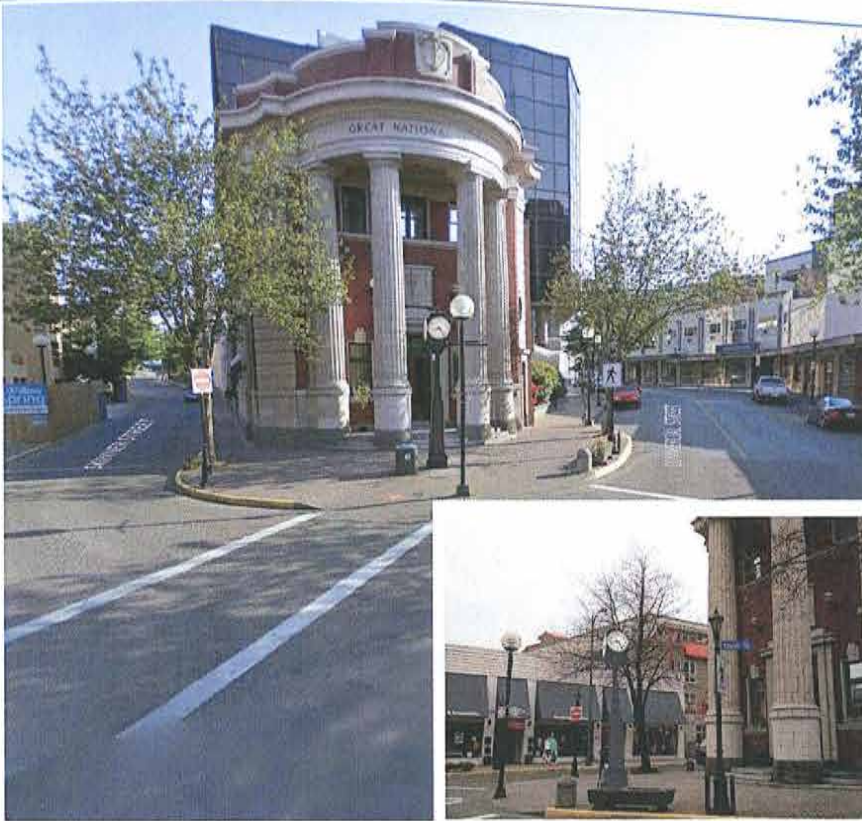
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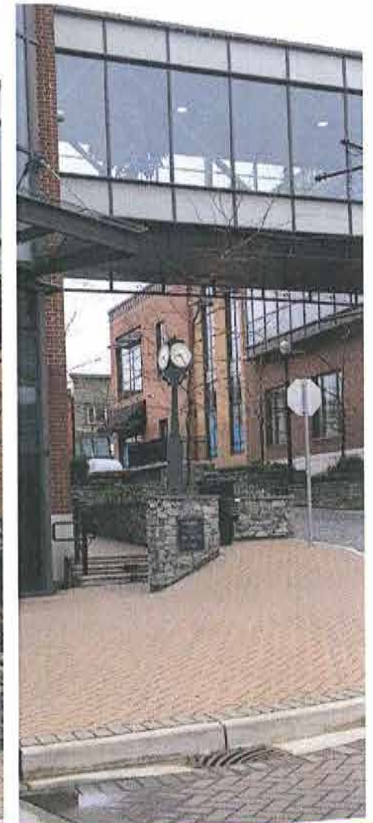


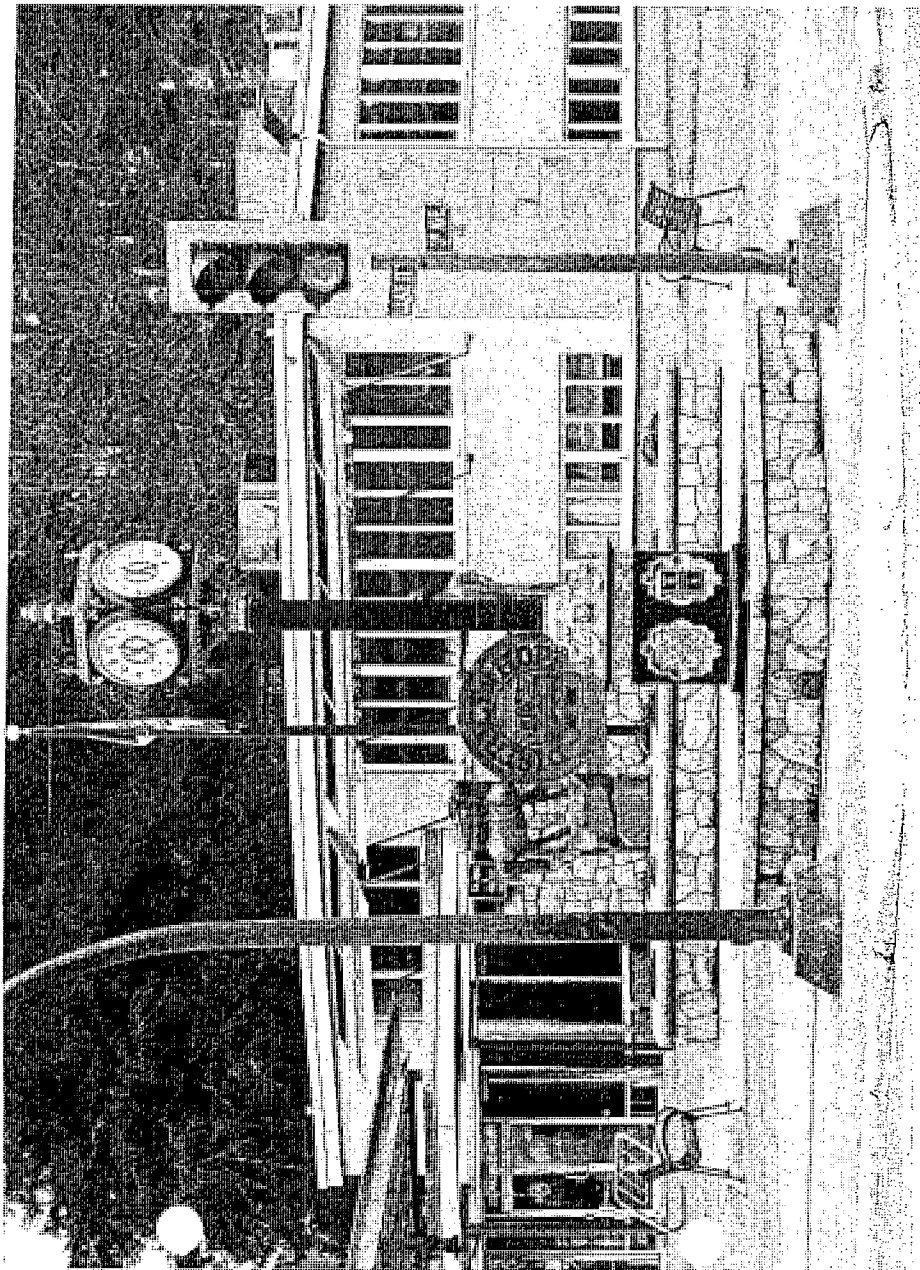
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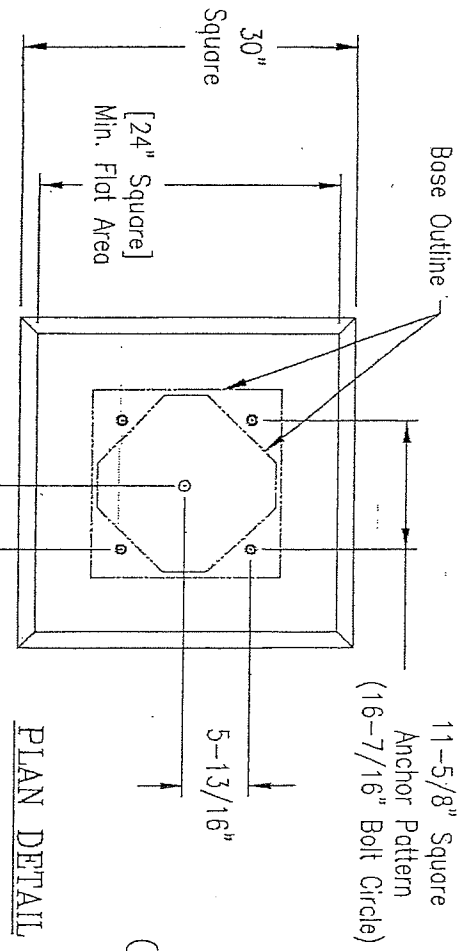




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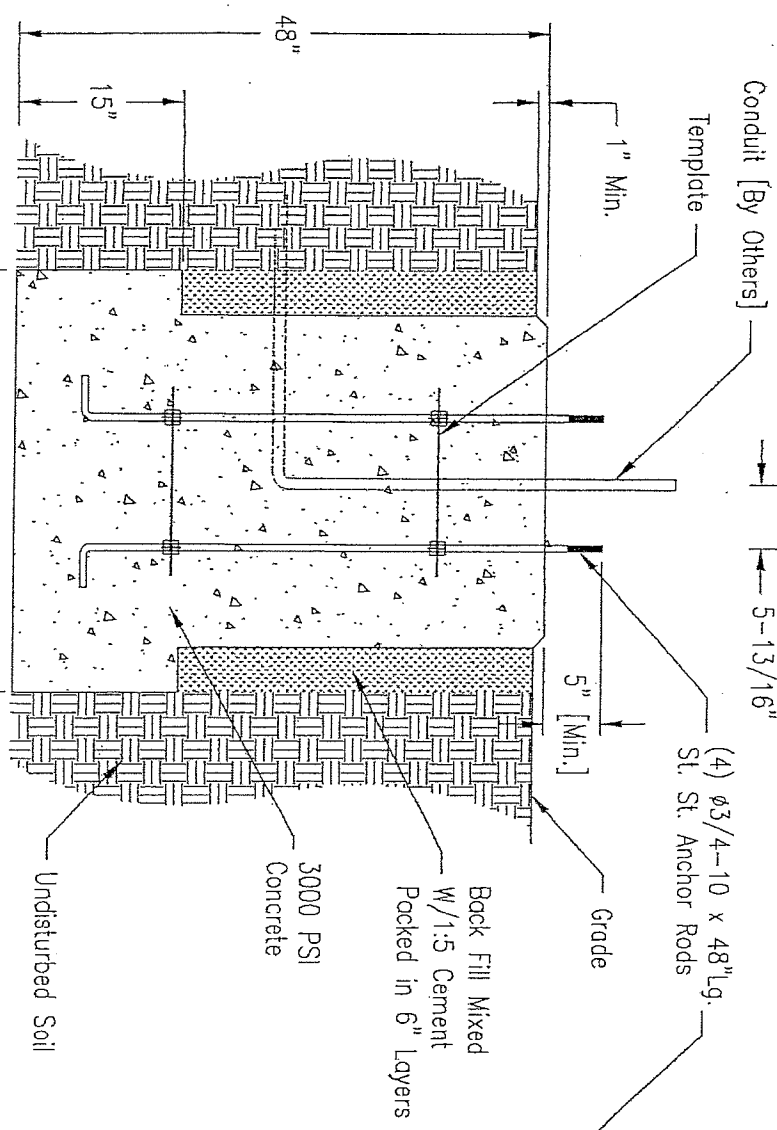




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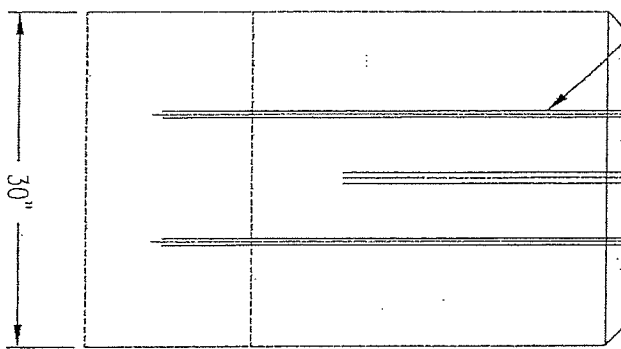
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	REV B 8-29-08 WOK				

Robin Tweed

From: Kirsty MacDonald
Sent: Friday, 2012-April-13 11:12 AM
To: Robin Tweed
Subject: Odd Fellows Clock Donation

Below is a note from the DNBIA supporting the project.

From: Corry Hostetter [<mailto:Corry@dnbia.ca>]
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2012 11:35 AM
To: Kirsty MacDonald; toddw@knappettindustries.com
Cc: Shari Molchan
Subject: Odd Fellows Clock Donation

Hi Kirsty and Todd,

It was a pleasure to meet with you both regarding the clock donation to downtown from the Odd Fellows. As promised, I am sending my thoughts regarding placement of the clock. Thank you Kristy and Todd for all your care and work on this.

I think the two locations discussed (McGregor Park and the Land Trust Building) would both make acceptable spots to locate the clock. After some consideration, I think my favourite place is at the Land Trust Building and would probably get a bit more visibility. There is already a bench near this location and I'm not sure it would be right to put another bench here. However, seating at McGregor Park might be nice.

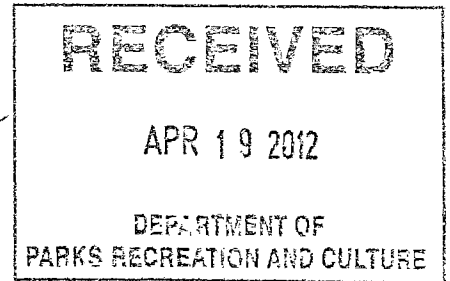
The DNBIA would be happy to plan an unveiling of the clock and could send out a press release if you thought it was appropriate. Please let me know if there is anything further we can do to assist.

Once again, thank you for the donation and for allowing us to be a part of the planning.

Kind regards,
Corry

Corry Hostetter

General Manager
Downtown Nanaimo BIA
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REQUEST TO APPEAR AS A DELEGATION

ON 2012 - APRIL - 25
year month day

NAME OF PERSON MAKING PRESENTATION:	<u>Jai BROOKES</u> Print		
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PHONE:	 home	<u>(250) 797-2897</u> business	FAX:
NAME OF APPLICANT IF OTHER THAN ABOVE: 			
DETAILS OF PRESENTATION:			
<u>TO DISCUSS USING A</u>			
<u>NEW MOBILE FOOD SERVICES</u>			
<u>UNIT IN MAFFEO SUTTON</u>			
<u>PARK FOR 2012 AS PART</u>			
<u>OF MY EXISTING CONTRACT</u>			
<u>WITH THE CITY.</u>			

PLEASE NOTE

- Electronic presentations must be provided on a CD or by e-mail no later than 9:00 a.m. the day of the Meeting.
- Please submit a written copy of your presentation to the Recording Secretary either at, or prior to, the Meeting.
- Multiple speakers on a single issue or topic shall be given 5 minutes each to make their presentations as per Section 18.6 of the Council Procedure Bylaw.

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NAME OF PERSON MAKING PRESENTATION: Tali Campbell
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PHONE: 250 327-9332 home business FAX: 250-591-8884
NAME OF APPLICANT IF OTHER THAN ABOVE: Tali Campbell

DETAILS OF PRESENTATION:

We are going to ask the Parks
Rec to waive fees on the Lacroisse
Box from June 29 to July 4 for
Youth Skiing Together.

BRITISH COLUMBIA RECREATION AND PARKS ASSOCIATION

(BCRPA)

STRATEGIC INTENT/MISSION

The British Columbia Recreation and Parks Association is a not for profit organization dedicated to building and sustaining active healthy lifestyles and communities in BC. Established in 1958, the Association is a central resource agency for members and stakeholders of the parks, recreation, physical activity and culture industry, providing leadership, training and support to help meet national, provincial and local priorities. Through a diverse network of partners and extensive programs and services, BCRPA actively advocates accessibility and inclusiveness to recreation and physical activity and strives to bridge the gap between recreation and sport.

BCRPA Strategic Intent

The BCRPA is a recognized leader in building healthy, active individuals and communities.

BCRPA Mission

The BCRPA is committed to leading the parks, recreation and culture sector in building and sustaining healthy active communities, including fostering economic and environmental sustainability. We inspire and support community leaders and practitioners through advocacy, communication, education, and resources.

📎 Read the [BCRPA 2011 - 2013 Strategic Plan \(/plan2011\)](#) (1.04MB pdf)

📎 Read the [BCRPA Constitution & Bylaws \(/about_bcrpa/documents/BCRPACConstitutionandBylaws.pdf\)](#) (47KB pdf)

The BCRPA is looking to capitalize on its past successes to lay the foundations for a promising future. We know our original structure needs to reflect who we have become and position us to achieve new heights as we continue on the way forward.

📎 Read the [BCRPA Personal Information Protection Policy \(/about_bcrpa/documents/BCRPAPrivacyPolicy_Final_July2108.doc\)](#) (71KB doc)

📎 Read the [BCRPA Governance and Membership Review \(/about_bcrpa/documents/GovernanceandMembershipReview.pdf\)](#) (102KB pdf)

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OVERVIEW

BCRPA Membership has its benefits...

- Networking with industry practitioners
- Discounted rates to all BCRPA events and conferences
- Access to our quarterly magazine, *Recreation and Parks BC*
- Discounted rates for online job postings - job postings are listed on the BCRPA website and [Twitter account \(http://twitter.com/#!/bcrpa\)](http://twitter.com/#!/bcrpa)
- Regular industry updates through electronic **Communiqués**
- Access to members-only online resources, toolkits and research
- Voting privileges in board election
- Having a voice in advancing the sector
- And much, much more! Click [here \(/service_member_benefits/benefits.htm\)](/service_member_benefits/benefits.htm) for full details on memberships benefits.

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For more information about the Honorary Life Member process, contact the [BCRPA CEO Suzanne Allard Strutt \(mailto:sstrutt@bcrpa.bc.ca\)](#).

MEMBER BENEFITS

Member Benefits

Local Government Membership

Local Government Member - Municipalities and Regional Districts

Local Government Membership Benefits

- Voting privileges*
- Discounted registration fees to BCRPA events*
- Copy of the quarterly magazine *Recreation and Parks BC**
- BCRPA electronic Communiqué (24 per year)*
- Access to resources on the member-only section of the BCRPA website*
- Discounted BCRPA membership rate for additional employees and volunteers of registered Local Government Member (fill in Individual Membership application form)
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Victoria | May 9-11

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BC RECREATION AND PARKS ASSOCIATION SYMPOSIUM 2012 | VICTORIA | MAY 9 - 11

A Message from the Premier

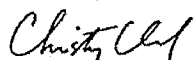


As Premier of the Province of British Columbia, I am very pleased to welcome everyone to the 2012 British Columbia Recreation and Parks Association's Annual Symposium.

I understand that this three-day event will bring together leaders from a variety of sectors to discuss the development of recreational programs and active lifestyles in the province. This is a great opportunity to share your experiences and identify potential policy directions when it comes to improving the health of British Columbians and the vitality of our communities.

I wish you all the best for an interesting and thought-provoking symposium, and I look forward to hearing more about your deliberations.

Sincerely,



Christy Clark, Premier

Greetings from Mayor Dean Fortin



THE CITY OF VICTORIA
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR



On behalf of the citizens of Victoria, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to the Annual Symposium for the British Columbia Recreation and Parks Association (BCRPA).

Your theme this year - "Esprit de Corps: in pursuit of our common purpose" - is what binds communities together, especially in the areas of healthy living, activity and community pride. The initiatives stemming from the BCRPA Annual Symposium help inspire and encourage communities in this process.


Like many communities and neighbourhoods across the country, Victoria is striving to re-vitalize parks and re-imagine recreation opportunities that will serve our residents for generations to come. We recently added a new youth focused bike course to

the Cecelia Ravine Park, breathed new life into an inner city park, and have just set aside waterfront green space for a new park within our downtown - all with community input and ideas. There is no doubt, parks and green space is vital to the health and sustainability of urban communities.

I wish you all the best in your deliberations. I am confident this year's Symposium will be another success.

For those of you visiting the City of Victoria for the first time, I encourage you to explore our beautiful city and meet some of the people that make Victoria such a great place to call home.

Sincerely,



Dean Fortin, Mayor

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VICTORIA

Invitation from the Symposium Chair



Our Symposium theme "Esprit de Corps" envisions our coming together to recreate the spirit of the 2011 National Recreation Summit. The programme builds on the discussions from the Summit without losing sight of the practical information delegates want to take away from the conference, both to reenergize as well as to improve and expand the services they offer in their community. We are rounding up our traditional format of keynote addresses and educational sessions with plenary panels followed by an opportunity to continue the dialogue in Q & A sessions. So, this year there's more to choose from with two and a half brimming Symposium days, lots of educational opportunities, networking and social events. Looking forward to seeing you in our provincial capital as it prepares to celebrate its 150th anniversary!

Suzanne Allard Strutt
Symposium Chair
Chief Executive Officer
BC Recreation and Parks Association

Thank you

Thank you to the Symposium Program Advisory Committee for sharing their expertise in developing the educational program:

Suzanne Strutt, Chair	Julie MacDougall
Renee Chadwick	Lori Mullin
Lorna Curtis	Lesley Visser
Sandy Ferrin	Joan Wharf Higgins
Lorri Gibbard	Cheryl Wiebe
Julie Halfnights	Stephanie Zuke
Doug Henderson	Sharon Meredith
Ken Krieger	Heather McLeod Williams (consultant)

And a sincere thank you to the many dynamic volunteers who help make Symposium a successful event!

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Early Bird Registrations

This year we have two early bird opportunities to help you save \$\$\$\$\$ so register early! Friday, March 9th is the first deadline for Early Bird rates and Monday, April 9th is the second. The sooner you register, the more you'll save. Don't delay, register today!

Register on-line today at www.bcrpa.bc.ca. New this year, registrations can be purchased on-line on behalf of others in your organization.

Registration check-in at the Victoria Conference Centre starts at 8 am on Wednesday, May 9.

Full Symposium registration includes all refreshment breaks, three lunches, a banquet on the Thursday evening including an invitation to all delegates to join the President's Reception, a networking reception with the exhibitors and a complimentary breakfast on Friday morning. Two keynotes and more than 40 educational concurrent sessions are also included.

Daily registration does not include evening meals, tradeshow networking reception or the Thursday President's reception and banquet. Daily registrants must purchase these meals separately.

Symposium 2012 Delegate Fees

Registration Category	Before March 9	Before April 9	After April 9
Member	\$429	\$514	\$599
Non-Member	\$558	\$642	\$726
Daily Member	\$250	\$280	\$310
Daily Non-Member	\$325	\$365	\$410
Student Member	\$257	\$257	\$257
Student Member Daily	\$150	\$150	\$150

Pre-Symposium Fees

	BCRPA Members	Non-Members
Parks Planners Regional Meeting Monday, May 7 & Tuesday, May 8	\$110	\$140
HIGH FIVE® Tuesday, May 8	\$95	\$110

Guest Meal Tickets

Event	Fee
Wednesday Tradeshow Lunch	\$30
Wednesday Tradeshow Networking Reception	\$45
Thursday Lunch	\$40
Thursday Banquet	\$75
Friday Breakfast	\$25
Friday Lunch	\$40

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Dr. Trevor Hancock

**Confronting Canada's Public Health Challenges:
The Role of Recreation and Parks**

Wednesday, May 9th 8:15 am

Canada faces not one but several major public health challenges. Perhaps first among them, at least in the public's mind, is the 'epidemic' of obesity, which is linked with physical inactivity and over-eating. Physical inactivity is also linked to a number of other chronic diseases, including cancer, arthritis and depression. Indeed, mental health problems constitute a second major public health problem, affecting one in five Canadians during their lifetime. Arguably the most profound public health challenge we face is the decline in ecosystem health, which threatens the sustainability of our society and thus our health. Trevor will address how Canada's recreation and parks sector can help to confront these and other public health challenges.

Dr. Trevor Hancock is a public health physician and health promotion consultant and currently a Professor and Senior Scholar at the new School of Public Health and Social Policy at the University of Victoria. Over the past 30 years, Trevor has worked with local communities, municipal, provincial and national governments, health care organizations, NGOs and the World Health Organization to improve health and reduce inequalities in health. He is one of the founders of the now global Healthy Cities and Communities movement, a co-founder of the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment, a board member of the Child and Nature Alliance, and a member of the Advisory Council of the new Arts Health Network Canada.



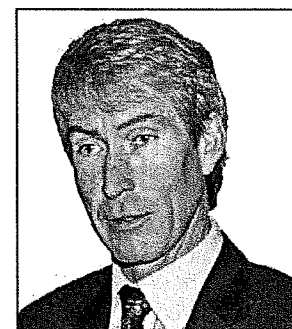
Graham Clyne

**Re-Imagining Recreation: A Vital and Integrated
Partner in Tomorrow's Public Policy**

Friday, May 11th 10:30 am

As access to public resources becomes increasingly competitive, how can we best "position" recreation and community services as a vital - and not discretionary - part of the larger efforts to support successful children and families? Certainly there are pressing public policy issues like health spending, obesity, inactivity and children's mental health that offer great opportunities to promote the benefits of recreation, but how the sector links itself to these challenges and works with the many partners who share an interest and a role, will be absolutely critical to our success. While administrative competency and facility management have their place, it is only a profound shift in our approach and a return to the principles and practices that originally made recreation a "public good" that will allow us to re-imagine and reposition recreation as a critical part of Canada's public policy future.

Graham Clyne has worked for more than 20 years in the public and non-profit sectors in a number of capacities including time spent as a funder, community developer, researcher, evaluator and senior volunteer. He was the founder of the Prevention Divided Project and the Canadian Institute of Economic Evaluation and has spoken to and worked with a wide range of organizations across North America on strategic planning, board governance and organizational effectiveness. Graham has led numerous research, evaluation and public policy studies, is an author and passionate speaker on issues affecting children and youth, and is a past winner of the Peter Drucker award for Innovation in Canada's Non-Profit Sector. He is currently the Executive Director of the Peel Children and Youth Initiative.



Senior Staff Forum: Thursday, May 10th | 8:00-10:00am | by invitation only

This session is by invitation only to full Symposium delegates who are senior administrators of their department. Invitation to be issued once registration is processed. Seating is limited.

Plenary Presentations

Wednesday, May 9th | 9:45am

**The National Recreation Agenda:
A Beginning, Not an End**
Brian Johnston

What good can a National Recreation Agenda do? If we had one, what should be on that agenda? And, how could you use it? Last October, 200 leaders from our field across the country gathered in Lake Louise for a "once in a lifetime" event with the goal of creating a national agenda for the recreation sector for the next ten years. Brian will review the draft agenda, discuss the next steps in the process of vetting and endorsing it, and challenge participants to begin to use some of the materials that are coming out of this process.

Thursday, May 10th | 2:00pm

Nature & Health Panel Discussion and Q&A
Matt Herman, Doug Paterson, Eva Riccius

THE NATURE CONNECTION

Matt Herman

Children benefit greatly in their health and positive development as a result of being well-connected to nature. Increasingly, this connection is recognized by health and education systems worldwide. Whether it is in the backcountry, regional parks or local green space, nature experiences provide abundant opportunity for physical activity, environmental learning and social interaction in clean air and natural light. The nature connection plays a key role in reducing obesity and being overweight, and the risks of developing the most common chronic

diseases that presently plague our society. As well, child emotional health and such common issues as attention deficit hyperactivity disorder can be improved by a vibrant connection to nature.

NATURE AND HEALTH: THE ROLE OF DESIGN

Doug Paterson

Both nature and the garden, as models for city-making, have given shape to our cities over time along with transportation. Through plans and images, see a summary of these forces as they've influenced Rome in the 1500s through to the garden city movements of the early 1900's, the new towns of the mid-1900's in North America, classic modernist moves of the 1960's and 70's, and the current emergence of landscape urbanism as a driving force in city-making throughout the world. Such a survey is intended to suggest where we have failed but, more importantly, where we need to go in the making of a nature-healthy, citizen-healthy world; in the making of a place-bound civic imagination.

TRANSLATING EVIDENCE INTO ACTION

Eva Riccius

Most people would agree that spending time in nature makes us happier and healthier, and therefore, we look to the outdoors and nature to bring balance to our lives. Empirical research is growing in support of the human health and well-being benefits of time spent in nature. A summary of science-based evidence will be presented in support of three key Healthy by Nature principles: spending time in nature improves human health; human health depends on healthy ecosystems; and parks and protected areas contribute to vibrant, healthy communities.

Plenary Presentations continued ...

Friday, May 11th | 12:00 noon

Building Community Panel Discussion and Q&A
Paula Carr, Jim Diers, Joan Wharf Higgins

Community: Where Strangers Become Neighbours | Paula Carr

Paula will share stories of neighbourhood and workplace approaches in the Renfrew Collingwood neighbourhood of Vancouver, one of the most culturally diverse neighbourhoods in BC. The stories tap into the imagination and describe approaches covering different generations, cultures, issues and neighbourhood-based initiatives. Practical strategies and capacity building approaches will be identified that will encourage and activate the diverse and strong leadership capabilities in communities.

Reinventing Agencies to Support Community Re-Creation | Jim Diers

Parks and recreation departments, like other government and non-profit agencies, are inadvertently contributing to the breakdown of the very communities that they are seeking to help. Jim will describe the paradigm shifts that agencies must make in order to help build strong and inclusive communities. Recent case studies will illustrate what is possible when agencies look beyond their own functions, priorities and services to focus on whole places, grassroots initiatives and community capacity.

Canadian Idol? The Xercise Factor and Community Building | Joan Wharf Higgins

Although it can be simple in its movements, the decision to engage in physical activity is complex. What at first glance seems an entirely personal choice is, upon deeper reflection, one that may not be an individual choice at all. Indeed, an individual's health choices are influenced by their health chances and circumstances, thus it takes a village (community) to facilitate physical activity and health among neighbours.



Bastion Square

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AT-A-GLANCE

Monday, May 7 to Tuesday, May 8

Off-site locationRegional Parks Planners Pre-Symposium Meeting
 2-day registration only
 BCRPA Members: \$110 | Non-members: \$140
[Click here for a detailed agenda](#)

Tuesday, May 8

9 AM – 5 PMHIGH FIVE® Principles of Healthy Childhood Development
 BCRPA Members: \$95 | Non-members: \$105
 AFTERNOON.....Golf Tournament (Registration coming soon)

Wednesday, May 9 to Friday, May 11 | INFORMATION FAIR | Foyer

Wednesday, May 9

8 AM – 5:15 PMRegistration/AM Coffee
 7:45 – 8:05 AMFirst Timers Orientation
 8:15 – 9:30 AMOfficial Opening and Keynote (Trevor Hancock)
 9:45 – 11:00 AMPlenary Presentation and Q & A (Brian Johnston)

11:15 AM – 12:30 PM.....Educational Sessions (A)

- ☒ Public Health**A1 – Brain Health and Vitality for Your Future** | Gary Anaka
- ☒ Nature and Environment.....**A2 – LITE-Literacy in the Environment** | Frances Warner and Vi Hughes
- ☒ Nature and Environment.....**A3 – Keeping Everyone Happy: Approaches to Sports Field Allocation and Management** | Andrew Giles, Jeff Brehaut and Hugh Norris
- ☒ Building Community.....**A4 – A New Vision for Community Engagement** | Vince Gowmon
- ☒ Public Health**A5 – Making Work/Life Balance Work** | Denis Harrigan

12:30 – 2 PM.....Tradeshow Opening and Lunch with Exhibitors
 1 – 2 PM.....Speed Networking with Past Presidents (sign up at registration desk by 11am)

2 – 3:15 PM.....Educational Sessions (B)

- ☒ Public Health**B1 – Brain Wellness: Secrets for Longevity** | Gary Anaka
- ☒ Social Innovation.....**B2 – Public Recreation: Revenue Generation or Public Good?**
 Brian Johnston and Kate Friars
- ☒ Social Innovation.....**B3 – Improving Access & Inclusion for Vulnerable Populations**
 Janet Rerecich and Cindy Crapper
- ☒ Building Community.....**B4 – Managing Inbox Overload** | Allison Markin
- ☒ Building Community.....**B5 – Communication and Awareness Skills for Community Engagement**
 Vince Gowmon
- ☒ Nature and Environment.....**B6 – Parks Design: Building Heritage** | Doug DeMarzo

3:15 – 3:45 PMCoffee Break with the Exhibitors

AT-A-GLANCE

Wednesday, May 9 continued




- 3:45 – 5 PM.....Educational Sessions (C)
- ☑ Social Innovation.....**C1 – Trends and Implications for Local Programming**
Janet Rerecich, LJ Bartle, Christine Macer and Lucy Neville
 - ☑ Building Community.....**C2 – Facebook Marketing 101** | Allison Markin
 - ☑ Social Innovation.....**C3 – Community Centered Design** | Darryl Condon
 - ☑ Nature and Environment.....**C4 – Urban Forestry Strategy** | Cory Manton
 - ☑ Social Innovation.....**C5 – Strengthening Sport and Recreation Connections** | Robert Battauer
 - ☑ Building Community.....**C6 – Hot Topic: Let's Get Serious About Seniors** | Julie Halfnights
- 5:15 – 8 PM.....Tradeshow Networking Reception
- 8 PM – lateDinner on your own/Social Options (sign up at registration desk)

Thursday, May 10






- 8 AM – 5 PM.....Registration/AM Coffee
- Breakfast on your own
- 8 – 10:00 AM.....Senior Staff Forum (by invitation only)
- 8:30 AM – 5 PM.....Poster Presentations
- 8:30 AM – 9:45 AM.....Educational Sessions (D)
- ☑ Social Innovation.....**D1 – Collaborating for High Quality After School Programs** | Graham Clyne
 - ☑ Nature and Environment.....**D2 – Invasive Plant Management Strategies** | Cory Manton and Rachelle McElroy
 - ☑ Nature and Environment.....**D3 – Planning a Carbon Neutral Event** | Mark Boysen
 - ☑ Building Community.....**D4 – Dialogue Circles: Building Inter-Community Relations** | Baldwin Wong
 - ☑ Public Health.....**D5 – Art, Health & Seniors: A Project Incubation Model**
Margaret Naylor, Claire Robson, Liza Tam and jil p. weaving
- 9:45 AM – 10:15 AM.....Nutrition break
- 10:15 AM – 11:30 AM.....Educational Sessions (E)
- ☑ Social Innovation.....**E1 – Community Planning and How Local Governments Make Decisions**
Allison Habkirk
 - ☑ Social Innovation.....**E2 – Educating & Integrating Physical Literacy in the Recreation Environment**
Eric Sinker
 - ☑ Public Health.....**E3 – Upcycling Green Waste: Making Art from Invasive Plants** | Sharon Kallis,
Todd Devries, Greg Ferguson and jil p. weaving
 - ☑ Public Health.....**E4 – Age Friendly Recreation: Applying What We Learned from the Age-Friendly
Communities Initiative** | Elaine Gallagher
 - ☑ Nature and Environment.....**E5 – Cycling Infrastructure for Active Communities**
Daniel Casey and Mitchell Jacobsen
 - ☑ Social Innovation.....**E6 – Generating Revenue Through Sponsorship: Determining What You Have
to Sell and Its Value** | Brent Barootes

AT-A-GLANCE

Thursday, May 10 continued

- 11:40 AM – 12:15 PMBCRPA Annual General Meeting
- 12:30 – 2 PM.....Delegate Lunch
- 2 – 3:15 PM.....Nature & Health Plenary Panel Discussion and Q & A
Matt Herman, Doug Paterson, Eva Riccius
- 3:15 PM – 4:30 PMEducational Sessions (F)
-  Nature and Environment.....**F1 – Design of Outdoor Play Spaces: The City as Playground** | Doug Paterson
 -  Social Innovation.....**F2 – Pleasurable Projects: How to Manage Key Projects Effectively and Efficiently** | Bob Prenovost
 -  Public Health**F3 – Calming the Storm: Nurturing Interventions for Children with Challenging Behaviours** | Vanessa Lapointe
 -  Social Innovation.....**F4 – Sport Council: Is It the Right Thing for Your Community?** | Tom Walker
 -  Social Innovation.....**F5 – Reframing Your Organization: Leading Change** | Lara Lauzon
 -  Nature and Environment.....**F6 – Healthy by Nature: Translating Evidence into Action** | Eva Riccius
- 4:30 – 6 PM.....Regional Meetings
- 7 – 7:30 PM.....President's Reception (all delegates)
- 7:30 PM – midnightBanquet/Awards/Karaoke/DJ Dance

Friday, May 11

- 8 AM – 1:30 PMRegistration/AM Coffee
- 8 – 9 AM.....Delegate Breakfast
- 9 AM – 10:15 AMEducational Sessions (G)
-  Public Health**G1 – Enhancing the Food Environment in Public Recreation Settings: Results of the Healthy Food and Beverage Sales Initiative in BC** | PJ Naylor
 -  Nature and Environment.....**G2 – Engaging Community to Create a Better Built Environment** | Jim Diers
 -  Building Community.....**G3 – Intercultural Neighbourhood Development: A Process of Being, Belonging and Becoming** | Paula Carr
 -  Public Health**G4 – Arts Health Network Canada-BC: Arts-Based Programs & Health**
Nancy Cooley
 -  Public Health**G5 – Recreation Matters for Mental Health** | Susan Hutchinson
- 10:15 – 10:30 AMNutrition Break
- 10:30 – 11:45 AM.Keynote (Graham Clyne)
- Noon – 1:15 PM.....Building Community Plenary Panel Discussion and Q & A
Paula Carr, Jim Diers, Joan Wharf Higgins
- 1:30 – 3 PM.....Delegate Lunch/Closing Ceremony

Pre-Symposium Sessions

Monday, May 7 & Tuesday, May 8, 2012

Regional Parks Planners Meeting

The BCRPA is partnering with regional districts to host this annual meeting, taking place during the two days immediately preceding the BCRPA Symposium. Day one will take place in Victoria and consist of two presentations, field tours and an evening dinner with a showcase of parks and trail communication practices. Day two will be spent in the Cowichan Valley and feature one presentation and four field trips.

BCRPA Members \$110 | Non-members \$140
(2 day registration only)

LOCATIONS:

DAY 1 — MAY 7:

Capital Regional District Office
6th Floor Boardroom
625 Fisgard Street, Victoria

DAY 2 — MAY 8:

Cowichan Valley Regional District
Kerry Park Recreation Centre
1035 Shawnigan Mill Bay Rd, Mill Bay

[Click here for more information](#)

Tuesday, May 8, 2012

HIGH FIVE® Principles of Healthy Childhood Development 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

HIGH FIVE® is Canada's only comprehensive quality standard for organizations providing recreation and sport to children ages 6-12. Research shows the five principles of a caring adult, friends, play, mastery and participation, are essential for children. HIGH FIVE® training teaches leaders, instructors and coaches how to integrate these five principles into program design and delivery.

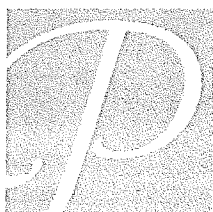
BCRPA Members \$95 | Non-members \$105

LOCATION:

Victoria Conference Centre

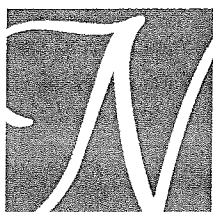
EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

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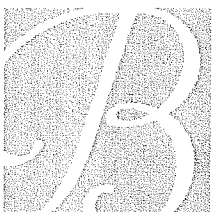
*P*UBLIC HEALTH:

Addressing Canada's Public Health crisis through health, wellness and working together



*N*ATURE AND ENVIRONMENT:

Environmental issues and design for recreation, parks and open spaces



*B*UILDING COMMUNITY:

Utilizing leisure, sustainability and civic engagement for community building



*S*OCIAL INNOVATION AND PUBLIC SECTOR:

Intersectoral work, examining our core, partnering, recreation and sport and after school hours

EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

Wednesday, May 9 | 11:15 AM - 12:30 PM



Public Health

A1 | Brain Health and Vitality for Your Future | Gary Anaka

Are you living and working in a multi-tasking environment? Is your brain under a constant state of heightened stress? In a world of increasing knowledge and technology, you will have to use your brain more than ever. Can you expand your thinking capacities and maintain your critical memories? The answer is definitely, YES! Discover what efficient healthy brains need to make your job and life easier and 15 powerful, working strategies to boost your brain power on the job.



Nature and Environment

A2 | LITE-Literacy in the Environment | Frances Warner and Vi Hughes

Take a look at your community through the eyes of a young child. How does literacy develop through natural play? Explore how play spaces can support this by incorporating foundational reading opportunities into the design of parks and recreation facilities. You will leave with concrete ideas on how this literacy concept could be implemented in your community.



Nature and Environment

A3 | Keeping Everyone Happy – Approaches to Sports Field Allocation and Management | Andrew Giles, Jeff Brehaut and Hugh Norris

Looking for that perfect model for sports field allocation that keeps everyone happy all the time? While there may not be a single “right” approach that works in every community, there are lots of good ideas out there. Explore successful approaches to sports field allocation and management issues including: who gets what, non-traditional uses, user fees, user group investment in facilities, and involvement of user groups in decision making. Share your experiences and pick up ideas for your sports field management toolbox.



Building Community

A4 | A New Vision for Community Engagement | Vince Gowmon

Community engagement requires a cultural shift away from doing for others, to doing with them. It requires us to be good “travelers”, going beyond the confines of our own world, “My World”, to actively engage others in “Their World”, and co-create a new shared landscape, “Our World”.



Public Health

A5 | Making Work/Life Balance Work | Denis Harrigan

Many recreation professionals promote work/life balance in their organization but may struggle with it in their personal lives. Juggling competing demands of work, home and family can interfere with peak performance and negatively impact the quality of life away from the workplace. Developing a plan to achieve balance can help produce stronger leaders and more fulfilled and satisfied people.

EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

Wednesday, May 9 | 2 PM - 3:15 PM



Public Health

B1 | Brain Wellness: Secrets for Longevity | Gary Anaka

Are you experiencing brain fatigue? Too many senior moments? Is your brain aging too quickly? The only therapy is prevention. What is your brain maintenance program? Gain the practical secrets of brain longevity to give you workable strategies for life long brain health and vitality. Learn how to prevent cognitive decline as you age. Find out how to grow new brain cells. Find out how to keep plasticity alive in your brain. Find out how to use it before you lose it. You are responsible.



Social Innovation

B2 | Public Recreation: Revenue Generation or Public Good?

Brian Johnston and Kate Friars

Recreation professionals are oftentimes called upon to justify their programs and facilities especially when tax increases are under consideration to meet shrinking revenues and increased costs. Some pundits consider that some recreational pursuits are frivolous and that recreation programs are non-essential services. In this scenario, recreation professionals need to be well versed in the economic benefits of parks and recreation, to operate facilities and programs on a cost-recovery basis and to find new ways of generating revenues. Another scenario contests this notion and cautions against limiting the focus on the economic impact and instead address the social and personal benefits. It contends that public recreation is a public good and access should not be restricted to that portion of the population who can pay. Community development and outreach have historically been part of the mandate of public recreation and we need to meet the needs of disadvantaged populations not from user fees, but from tax dollars.

These competing notions will be played out in a provocative and interactive format, challenging the audience to consider the pros and cons of each approach.



Social Innovation

B3 | Improving Access & Inclusion for Vulnerable Populations

Janet Rerecich and Cindy Crapper

Our frontline leaders are constantly challenged to work more inclusively with children from vulnerable or marginalized populations. Recreation professionals from across the province provided input into the development of an online training program targeted to frontline leaders to assist them in working more effectively with vulnerable populations. Learn about the online training program and explore the vulnerable populations identified, how the specific vulnerabilities manifest as observable behaviours, examples of best practices and unique strategies for leaders to address barriers to full and positive recreation.

EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

Wednesday, May 9 | 2 PM - 3:15 PM



Building Community

B4 | Managing Inbox Overload | Allison Markin

The amount of content we see on a daily basis can be overwhelming, with emails, Facebook messages, Tweets and texts constantly landing in our inboxes. Learn how to manage the influx of information, choose tools to take care of the content you wish to share, and recognize that the "Age of Information" can be managed effectively to create inbox harmony and "in real life" balance.



Building Community

B5 | Communication and Awareness Skills for Community Engagement Vince Gowmon

Community engagement requires giving the public a voice to be a co-creator in their future recreation plans. To do this, we must look at our ideas of what a productive conversation looks like, how we can best draw out the ideas of others, and find a place to stand together.



Nature and Environment

B6 | Parks Design: Building Heritage | Doug DeMarzo

Whether you live in a city or a small town, it's likely your community includes a building or area that is considered of historical value. What can you do to preserve these places? Learn about the processes for selecting and managing heritage landscapes, and review the set of principles and guidelines important to heritage management in park spaces outlined in the *Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada*. Discussions will include techniques to manage heritage resources in a living landscape with competing interests from the community in the context of developing Statements of Significance, Heritage Impact Studies, and ensuring the process is understood from an operational standpoint.

EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

Wednesday, May 9 | 3:45 PM – 5 PM



**C1 | Social Innovation
Trends and Implications for Local Programming**

Janet Rerecich, LJ Bartle, Christine Macer and Lucy Neville

There are a number of trends in recreation that affect programming at a local level. This panel of professionals will share their expertise and experiences in a variety of areas such as mental health, after school hours and shared-use agreements.



**C2 | Building Community
Facebook Marketing 101** | Allison Markin

A Facebook page for business is the best tool to build engagement with your community. Tips and tricks to get people to “like” your page, to customize your page, and to keep it separate from your personal profile will be presented. Also learn about Facebook advertising and how to use it to target potential customers. Laptops are optional for this practical session.



**C3 | Social Innovation
Community Centered Design** | Darryl Condon

Community recreation facilities provide a unique opportunity to encourage social sustainability and community capacity. Explore the critical role that the design of community recreation facilities can play in supporting the social needs of communities through the careful consideration of informal and programmatic spaces both inside and outside of buildings.



**C4 | Nature and Environment
Urban Forestry Strategy** | Cory Manton

The Urban Forest Strategy (UFS) provides a long-term plan for achieving a sustainable urban forest in Saanich. Developed in 2010 through consultation with internal and external stakeholders, the UFS has a goal to “Protect and Enhance the Urban Forest.” Learn more about the Strategies laid out in the UFS and about the Canopy Cover Analysis completed in 2011.



**C5 | Social Innovation
Strengthening Sport and Recreation Connections** | Robert Battauer

Sport and recreation are part of the same continuum of helping stimulate and sustain healthy active living in our communities. The new BC Sport Agency is stressing Canadian Sport for Life (CS4L) and physical literacy as the philosophy and principles by which sport will help provide opportunities for all citizens in BC to participate in healthy activities through stronger strategic partnerships with recreation, education and health. See how sport and recreation can, and are, strengthening their connections through examples of the Pacific Institute for Sport Excellence's effort to partner with recreation in the CRD to help meet common community development objectives.

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Wednesday, May 9 | 3:45 PM - 5 PM



Building Community **C6 | Hot Topic: Let's Get Serious About Seniors** | Julie Halfnights

How will we alter our practices to meet the emerging needs of the older population? Bring your best ideas and thorniest challenges to this set of facilitated small group discussions about pricing for seniors admissions and programs, segmentation of the seniors age group, ability and need vs age, the need for wellness centres vs seniors centres, integration vs segregation, and other suggested issues.

Thursday, May 10 | 8:30 - 9:45 AM



Social Innovation **D1 | Collaborating for High Quality After School Programs** | Graham Clyne

As the interest in After School programs continues to grow across Canada there are new and evolving opportunities to work with different partners who share an interest in the 'outcomes' these programs make possible. National research shows a wide variety of approaches to After School programs with, however, some common challenges and overlapping themes. In this environment, what are the skills and attitudes that good collaborators bring to the development of new and innovative partnerships and how can we best position recreational activities as a key part of the After School platform? Graham will share some insights into After School development across Canada and outline some useful strategies for those who want to participate as key partners and leaders in their own communities.



Nature and Environment **D2 | Invasive Plant Management Strategies** | Cory Manton and Rachelle McElroy

The spread of invasive species has become a major concern for residents, ecologists, naturalists and land and water managers across BC. Saanich's Invasive Species Management Strategy (2012) works to prevent new invasive species from becoming established and control those of major concern for human health and the health of natural ecosystems. Through the "Pulling Together Volunteer Program" Saanich is also working to provide volunteer opportunities and partnerships to protect and restore natural areas. Learn more about Saanich's efforts as well as the regional approach through the Capital Region Invasive Species Partnership (CRISP) which has become a subcommittee of Coastal Invasive Plant Committee (CIPC).

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Nature and Environment **D3 | Planning a Carbon Neutral Event** | Mark Boysen

Interested in making a conference or other event you are organizing carbon neutral? Learn how to determine the emissions your event creates and what options there are for making your event carbon neutral. Find out about easy-to-use carbon calculators and how they can help lead you to low-carbon event planning. Discussions will also include the purchasing of carbon offsets and how to make a decision that is best for your organization.



Building Community **D4 | Dialogue Circles: Building Inter-Community Relations** | Baldwin Wong

The Vancouver Dialogues Project aims to strengthen relations between the city's Aboriginal and newcomer communities. Between 2010-11, more than 2,000 people participated in the project's five initiatives: dialogue circles, community survey, cultural exchange visits, youth & elders program, and a neighbourhood legacy project. Learn more about the project, including the screening of a short video, and about the various points of connection between communities.



Public Health **D5 | Art, Health & Seniors: A Project Incubation Model** Margaret Naylor, Claire Robson, Liza Tam and jil p. weaving

The Arts, Health and Seniors Project explores how involvement in the arts can improve the health and wellbeing of vulnerable seniors. The project aims to facilitate senior's creative contributions to their communities and at the same time improve the participants' health and strengthen their sense of well-being. Come and hear about research tested benefits for seniors who participate in the arts, how to access resource materials that convey the importance of supporting seniors participation in the arts, and upcoming opportunities that will soon be available to help you start a program in your community. Project information is available at <http://vancouver.ca/parks/arts/artshealthseniors.htm>.

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Thursday, May 10 | 10:15 - 11:30 AM



E1 | Social Innovation Community Planning & How Local Governments Make Decisions Allison Habkirk

How do planners think, what do they do, and what tools do they use? Get an overview of the role of the planner and the various plans and bylaws they work with (Regional Growth Strategies, OCP's, zoning bylaws and permits), and examine the current convergence of interests in building healthy communities in the planning, recreation and health professions in BC today.



E2 | Social Innovation Educating and Integrating Physical Literacy in the Recreation Environment | Eric Sinker

Physical literacy is the cornerstone of life-long participation in physical activity and sport. Municipal recreation departments are ideally positioned to play a pivotal role in educating communities on the importance of physical literacy and in integrating the key elements into all recreation programs offered. This interactive session will highlight best practises and engage participants in a discussion on strategies around implementing physical literacy into recreation programming.



E3 | Public Health Upcycling Green Waste: Making Art from Invasive Plants Sharon Kallis, Todd Devries, Greg Ferguson and jil p. weaving

Pesky weeds have found another purpose in exciting art projects. Learn more about on-going projects working with English Ivy, Yellow Flag Iris and other invasive species, and to try your hand at some of the techniques the artists have developed while working with ecologists from the Stanley Park Ecology Society. There will be information about resource materials that convey the success of bringing artists into projects dealing with environmental issues, and ideas will be shared on programming that is transferable to your community. Project information is available at <http://vancouver.ca/parks/arts/urbanweaver.htm>



E4 | Public Health Age Friendly Recreation: Applying What We Learned from the Age-Friendly Communities Initiative | Elaine Gallagher

The Age-Friendly BC initiative's purpose was to enhance the activity and independence of seniors living throughout British Columbia and thus improve their overall health and quality of life. The project team worked with the Ministry of Health and over 30 local communities in BC to build capacity, and assist and enable the communities to assess their assets and needs and implement age-friendly initiatives. A number of important lessons learned will be of value to those who are undertaking community development activities.

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Nature and Environment **E5 | Cycling Infrastructure for Active Communities** | Daniel Casey and Mitchell Jacobsen

Public interest in cycling has grown substantially throughout Canada. Much of this is in direct response to quality of life and environmentally based public expectations that are now part of the planning process. Highlights include the community health benefits of cycling infrastructure; an overview of Transportation Assoc. of Canada (TAC) Bikeway Traffic Control Guidelines including the recent update of the Guidelines; and examples of successful cycling infrastructure in communities.



Social Innovation **E6 | Generating Revenue Through Sponsorship: Determining What You Have to Sell and Its Value** | Brent Barootes

Sponsorship success can be enhanced significantly through better understanding of property assessment and responsible valuation. This session will look at the age old question of "What do I have to sell and what is it worth?" Participants will learn how to determine what sponsors are really looking for (no it is not another logo on your website) and how this requires real market valuation to measure ROI. Participants will walk away with tools and knowledge on how to determine these assets within their own organization and how to value those assets in real market terms.

Thursday, May 10 | 3:15 - 4:30 PM



Nature and Environment **F1 | Design of Outdoor Play Spaces: The City as Playground** | Doug Paterson

"If the city doesn't work for children, then it doesn't work!" Numerous ideas and images from around the world will illustrate this assertion during an initial 30-minute presentation on the city as it should be seen through the eyes of a child. Participants will then discuss how these ideas can be furthered; can be brought to bear on city-making; and how the unique role of parks and recreation professionals can lead the way in promoting the child at all levels of city decision-making.



Social Innovation **F2 | Pleasurable Projects: How to Manage Key Projects Effectively and Efficiently** | Bob Prenovost

Deliver key projects on time and on budget! Discover six key factors that can positively impact your project's success as you learn more about the Project Management Framework and discuss Project Success Factors. Whether you are optimizing your strategic plan, looking into better ways to collaborate or thinking about starting up a new project or program, there will be plenty of practical learning for you in this session.

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Public Health

F3 | Calming the Storm: Nurturing Interventions for Children with Challenging Behaviours | Vanessa Lapointe

Children take on the activities of each day with different experiences shaping their mindset. For some children, these experiences can set them up for difficulty in navigating their daily routine and environment. Since behaviour is the primary mode of communication for children of all ages, this difficulty typically translates to behavioral challenges. This session will detail key triggers for behaviourally challenging children, the diagnoses these children often receive (e.g. ADHD, ODD, and Conduct Disorder), and the feelings underneath these diagnoses that must be understood in order to guide a child. Learn how these various triggers, diagnoses, and feelings impact a child's ability to cope with daily routines and environments, and explore key strategies and nurturing approaches that can be used to help calm the storm.



Social Innovation

F4 | Sport Council: Is It the Right Thing for Your Community? | Tom Walker

Formalized and regular meetings with local sport organization representatives is a slowly-emerging trend across Canada. Yet there are significant differences in form and function, even in BC. Hear what's worked and what hasn't worked elsewhere, and at what cost. The information presented will help you determine if establishing and maintaining a Sport Council is worthwhile and inspire you to engage with your community more meaningfully!



Social Innovation

F5 | Reframing Your Organization: Leading Change | Lara Lauzon

When leading for change, leaders must rely on multiple frames or lenses when difficult decisions and problem-solving processes are required. Learn about Bolman and Deal's (2008) *Four Frame Organizational Model* and how to apply the model to your own organization or department.



Nature and Environment

F6 | Healthy by Nature: Translating Evidence into Action | Eva Riccius

Building on the evidence presented in the Nature & Health panel session, you will discuss how to translate that evidence into action. Learn from examples of programs that have successfully integrated Healthy by Nature principles into their programs. You will also explore the needs you have in order to successfully integrate the Healthy by Nature principles into your own programs.

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Friday, May 11 | 9 - 10:15 AM



Public Health

- G1 | Enhancing the Food Environment in Public Recreation Settings: Results of the Healthy Food and Beverage Sales Initiative in BC | PJ Naylor**

Hear about 'real world examples' from recreation professionals who were involved in the process of changing their food environment as you take an in-depth look at the outcome of the BCRPA led and BC Healthy Living Alliance funded Healthy Food and Beverage Sales Initiative. You will get an overview of the initiative and the strategies used to measure the implementation and outcomes of the initiative in many communities and see the results of the evaluation.



Nature and Environment

- G2 | Engaging Community to Create a Better Built Environment | Jim Diers**

Explore the relationship between people and place and the ingredients that contribute to great public spaces. You will be exposed to some basic tools for involving the community in planning, designing, building, maintaining and programming the built environment, especially as it relates to parks and recreation. Case studies from around the world will illustrate the potential value of community-driven development.



Building Community

- G3 | Intercultural Neighbourhood Development: A Process of Being, Belonging, and Becoming | Paula Carr**

Diverse communities exist everywhere across British Columbia. It is predicted that population growth and diversity trends will continue, in part, as a result of immigration. Developing leadership and community in a diverse environment offers a wealth of rich experiences. This session will help you acknowledge and strengthen your work in intercultural neighbourhood development. Through storytelling, appreciative inquiry, self-reflection, new research, small and large group discussions, you will learn information, strategies, and practices used in community settings to support intercultural relationship building and community development.



Public Health

- G4 | Arts Health Network Canada BC: Arts-based Programs & Health
Nancy Cooley**

Experience and research in other countries indicates that arts-based activities are powerful contributors to individual health and well-being, to community health, and to reducing costs and increasing effectiveness of medical diagnosis and treatment. This interactive session provides an overview of the richness, diversity and power of arts-based programming in promoting individual and community health; recent international findings and considerations for best practices; and resources available through AHNC-BC. You can also explore how AHNC-BC can best support recreation professionals interested in and / or involved in arts programming.

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Friday, May 11 | 9 - 10:15 AM



Public Health

G5 | Recreation Matters for Mental Health | Susan Hutchinson

Much of the recent focus of research and media attention has been on the benefits of physically active recreation for addressing problems associated with inactivity, and very little attention has been given to the importance of recreation for mental health and well-being. In addition to exploring why and how recreation matters for good mental health, you will have opportunities to talk with colleagues about ways to incorporate a focus on mental health in your community recreation service settings.

Presenter Biographies

GARY ANAKA | Gary has more than 34 years of teaching experience in the regular classroom and as a learning assistance specialist. He is a study skills expert, a brain gymnastics coach and he has been a Brain-Based Learning facilitator since 1997. Gary received his facilitator's certification from the Jensen Learning Corporation of San Diego, California, a world-leading institute that trains professionals in the new field of Applied Educational Neuroscience. He believes in wellness through education to support healthy living for people of all ages. Gary is the author of two books: *Your Magical Brain: How It Learns Best*, a resource book for teachers and parents, and *Brain Wellness: The Secrets for Longevity*, a practical resource book on how to prevent cognitive decline. The scope of his work can be viewed at www.braincoach.ca.

BRENT BAROOTES | Brent is President, Partnership Group – Sponsorship Specialists™. For over 20 years in the sponsorship industry Brent has worked with municipal governments, parks and recreational organizations, non-profit member associations, educational institutions, many local and national charities and sport organizations as well as corporations to help them build, enhance and sustain successful revenue generating sponsorship programs. Brent leads a team of seasoned professional consultants across the country that provide sponsorship inventory development and valuation audits, strategic sponsorship planning and policy development as well as mentoring and coaching of staff and volunteers to successfully engage in sponsorships.

LJ BARTLE | LJ has been the HIGH FIVE® National Manager since May 2007. During that time LJ has been overseeing the implementation of the quality standard across the country. It is being used by hundreds of organizations in a variety of sectors including recreation, sport, education and public health to implement and measure quality programs for children. HIGH FIVE® National is a division of Parks and Recreation Ontario and has Authorized Providers across Canada.

ROBERT BATTAUER | Robert is the CEO of the Pacific Institute for Sport Excellence (PISE) and has developed a broad set of executive and leadership skills in the development and management of sport at all levels in Canada. As a former professional athlete, Olympic coach, and senior sports executive as well as through on-going, high-profile work in the media and on major sport system projects, Robert has established a highly experienced record of on-going success and achievement. His engagement with sport has focused on athlete and coach development including an emphasis on developing the structures and systems to develop sport at all levels including strategic partnerships with recreation, education and health.

Mark Boysen | Mark leads sustainability initiatives for the Saanich community and municipal operations with a focus on climate change and energy. He has 14 years of environmental management experience, and during his time at Saanich, he has led the development and implementation of the Saanich Climate Action Plan and Adaptation Plan, and has led programs to reduce the community and corporate carbon footprint of the municipality. Mark has a Master's in Environment and Management from Royal Roads University and a B.Sc. in Geography from the University of Victoria.

Jeff Brehaut | Jeff is the Community Recreation Coordinator of Sport Services for the City of Victoria. His background is in facility and program administration as well as sport field management. In his current role, Jeff oversees the allocation of ice and field use, drafts and monitors operating, contribution, license and lease agreements for recreation facilities and works with community sport organizations on field use, maintenance and development issues.

Paula Carr | Paula has worked in the community sector and with municipal and provincial departments, supporting intercultural leadership for more than 40 years in Ontario, Saskatchewan and British Columbia. Paula was awarded the Alan Thomas Fellowship to explore the developmental processes and approaches the Renfrew-Collingwood neighbourhood in Vancouver took to build an intercultural community and workplaces. She has delivered training, coaching, mentoring and presentations in more than 50 different learning venues throughout Canada and internationally.

Daniel Casey | Daniel is a Transportation Planner with Boulevard Transportation Group in Victoria, where his work revolves around active transportation, parking management, and community planning. He's worked with a number of BC communities to identify and prioritize infrastructure upgrades to better accommodate non-vehicular travel modes and to develop program/policy strategies to alter travel mode choice to encourage sustainable modes.

Graham Clyne | Graham is the Executive Director of the Peel Children and Youth Initiative and has more than 20 years in the public and non-profit sectors in a number of capacities. He was the founder of the Prevention Divided Project and the Canadian Institute of Economic Evaluation and has spoken to and worked with a wide range of organizations across North America on strategic planning, board governance and organizational effectiveness. Graham has led numerous research, evaluation and public policy studies, is an author and speaker on issues affecting children and youth, and a past winner of the Peter Drucker award for Innovation in Canada's Non-Profit Sector.

PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES

Cindy Crapper | Cindy is the Recreation Services Coordinator for the Vancouver Parks Board and has worked extensively with individuals and families living on low income, people with disabilities and the ageing population. She has been involved in a number of community development initiatives in collaboration and partnership with community centres, agencies, ProMOTION Plus, CAAWS and the BCRPA. Cindy is recognized as a leader, an international track & field athlete and a community coach.

Darryl Condon | Darryl is Managing Principal of Vancouver based Hughes Condon Marler Architects. He has been responsible for the design of innovative and sustainable community recreation facilities across Canada, including Vancouver's Hillcrest Centre, The West Vancouver Community Centre and the Whistler Public Library. A key component of his work with community facilities is maximizing their potential to support the development of healthy and active communities. He is a registered Architect, a LEED Accredited Professional and a Fellow of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada.

Nancy Cooley | Nancy is the founder of Cooley & Associates: Embracing Change Creatively, Inc. and the Director of the first Canadian Forum on Arts and Health (2005). She currently leads the Start-up Team for two new non-profit networks, Arts Health Network Canada and its first provincial chapter, AHNC-BC. Nancy has a background in social sciences and social planning and provides multi-party planning, communication training, facilitation and coaching services to public and private clients.

Doug DeMarzo | Doug is the Manager of Parks Planning and Design, City of Victoria. His responsibilities include ensuring heritage landscapes are managed so their significance is retained or revealed and their future remains secure in the City of Victoria. Beacon Hill Park and Ross Bay Cemetery are both municipal heritage sites. He is also currently leading the development of a management plan for Pioneer Square, a former cemetery close to downtown, which may also receive heritage designation.

Todd Devries | Todd is a Haida weaver and project artist for the Urban Weaver Project. He brings a second viewpoint to bear on the possibilities of ecologically based arts and culture strategies.

Jim Diers | Jim has a passion for getting people engaged with their communities and in the decisions that affect their lives. Since moving to Seattle in 1976, he has put that passion to work for a direct-action neighborhood association, a community development corporation, a community foundation, and the nation's largest health care cooperative. Currently, Jim teaches courses in community organizing and development at the University of Washington and serves on the faculty of

the Asset-Based Community Development Institute. His work in the Department of Neighborhoods was recognized with an Innovations Award from the Kennedy School of Government, a Full Inclusion Award from the American Association on Developmental Disabilities, and the Public Employee of the Year Award from the Municipal League of King County. He is also the author of *Neighbor Power: Building Community the Seattle Way*.

Greg Ferguson | Greg is a specialist in invasive species with the Stanley Park Ecology Society. The Society has a long history with the park and has just recently published the first ever "State of the Park" report which identifies invasive species as a major threat to the parks ecology.

Kate Friars | Kate is the Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture for the City of Victoria. Kate is also a Past President of both the BCRPA and CPRA and has more than 30 years of experience with municipal parks, recreation and culture.

Dr. Elaine Gallagher | Elaine is internationally known for her research on falls and injury prevention among older people. A professor in the UVic School of Nursing, she was the Director of UVic's Centre on Aging for three years and holds an adjunct appointment in the gerontology program at SFU. She was named "Researcher of the Year" by the Canadian Association of Nurse Researchers in 2002, and "Outstanding Alumina 2007" by SFU. Elaine is best known for her work on a project titled "STEPS" (Studies of Environments which Promote Safety)—the first published study on the epidemiology of seniors' slips, trips and falls in public places. For the past three years she led a project to support 30 communities in BC to become more senior friendly.

Andrew Giles | Andrew is the Parks Construction and Maintenance Manager with Saanich Parks. He guides the construction and maintenance of park infrastructure, including all aspects of sports fields. His background in community development fits well with Saanich's long history of home-field user partnerships.

Vince Gowmon | Vince Gowmon CPCC, BBA is the founder of Remembering to Play Events and is a Certified Professional Life Coach trained through one of the world's top accredited coaching programs, The Coaches Training Institute and their Leadership Program. He coaches individuals and leads public and organizational workshops and keynotes on all aspects of wellbeing. For complete information on Vince and his services, visit www.rememberingtoplay.com

PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES

Allison Habkirk | Allison Habkirk, BA, MA (Planning), MPA, MCIP has 30 years of experience in local government as a professional, elected official, and educator. She is an award winning Registered Planner who has worked as a consultant and trainer to local governments and the Province of BC and served for three terms as Mayor and Councillor for the District of Central Saanich.

Julie Halfnights | Julie is the Recreation Complex Facility Manager with the Corporation of Delta, an active Thompson Community Association volunteer board member in Richmond and a 'senior' as determined by some jurisdictions.

Dr. Trevor Hancock | Trevor is a public health physician and health promotion consultant and currently a Professor and Senior Scholar at the new School of Public Health and Social Policy at the University of Victoria. Over the past 30 years, he has worked with local communities, municipal, provincial and national governments, health care organizations, NGOs and the World Health Organization to improve health and reduce inequalities in health. He is one of the founders of the now global Healthy Cities and Communities movement, a co-founder of the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment, a member of the Board of the Child and Nature Alliance, and a member of the Advisory Council of the new Arts Health Network Canada.

Denis Harrigan | Denis Harrigan (M.Ed) is President of D.Harrigan Associates, a company helping organizations and individuals reach peak performance and find balance. He recently retired as District Principal with the Greater Victoria School District #61, and has more than 25 years of experience as an educational leader. He has taught at the college and university level and has presented at provincial and national conferences. His sense of humour and dynamic presentation style consistently earn "excellent" ratings.

Matt Herman | Matt is a Director within the Chronic Disease/ Injury Prevention and Built Environment Branch within the British Columbia Ministry of Health where he has worked for the past seven years since leaving the National Health Service in Scotland. Matt is responsible for leading Physical Activity, Injury Prevention, Healthy Built Environments and promoting healthy settings including schools, communities and workplaces. In addition, Matt is a board member of Child and Nature Alliance of Canada.

Vi Hughes | Vi has a M.Ed. in Curriculum Studies from SFU and a BA from UBC. She has had a career as a teacher, school principal, and faculty associate at SFU. She is currently a Sessional Instructor in Early Literacy and Reading Instruction in the Department of Language and Literacy at UBC. Vi has published several children's books and articles on literacy and currently is the President of the Children's Writers and Illustrators Society in BC.

Susan Hutchinson | Susan is a BC native, having lived in and near Victoria most of her life. Before heading east (and south) for graduate school and work, Susan worked as a recreation therapist in long-term care and rehabilitation. She is currently an associate professor in the School of Health and Human Performance at Dalhousie, University in Halifax, Nova Scotia cross-appointed in the recreation and health promotion program areas. Her research focuses on the importance of recreation and leisure for mental health and well-being, particularly for adults who live with a chronic health condition.

Mitchell Jacobsen | Mitchell is a Transportation Engineer with Boulevard Transportation Group in Victoria, with a focus on multi-modal transportation issues and road safety. He was highly involved in developing bicycle-related pavement marking and sign design guidelines for the Transportation Association of Canada (TAC), and conducted research on the safety between vulnerable road users and commercial motor vehicles in urban areas for TAC. He has experience in trail crossing safety reviews, cycle track designs, and bike network plans.

Brian Johnston | Brian is the founder of Professional Environmental Recreation Consultants Ltd. and has worked in more than 100 communities in Canada on over 200 consulting projects including strategic planning, policy development and feasibility analysis for proposed facilities. Brian obtained a Bachelor of Physical Education degree from the University of Manitoba and a Master of Science degree in Recreation Management from Loughborough University before working as a consultant with Loughborough Recreation Planning Consultants Ltd. in England. He then returned to Canada to work for the Department of Tourism, Recreation and Cultural Affairs in Manitoba before establishing PERC. Brian has been awarded the BCRPA's Citation for Outstanding Achievement for provincial contributions to the field as well as the Canadian Parks and Recreation Association's Citation for Outstanding Achievement for national contributions to the field.

Sharon Kallis | Sharon is the lead artist of both The Ivy Project in Stanley Park, and the Urban Weaver, up-cycling green waste strategy.

PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES

Dr. Vanessa Lapointe | Vanessa is a registered psychologist who has been supporting families and children for 13 years. She presently works in private practice and has previous experience in a variety of settings, including the BC Ministry of Children and Family Development and the school system. Her areas of interest include holistic approaches to the assessment of children, supporting and advocating for children in foster care, and promoting the child's right to attachment. Vanessa was part of York University's delivery of an Infant Mental Health Certification program in BC, and is actively involved in the provincial early childhood community.

Dr. Lara Lauzon | Lara is an Assistant Professor at the University of Victoria in the School of Exercise Science, Physical and Health Education. She has worked in community recreation and co-produced/ hosted a syndicated television show "Body Moves." Awards include Teaching Excellence (UVic), Victoria "Y" Women of Distinction, and B.C. ProMOTION Plus Leadership. She is also co-author of *An Invitation to Health, 3rd Canadian Edition* (2012), and *Leadership for Recreation, Parks and Leisure Services* (2011).

Christine Macer | Christine is the Supervisor of CommunityLINK and Alternative Programs for the Vancouver School Board. She was also a Community Schools Team Coordinator in Vancouver for six years working collaboratively within a Family of Schools and partner community agencies to support and provide Out of School Time Programming for children and youth. Christine has spent over 15 years coordinating and managing a variety of community-based programs for children and youth with local nonprofit organizations. She holds a Master of Arts in Environmental Education and Communications and a Diploma in Outdoor Recreation Management in addition to a Bachelor of Arts.

Cory Manton | Cory is the Manager of Urban Forestry, Horticulture and Natural Areas for the District of Saanich. Over his three years with Saanich they have developed and implemented an Urban Forest Strategy as well as an Invasive Species Strategy. He has a Bachelor of Arts (Economics) from SFU and is an ISA Certified Arborist. Cory has worked for more than 20 years in the Green Industry with over ten years' experience in the private sector with Davey Tree Canada Ltd.

Allison Markin | Allison has 15 years of experience in communications, having worked in the worlds of marketing, media relations and writing. She is an early adopter of social media and brings her years of skills in traditional media to the new frontier of online engagement marketing. She teaches social media classes at Okanagan College, and her consulting company, All She Wrote, is the recent winner of the Thompson Okanagan Tourism Association's 2011 award for Social Media Initiative, and a LERN award for marketing.

Rachelle McElroy | Rachelle is the Executive Coordinator with the Coastal Invasive Plant Committee, a non-profit society committed to protecting endangered habitats and rare ecosystems from invasive plants on the South Coast, Gulf Islands and Sunshine Coast. Rachelle has more than 10 years of experience working in the area of strategic sustainability in diverse leadership roles in public, private, NGO and universities. She holds a Masters in Strategic Leadership Towards Sustainability from Blekinge Institute of Technology, Sweden and a Bachelor of Science (Environmental) from Royal Roads University.

Margaret Naylor | Margaret is the Coordinator of Arts, Health and Seniors Project with the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation.

Dr. PJ Naylor | PJ is an Associate Professor in the School of Exercise Science, Physical and Health Education. Her primary area of research is childhood obesity and chronic disease prevention using a socio-ecological framework and focusing on the settings where children live, learn and play. She has a particular expertise in dissemination, knowledge translation and implementation research. In addition to her work on school physical activity and healthy eating she has targeted municipal recreation facilities, childcare settings and the home. In partnership with the BCRPA and the Childhood Obesity Foundation she initiated a provincial scan of food environments and the development of a toolkit for municipal recreation (MRFEAT). When the BC Healthy Living Alliance funded the Healthy Food and Beverage Services in Municipal Recreation project Dr. Naylor worked with the Social Research Demonstration Corporation to evaluate the initiative.

Lucy Neville | Lucy is the Haida Gwaii Recreation Coordinator. After three years of Environmental Studies at UVic, Lucy moved to Haida Gwaii and began working with Mount Moresby Adventure Camp, developing a Forest Stewardship program that emphasizes the connection between landscape, culture, environmental awareness, and long-term athletic development. She continued her recreation career as coordinator of the After School Sport Initiative in its pilot year on Haida Gwaii, which she now supervises as coordinator of Haida Gwaii Recreation.

Hugh Norris | Hugh is the Parks Athletic Facility Operations Manager with the City of Surrey. He is responsible for sports field maintenance, field renovation upgrades and user group field allocations to approximately 25,000 registered players contained within 80 separate outdoor sport associations.

PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES

Doug Paterson | Doug is AP Emeritus in the School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture at UBC and a CLSA Fellow. He has served as a Member of the Vancouver Urban Design Panel and as both a Member and two-term Chair of the Vancouver City Planning Commission. He has been on the editorial advisory boards for Landscape Architecture Magazine, the Journal of Urban and Landscape Planning, and Landscapes/Paysages. His practice and research have focused on urban and regional open space systems, urban design and the public realm, and the nature of a place-driven, civic imagination. He has lectured extensively on these topics everywhere from Bogota to Bangkok, and Beijing to Pune, India.

Bob Prenovost | Bob, CRM, PMP, LEED AP, is the Founder and Program Director of pm-volunteers.org and a Principal with Propellor Social Enterprise Advisors. He works with organizations and their senior leaders, enabling them to translate business strategy into successful projects and programs. He has worked with public, private and not for profit sector organizations with strategic planning and a broad scope of project and risk management issues. Bob has successfully delivered major projects on time and on budget in the institutional, educational, hospitality and commercial real estate sectors.

Janet Rerecich | Janet is the Programs & Initiatives Manager at the BCRPA and the project manager for the Vulnerable Populations tool. She brings a Masters degree in adult education along with 15 years experience in recreation to this project.

Eva Riccius | Eva has a long standing interest in park management. She is currently the Manager of Conservation and Land Acquisition for BC Parks and was involved in organizing the Healthy By Nature Forum in Vancouver in September 2011. Prior to joining BC Parks, Eva was elected to the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation from 2002 to 2005 where she had the opportunity to work with park professionals at the municipal level.

Claire Robson | Claire is a writer and one of the artists who has been working with seniors over the past six years as a part of the Arts and Health Project.

Eric Sinker | Eric Sinker is the Sport Participation Coordinator with PacificSport Fraser Valley. He acts as a catalyst to promote the Canadian Sport for Life movement with a keen focus on educating communities on the importance of Physical Literacy. Eric has a wide range of experiences which include roles with the City of Quinte West, Fergie Jenkins Foundation, VANOC and the University of the Fraser Valley. He also holds a Sport Management Honours Degree from Brock University.

Liza Tam | Liza is a Seniors Worker at Strathcona Community Centre. She is one of the workers supporting seniors to be a part of the Arts, Health and Seniors Project.

Tom Walker | Working with local sport for many years, Tom has encouraged leadership, organizational capacity and horizontal integration among volunteer organizations, municipal recreation, education and health. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Physical Education and a Master's degree in Urban Studies. He is currently a Community Recreation Coordinator for the North Vancouver Recreation Commission, responsible for the Ron Andrews recCentre, Grant Connell Tennis Centre and community sport development.

Frances Warner | Frances holds a Masters in Community and Regional Planning from UBC and a B.Ed. from the University of Alberta. Her community planning career has focused on social and economic issues. Prior to planning, Frances taught at the elementary, secondary, and post-secondary levels in Canada, Nigeria and Hong Kong. She is currently a writer and planning consultant in Vernon BC.

Jil P. Weaving | Jil is the Coordinator of the Arts, Culture and Environment Department of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation.

Dr. Joan Wharf Higgins | Joan is a Canada Research Chair in Health & Society and a Professor in the School of Exercise Science, Physical & Health Education at the University of Victoria. She is a community-based researcher who studies how an individual's life choices are influenced by their life chances and circumstances, and how to make the healthy choice the affordable, accessible, appropriate and appealing choice.

Baldwin Wong | Baldwin is the City of Vancouver Multicultural Social Planner. He's been working on issues related to diversity, multiculturalism and immigration since the '80s. In 2001, he helped launch the City's *Newcomer's Guide*, available in five languages. Since 2005, he has been the lead staff supporting the Mayor's Working Group on Immigration, which advises the Mayor and City Council on key issues regarding immigrants and refugees. In 2008, he organized the Metro Vancouver Leaders Summit on Immigrant Employment. Currently, he leads a civic Dialogues project (www.vancouver.ca/dialoguesproject) which aims to strengthen relations between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal/newcomer communities in Vancouver.

Presenter Legacy Donation

On behalf of the presenters at Symposium, the BCRPA will make a legacy donation to Recreation Integration Victoria (RIV). Through its innovative services and programs, RIV assists individuals to identify and participate in their chosen activities and introduces them to new experiences. RIV works with both individuals and the leisure and recreation community to ensure that welcoming, barrier-free environments exist. RIV believes that every individual can access his or her interests.

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The Extras

Wednesday, May 9 - Friday, May 11, 2012

INFORMATION FAIR

Want to learn more about BCRPA provincial initiatives? Information on various programs and initiatives from HIGH FIVE® to Everbody Gets to Play™ and Pool Operator Courses to Playground Safety will be available at the Symposium Information Fair. Watch for more details on the BCRPA website and in the Symposium On-Site Guide.

Tuesday, May 8, 2012

GOLF TOURNAMENT | AFTERNOON

Golf is a game in which you yell "fore," shoot six, and write down five. Straight shooter or not, the BCRPA wants you to join us and your colleagues for a great day on the course and some guaranteed laughs. The Symposium golf tournament is under development, and a more fun time than this would be illegal! Start thinking about participating and about picking your fabulous foursomes! Stay tuned for more details about the great prizes, the amazing course, delectable food and refreshing beverages! Circle Tuesday May 8, 2012 in your daytimer, the day before the official start of Symposium on Wednesday, May 9 and start thinking about spring golfing!

Wednesday, May 9, 2012

FIRST TIMERS' ORIENTATION | 7:45 - 8:05 AM

Are you new to the sector or the province? Is this your first Symposium? We're looking forward to welcoming you at this fun and casual get-together where we'll make sure you have all the information you need to experience Symposium to the fullest.

OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY AND KEYNOTE 8:15 - 9:30 AM

Kick off Symposium with official welcomes and keynote speaker Dr. Trevor Hancock "Confronting Canada's Public Health Challenges: The Role of Recreation and Parks"

PLENARY PRESENTATION AND Q & A 9:45 - 11 AM

The National Recreation Agenda: A Beginning, Not an End | Brian Johnston

TRADESHOW OPENING AND LUNCH 12:30 - 2 PM

Food and fun are the name of the game at the Tradeshow Opening and Lunch. Link-up with friends from across the province and chat with exhibitors to learn about their products and services that can take your programs and facilities to the next level. You won't want to miss this fantastic event! Remember your business cards so that you can enter a draw for the prizes offered by the Tradeshow exhibitors.

THE EXTRAS

Wednesday May 9 - continued

SPEED NETWORKING WITH PAST PRESIDENTS 1 - 2 PM

You've heard of speed-dating to meet people ... well this is speed-dating for students to launch your career! Since most Past Presidents are not familiar with texting, tweeting or Facebook, students are invited to join us for some speed-networking - this is an in-your-face, real time, personal interaction with several BCRPA Past Presidents. We look forward to sharing our experience, knowledge and advice on how to have a successful career in recreation and parks. This session is for students and new practitioners who are seeking answers, direction and guidance from BCRPA Past Presidents regarding some of their areas of interest. Sign up for an appointment at the registration desk by 11:00am, first come, first served.

TRADESHOW NETWORKING RECEPTION 5:15 - 8 PM

Wrap up the Tradeshow with a bang! Take this opportunity to connect with exhibitors once again to learn more about their many great products and services and partake in complimentary nibbles and drinks.

AFTER HOURS DINNER/SOCIAL OPTIONS 8 PM - LATE

Keep the momentum of the day going! Meet up with old acquaintances and get to know new ones with a dinner/social opportunity at a local Victoria establishment. Sign up at the registration desk by 5 p.m. and meet in the main foyer of the Conference Centre at 8:15 p.m.

Thursday, May 10, 2012

POSTER PRESENTATIONS | 8:30 AM - 5 PM

Visit a variety of poster presentations highlighting current research initiatives and innovative practices/programs relevant to the Parks, Recreation and Culture sector.

BCRPA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 11:40 AM - 12:15 PM

Actively participate in the development of our province's parks, recreation and culture sector by attending the Annual General Meeting as the Board of Directors and the BCRPA CEO review the many activities the BCRPA has been engaging in during the past year. Ensure your vote is registered on resolutions that affect your Association.

DELEGATE LUNCH | 12:30 - 2 PM

Network with delegates over a nutritional lunch.

NATURE & HEALTH PLENARY PANEL PRESENTATION AND Q & A | 2 - 3:15 PM

Matt Herman, Doug Paterson, Eva Riccius

THE EXTRAS

Thursday, May 10, 2012

REGIONAL MEETINGS | 4:30 – 6 PM

Gather with other delegates from your region of the province to exchange ideas, share best practices and discuss regional issues. Sessions will be facilitated by the Regional Liaisons.

PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION | 7 – 7:30 PM

Start the evening festivities early at the President's Reception, being held prior to the banquet in the lovely Crystal Gardens. All Symposium full delegates are invited to attend.

BANQUET/DANCE | 7:30 PM – MIDNIGHT

Enjoy an evening of multicultural glitz and glamour at the "Bombay Nights" banquet and dance! As the night unfolds the DJ will put you in the mood to dance the night away and have fun singing Karaoke style to your favourite tunes.

AWARDS CEREMONY

The evening agenda at the banquet will include the Awards Ceremony to recognize the 2012 BCRPA Annual Provincial Award Recipients. Join us in recognizing and acknowledging them for their achievement and commitment to the field of parks, recreation, culture and health promotion. Be inspired by the contributions of your fellow members!

Friday, May 11, 2012

DELEGATE BREAKFAST | 8 – 9 AM

Start your day with a complimentary European style breakfast buffet for delegates.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: GRAHAM CLYNE 10:30 – 11:45 AM

Graham Clyne will start the day off with "Re-Imagining Recreation: A Vital and Integrated Partner in Tomorrow's Public Policy".

BUILDING COMMUNITY PLENARY PANEL DISCUSSION AND Q&A | NOON – 1:15 PM

Paula Carr, Jim Diers, Joan Wharf Higgins

DELEGATES' LUNCH/CLOSING CEREMONY 1:30 – 3 PM

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While in Victoria, stay at one of the following hotels for discounted BCRPA delegate rates. Please identify yourself as being part of the BCRPA Symposium when making your reservations. Reservations made after the release date will be accepted on a space available basis, at the best available sell rate. Make your reservations now:

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Fairmont Empress Victoria

721 Government Street | Victoria, BC V8W 1W5

Fairmont Room — \$140/night

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Rates in effect until April 7, 2012 upon availability

Chateau Victoria

740 Burdett Avenue | Victoria, BC V8W 1B2

One Bedroom Suite — \$140/night

Toll free reservations: 1-800-663-5891

Email reservations:

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Rates in effect until April 23, 2012 upon availability

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Standard Room — \$125/night

Toll free reservations: 1-800-663-7001

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721 Douglas Street | Victoria, BC V8W EM7

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- Use of FSC certified printed materials
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- Reduced use of paper through posting the session presentations online
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- Making the 'healthy choice the easy choice' through the adoption of the Healthy Food and Beverage Sales guidelines in our catering selections

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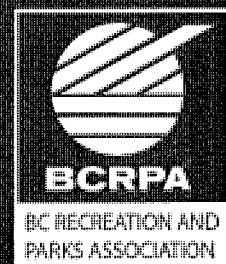
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BCRPA 2012 SYMPOSIUM | Victoria | May 9-11

Final Early Bird Deadline Extended!

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The sooner you register, the more you'll save.

[Register today! \(/2012-symposium-registration\)](#)

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- Full registration includes all meals, the Thursday evening reception/banquet and networking reception with the exhibitors.
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- Extra meal tickets purchased for guests will be held in the attendee's registration package and can be picked up at the registration desk at Symposium; therefore when ordering please enter the Symposium Delegate's information not guest information.

Title	Price	
2012 Symposium Wednesday Tradeshow Lunch (May 9th)	\$30.00	Add to cart
2012 Symposium Wednesday Tradeshow Networking Reception (May 9th)	\$45.00	Add to cart
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2012 Symposium Friday Breakfast (May 11th)	\$25.00	Add to cart
2012 Symposium Friday Lunch (May 11th)	\$40.00	Add to cart



MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

March 2012

#	DATE	EVENT	TIME	CATEGORY	AUD	ARTIST
1	2	Sound of Music	9:00 AM	Tech & Rehearsal	0	14
2	3	Sound of Music	7:30 PM	Musical Theatre	400	44
3	4	Sound of Music	2:30 PM	Musical Theatre	408	44
4	5	Lord of the Dance (cancelled)		Dance	0	0
5	6	Ladysmith Black Mambazo	7:30 PM	Music	582	16
6	7	City of Nanaimo for NY Choir	3:00 PM	Video shoot	0	23
7	8	Big River - Country Legends	7:30 PM	Music	803	21
8	9	Good Lovelies & Human Statues	7:30 PM	Music	357	12
9	10	Journey Unauthorized	7:30 PM	Music	426	12
10	11	Elmer Iseler Singers	2:30 PM	Music	333	26
11	12	Ed Sullivan Caravan of Stars	7:30 PM	Music	670	17
12	14	Straight No Chaser	7:30 PM	Music	484	20
13	15	VI Symphony	7:30 PM	Tech & Rehearsal	0	46
14	15	Around the World Travel	6:30 PM	Private Function (Harmac)	30	1
15	16	VI Symphony	7:30 PM	Rehearsal	0	46
16	17	VI Symphony	7:30 PM	Music	711	46
17	19	Aboriginal Youth Conference	3:00 PM	set-up in lobby	0	0
18	20	Aboriginal Youth Conference	8:00 AM	Registration	804	0
19	21	Aboriginal Youth Conference	8:00 PM	Talent Showcase	804	36
20	22	Celtic Tenors	7:30 PM	Music	402	8
21	23	BC Cadet Honour Band	7:30 PM	Music	500	54
22	26	Port Theatre AGM	7:00 PM	Meeting	50	10
23	28	City Cultural Awards	7:30 PM	Presentation	250	12
24	30	54-40	7:30 PM	Music	639	15

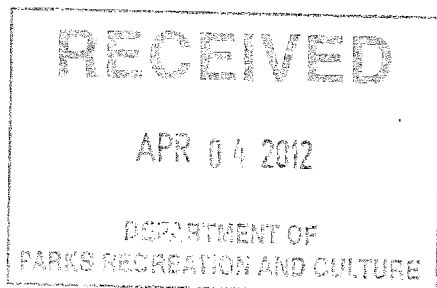
TOTALS

Number of Events: 24

Estimated Audience Attendance: 8653

Estimated Number of Artists/Crew: 523

Total people through the building: 9176



Monthly Event Report



	# Events 2008	# Events 2009	# Events 2010	# Events 2011	# Events 2012	# Patrons 2008	# Patrons 2009	# Patrons 2010	# Patrons 2011	# Patrons 2012
Jan	22	13	21	17	11	5,126	4,191	10,368	5,912	3,813
Feb	32	18	15	34	18	10,911	8,308	5,455	10,271	10,616
Mar	16	27	23	15	24	5,078	9,604	7,808	6,056	9,176
Apr	20	33	28	25		7,888	10,137	12,803	11,333	
May	28	16	23	26		13,173	6,254	8,917	10,709	
Jun	29	30	36	28		12,507	16,465	18,127	17,535	
Jul	20	2	7	17		6,908	457	994	2,132	
Aug	2	2	6	2		1,339	85	2,793	334	
Sep	15	9	18	15		6,787	2,925	7,726	4,468	
Oct	26	25	28	18		8,067	7,794	6,359	6,021	
Nov	34	30	25	24		14,306	10,083	10,070	10,873	
Dec	24	22	22	24		9,302	8,516	9,857	5,647	
TOTALS	268	227	252	245	53	101,392	84,819	101,277	91,291	23,605

Comparison of attendance for the same month last year

Comparison of events for the same month last year

52%	increase
60%	increase

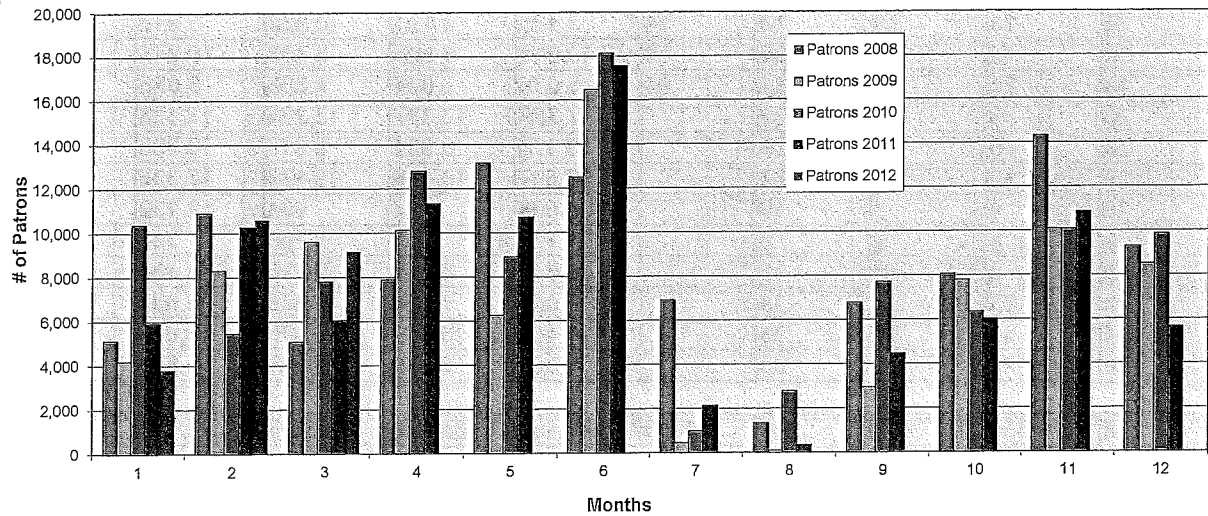
Five year average attendance for same month

Five year average number of events same month

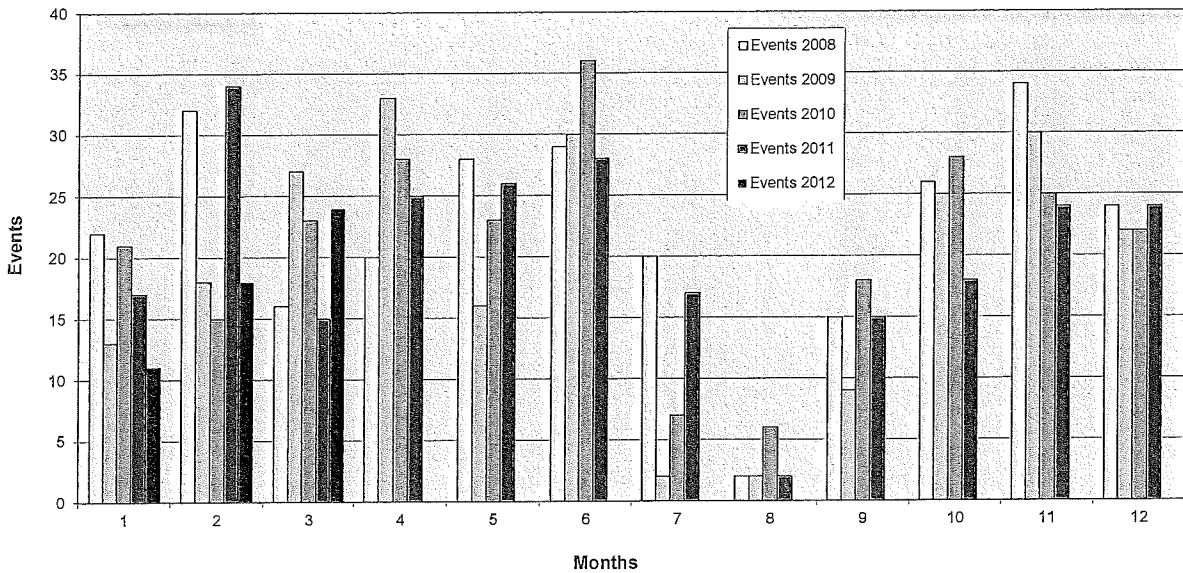
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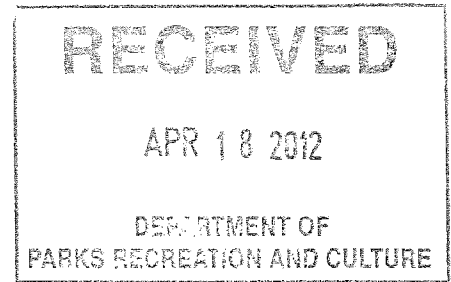


Patron Attendance Comparison



Event Comparison





ACTIVITY REPORT

March 1, 2012 to March 31, 2012

Submitted by Julie Bevan, Executive/Artistic Director

Campus Gallery (VIU Campus – 900 Fifth St) presented:

- **Seeking Peace** - from January 13 to April 14, 2012 - A dramatic and stimulating installation by artist Deryk Houston which explores the concept of Peace, represents the realities of human conflict and carries the message that deep eternal hope always survives despite the darkness. Against a black background, white tangled bed sheets hung on ropes interspersed with careful lighting and the soft breeze of a small fan represent Houston's experiences of being inside a destroyed Ameriyah bomb shelter in Baghdad. The exhibit is accompanied by the screening of Deryk Houston's documentary "From Baghdad to Peace Country", a National Film Board of Canada release.
- **Illuminating Peace** – from January 13 to April 14, 2012 – A beautiful installation by artist: Amy Loewan featuring two main elements which occupy the height of the gallery from floor to ceiling; a central piece entitled *Lantern* (2009), an octagonal structure resembling a gigantic lantern is lit from within and hangs above a field of wheat and the eight panels of *A Peace Project* hang horizontally above a band of Jasmine rice. The work comprises sheets of traditional rice paper which are transformed into long weaving strips and then delicately woven to form an integrated whole. Hand written calligraphy and computer-generated topography are used to weave together eastern and western languages to intertwine world cultures and religions in a universal vision for human relations. More than 35 world languages are interwoven into this work.
- **Art Education** – The Gallery presented various educational workshops and gallery tours.

Campus Gallery Attendance - 409

Downtown Gallery (150 Commercial Street) presented:

- **Art for Wildlife Show and Auction** (March 1 to 26) – an exhibition of donated artwork, including painting, photography and works on paper; a silent auction with proceeds split between NAG and Wildlife Recovery Centre.
- **Eunmi Conacher** (March 16-26) – an exhibition of new work by the well known local artist.
- **Patrica Banks** (March 16-26) – an exhibition of poetry and new landscape paintings in acrylic.
- **Art Sales and Rental Showcase** – an ongoing showcase of works by local artists who are part of the Gallery's Art Sales and Rental program.
- **Artrageous Saturdays** – four *Artrageous Saturdays* art workshops for children.
- The Gallery space was used by a number of organizations and community groups for various community events and meetings.

Downtown Gallery Attendance - 1496

Total Attendance: 1905



NANAIMO MUSEUM

**Report to Parks Recreation and Culture Commission
March/April 2012**

Submitted April 13, 2012 by Debbie Trueman

Administration/Revenue

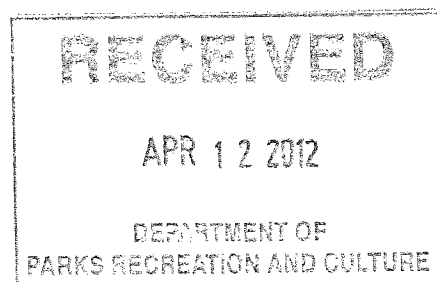
- Numbers – our first quarter numbers are up 20% from last year, our 4th year in a row increase in numbers! The even better news is gift shop sales are up over 50%!
- BC Arts Council - we received the amount requested. Comments from the advisory committee included:

"The museum articulates its community engagement well and offers an open door to community participation in museum-led initiatives including efforts to keep admission fees within reach of local residents. The broad range of engagement throughout the organization with Snunéymuxw community members was applauded by the Committee. The Committee noted attendance has consistently increased since the new museum opened which has strained existing staff resources. The committee noted the museum offers a very broad range of programming with thoughtful focus throughout its activities."

- Gaming – application is in but we will not hear until August for the 2012 year.
- Gift Shop - lots of lovely new things - come check it out!
- Summer students - applications have been submitted for four students again this year - no word yet.
- Other Staffing – Amy Klonowski has left us as temporary replacement for Arvon and has been replaced with Becka McDonald, long time volunteer at the museum. Total volunteer hours 2011 were over 5000!

Exhibit Programming

- Permanent Exhibit Development – Exhibit design for the last major addition of the gallery looking at Retail, downtown and service development is complete and construction has begun. This exhibit will open early next year.
- The other feature exhibits for 2012 include the textile art/needlework/our collection exhibit and a toy exhibit for the Christmas season. We are looking at another Ivan Sayers exhibit for next year-art deco era dresses.
- Snoopy Soars with NASA opens late May.
- May will also feature a temporary exhibit in conjunction with Snunéymuxw First Nation on the Douglas treaty with material coming from Winnipeg and Victoria Archives.



Programs and Events

- May 3rd - we are doing a lobby exhibit to commemorate the tragic mining accident of May 3, 1887. This will be 125th anniversary.
- Spring Break - over 400 children and parents enjoyed our Spring Break programming!
- Venue Rental – includes: MS Society, Literacy conversational English group; and, Young Professionals.
- Sports Hall of Fame decisions announcement and event in September.
- Jan Peterson new book launch - had almost 50 people, a very good turnout for this kind of event.
- Volunteer recognition - is next week - our volunteers contributed over 5000 hours in 2011!

Community Partnerships

- V.I. Music Festival - we are doing a case exhibit for their event.
- Shriners and Masonic conferences - will be using some Fred Bags and with hopefully all visiting the museum - this will be about 1000 delegates in total. We will have a small case for them as well.
- Nanaimo Regional General Hospital - 50th anniversary small exhibit for 2013.
- Hosted the March "Art Social" gathering of other arts workers.
- I will be a presenter in a session at the upcoming Canadian Museum Association conference in Ottawa on Managing Change.

Recent Comments:

- From Penny Goldrick, Victoria, *"very impressive displays-the mine experience particularly fascinating."*
- From a family (Nanaimo, Vancouver and Port Alberni), *"we loved the bird exhibit. Macey loved the mine cause it was scary, Danica loves the birds."*
- From Audrey Best, Nanaimo, *"great experience for our grandkids and us. A nice way to spend a rainy day!"*

REPORT TO: THE PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMISSION
FROM: RICHARD HARDING, DIRECTOR, PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE
AUTHORED BY: KIRSTY MACDONALD, PARKS AND OPEN SPACE PLANNER
RE: DOG OFF-LEASH PARKS

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission approve the following recommendations to Nanaimo dog off-leash parks for 2012.

2011 pilot sites (make permanent):

1. St. George's Ravine (Schedule A)
2. Invermere Beach (Schedule B)

2012 pilot sites (one year duration):

1. Forested area adjacent to May Richards Bennett Pioneer Park (Schedule C)
2. Northfield Kiosk (Schedule D)
3. Gallows Point (Schedule E)
4. Wardropper Park (Schedule F)

Other sites:

1. Continue to make improvements to the Beban Dog-off-Leash Park.
2. Permit off-leash dogs at Upper Colliery Dam during park hours.
3. Once the new Bowen West field opens, permit off-leash dogs on the Diver Lake field throughout the year.

Similarly to 2011 pilot sites, all proposed pilot off-leash parks for 2012 will be implemented for a one-year trial basis following which the success will be evaluated. If the above are approved, the number of off-leash dog sites would increase from eight to twelve and would be spread throughout the City.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Staff have received considerable input from the public, conducted numerous surveys, as well as hosted four public open houses in 2009, 2011, and 2012. Based on this input, the following off-leash sites and improvements, as well as enforcement, park etiquette and awareness initiatives, are being considered.

BACKGROUND:

Petitions were received by the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission in 2009 requesting the City add more dog off-leash parks in the City. Staff gathered information from other municipalities, websites and other public comments which suggested Nanaimo, with only three

permanent off-leash options, lagged behind other comparable cities in British Columbia in terms of dog off-leash parks.

As a result, the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission began hosting public open houses and surveys about dogs in parks in 2009. This has been very valuable in gathering public input about a desire for increased dog facilities as well as conflict management between dogs and people. As part of the open houses, staff identified many sites that could be implemented in phases over several years as well as improvements that are possible to existing sites. These sites are geographically spread throughout the City and have varying characteristics.

A fourth open house was held on 2012-MAR-10. Over 100 people attended, with 142 people sending in survey responses and written feedback. 2011 pilot sites and potential 2012 pilot sites were up for discussion. For the most part, response was supportive and people are very appreciative about having options to exercise their pets throughout the City, however, there is a growing concern that dog etiquette and animal control must go hand-in-hand with dog off-leash parks.

Many respondents observed a lack of respect of dog owners picking up dog waste and obeying rules as well as a general lack of dogs being under owner control when off-leash. There was also a perceived lack of enforcement in both off and on leash parks. This frustration also has led many park users to avoid areas where dogs are frequently walked and to desire “dog free” areas where conflicts between dogs and people can be avoided and environmentally sensitive features are preserved.

Based on this feedback, the following off-leash sites, improvements, and programs are being proposed. The ideas presented can be covered with money currently budgeted for dog off-leash parks in 2012.

2011 Pilot Sites:

Overall, the following sites were well liked by the public with some minor improvement ideas expressed. These sites are relatively low-cost and meet the range of needs expressed by the public. Consequently, these sites are suggested as being made permanent.

1. St. George's Ravine (Schedule A)
2. Invermere Beach (Schedule B)

2012 Pilot Sites:

The following sites were presented at the fourth open house as potential pilot projects for 2012. Overall input was favorable and a desire was expressed to have more off-leash options spread geographically throughout the City (see Schedule G). These new sites are relatively low-cost to implement and meet the range of needs expressed by the public.

1. Forested area adjacent to May Richards Bennett Pioneer Park (Schedule C)
2. Northfield Kiosk (Schedule D)
3. Gallows Point (Schedule E)
4. Wardropper Park (Schedule F)

Other Sites:

Beban Dog off-leash Park

The off-leash park at Beban Park is a very busy central, site with growing use and popularity. At the recent open house, respondents were asked how they like the improvements made to the Beban site in 2011. Improvements included: natural turf surfacing; perimeter trails; expansion of the small dog area; planting of shade trees; universal accessibility; more benches; and some agility equipment and berms. Many of these improvements were identified as desires in previous public input.

It was clear that people who use this site are very happy with the improvements but would like to see more as the park becomes more and more popular. Some dog owners do not like this site with its penned nature and social dynamics, but they expressed appreciation for having a variety of options throughout Nanaimo.

Further improvement suggestions include lights for use after dusk and increased enlargement of the site. The site surfacing (especially in the large dog area) is extremely muddy in the winter months and was a widely expressed concern for future improvement. In addition, people expressed a desire for water access in the winter (right now water is on April-October) and for a pay-as-you-use dog wash station. Concerns have been expressed about unsupervised children and dogs as well as people not obeying rules such as restricted breeds and picking up dog waste. Some frequent users have expressed a desire to start fundraising campaigns for the park and to sign the trail to the field house washroom facilities.

Colliery Dam:

The upper portion of Colliery Dam was opened as a morning off-leash pilot site in 2010 and permanent morning and evening off-leash site in 2011. Staff initiated this site as a timed off-leash area to respect long time park users and school groups who use the site as a running route. However, the timing is not being obeyed and people often complain about the site not being off-leash in the afternoons. Staff are recommending that the upper dam loop be off-leash from dawn to dusk to help alleviate confusion. The lower dam loop and other areas of the park would still require leashes.

Diver Lake

The new Bowen West field will be opening for play on 2013-APR-01. Nanaimo's Sportsfield Strategy identified sufficient fields being available for play throughout the City. Because of this inventory, the field at Diver Lake can be made an all-year round off-leash site once the new field opens. Some field drainage work may be required in the future.

Future Sites

Throughout the public process, feedback has been welcomed about dogs in parks and potential new pilot sites. Many suggestions have come forward for potential pilot testing in 2013 and may be considered in the future including: Linley Valley; more beach-front sites; a downtown location; and East Wellington Park. These sites can be evaluated in the future.

Enforcement, Park Etiquette, and Awareness:

Over 8000 residents in Nanaimo have licensed dogs¹ of which, the majority are exercised outside. The number of dogs in parks and general park use are both increasing. In order to avoid current and future conflicts, the City of Nanaimo Bylaw Department and Animal Control stepped up enforcement in 2011 and ticketed violators. However, the public are not in compliance with the rules throughout our park system.

In order to make dog owners more aware of the etiquette expectation when walking a dog in a park (both on and off-leash), new signage with clear expectations was posted in parks and a brochure with dog off-leash options advertised was also made available to the public in 2011. In addition, Animal Control has been vigilant in ticketing 47 people in 2010, 49 people in 2011, and in the first three months of 2012, 19 tickets have been issued.

The City of Nanaimo also offered a *Good Neighbours Dog Program* course in 2011 in an attempt to raise awareness about etiquette for both dog owners and dogs in parks and public spaces. This course was open to the public as a personal edification course and those who passed the course got their dog license free for the year. In an effort to raise the bar on dog etiquette, the course could also be an optional consequence for people who have been ticketed for dog off-leash infractions. In 2011, only 3 dogs and their owners went through the Good Neighbour Dog program.

Growing frustration with dog owners blatantly disobeying rules, dog feces in parks, and dog owners disrespecting other park users (in on and off-leash parks) was a key theme in the public input. Many survey respondents took the time to complete the survey because of a “people-first” attitude as well as negative experiences in the park system with dogs and dog owners. In order to combat this, enforcement and communication about the Animal Control bylaw will continue with zero tolerance of those disobeying the rules. In addition, PRC staff are beginning a campaign to educate people on the proper pickup and disposal of dog feces in parks this spring. Continued communication about dog etiquette, expectations and behaviours (for dogs, owners and families) is paramount to balancing the needs of everyone and allowing dogs and people to both enjoy our park system.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard Harding, Director
Parks, Recreation and Culture

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¹ City of Nanaimo Bylaw Services and Licensing Department, March 2011.
Stats are based on 2010 license renewals.

SCHEDULE A

2011 Pilot Site - St. George's Ravine

South Central | All Day, All Year

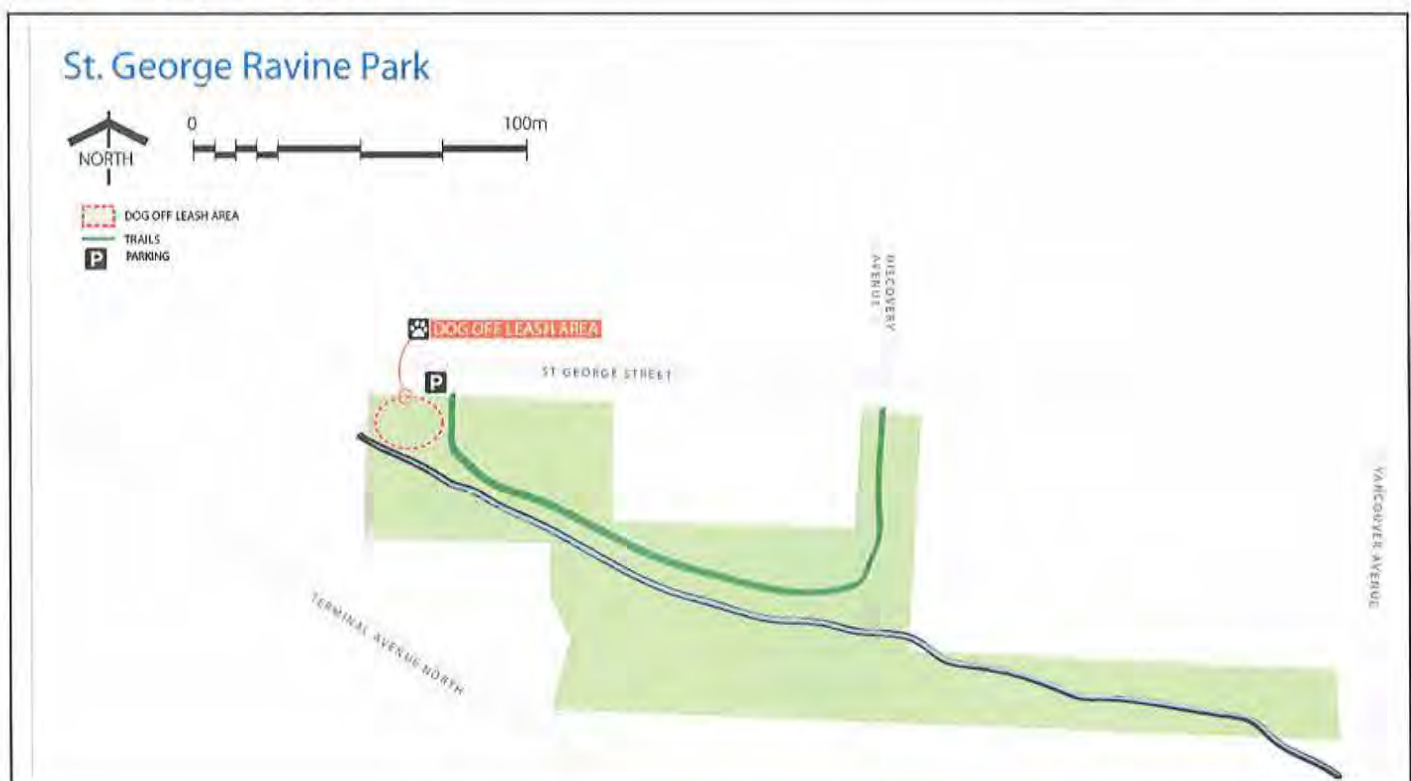
- St. George's Ravine Park has a small grassy area accessed off St. George Street accessed by a paved trail down the ravine. This open grassy area is undefined and is bordered by several multifamily units.
- This site opened on 2011-MAY-01 as a pilot site.

Feedback to Date:

- Strong positive feedback. The site is well liked by the neighbourhood and is not generating increase traffic volumes or disruptions.
- Some suggestions for additional signage, fencing, shorter lawns and increased maintenance.

Recommendation

- Recommend to make this site a permanent off-leash location year round.
- To add signage on the ravine trail to mark where the off-leash area starts and ends.
- To make sure that maintenance practices (grass mowing) are increased to match the use change.
- Staff to consider fencing.
- Continue to work with marketing staff and Animal Control on dog etiquette and feces disposal expectations.



SCHEDULE B

2011 Pilot Site – Invermere Beach

North | All Day, All Year

- Access to water for dog swimming was a strong desire from the public.
- The beaches along Nanaimo's north slope are wide and sandy at low tide.
- Invermere Beach access is not heavily used and does offer some parking off Invermere and at Groveland Park. The access is only moderately steep and meets desires for ocean and north Nanaimo dog off-leash access.
- This park opened on 2011-MAY-01 as a pilot site.

Feedback to Date:

- Very strong support for this site. It has been well liked by people during the pilot period.
- Some concerns have been expressed that sand is only exposed at low tides and that it is not universally accessible. There are also reports of increased garbage and feces bags.

Recommendation:

- Recommend to make this site a permanent off-leash location year round.
- Continue to consider another universally accessible ocean site as a future off-leash park.
- Continue to work with marketing staff and Animal Control on dog etiquette and feces disposal expectations.



SCHEDULE C

2012 Pilot Site- Forested area adjacent to May Richards Bennet Pioneer Park

North | All Day, All Year

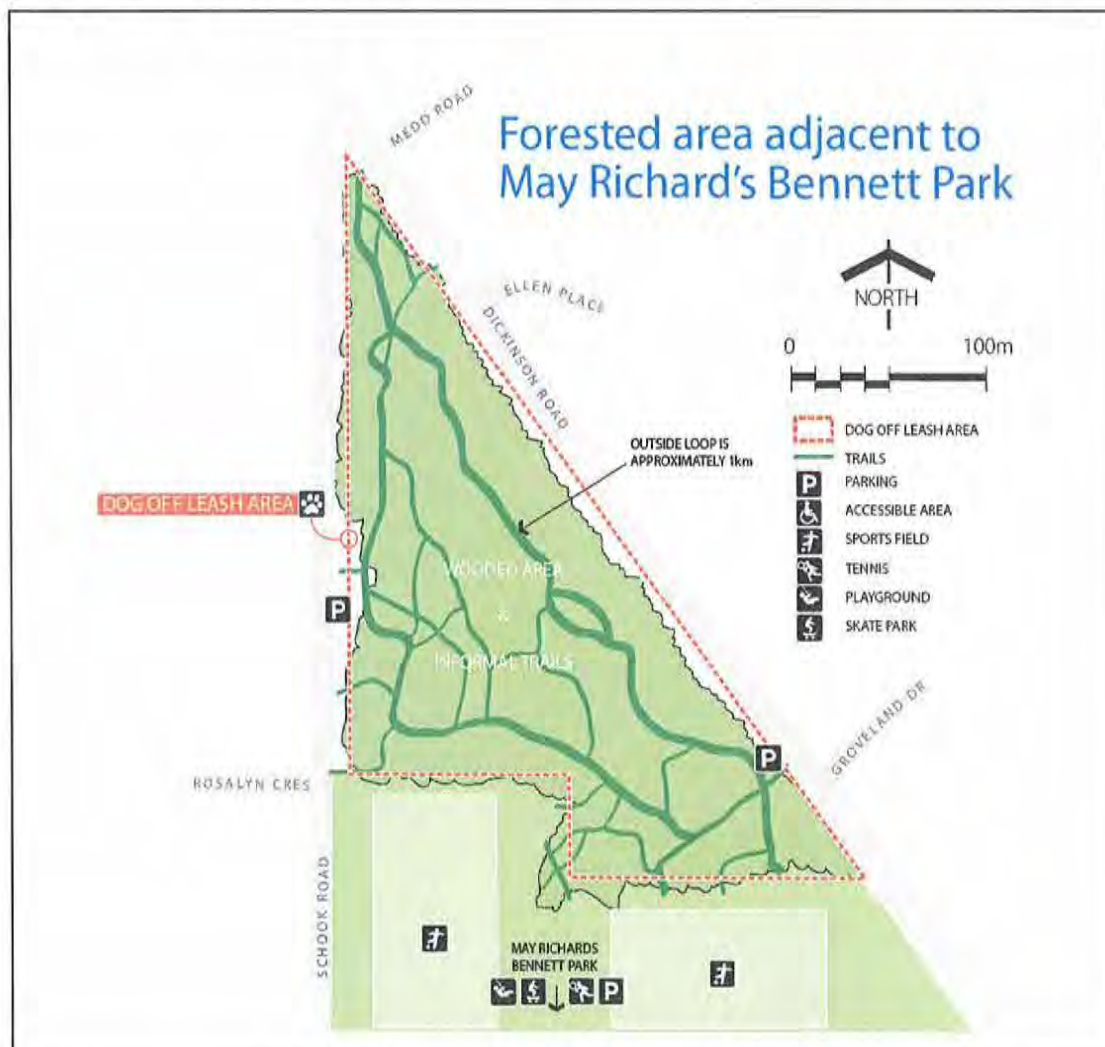
The City of Nanaimo and School district 68 recently developed a use agreement on the 8 acre forested property adjacent to the City's fields and May Richards Bennett Pioneer Park. PRC has recently brought a 1km loop of forested trails up to City trail standards and removed hazard trees. The site has great parking facilities in place and is located on main roads, away from residences, in north Nanaimo. A 300 foot section of fencing was also installed.

Feedback to Date:

- Very supported as a north end, forested option for people.
- Concern over it not being fully fenced with wildlife in the park and the sportsfield nearby. Also concerns over people not picking up after their dogs.

Recommendation:

- Recommend implementing this as a trial site in 2012.
- Monitor the need for additional fencing.
- Continue to work with marketing staff and Animal Control on dog etiquette and feces disposal expectations.



SCHEDULE D

2012 Pilot site –Northfield Info Kiosk

Central | All day, All year

The City of Nanaimo and partners are developing a tourist info centre at this rest stop beginning summer 2012. A dog off-leash park could be opened in conjunction with this project.

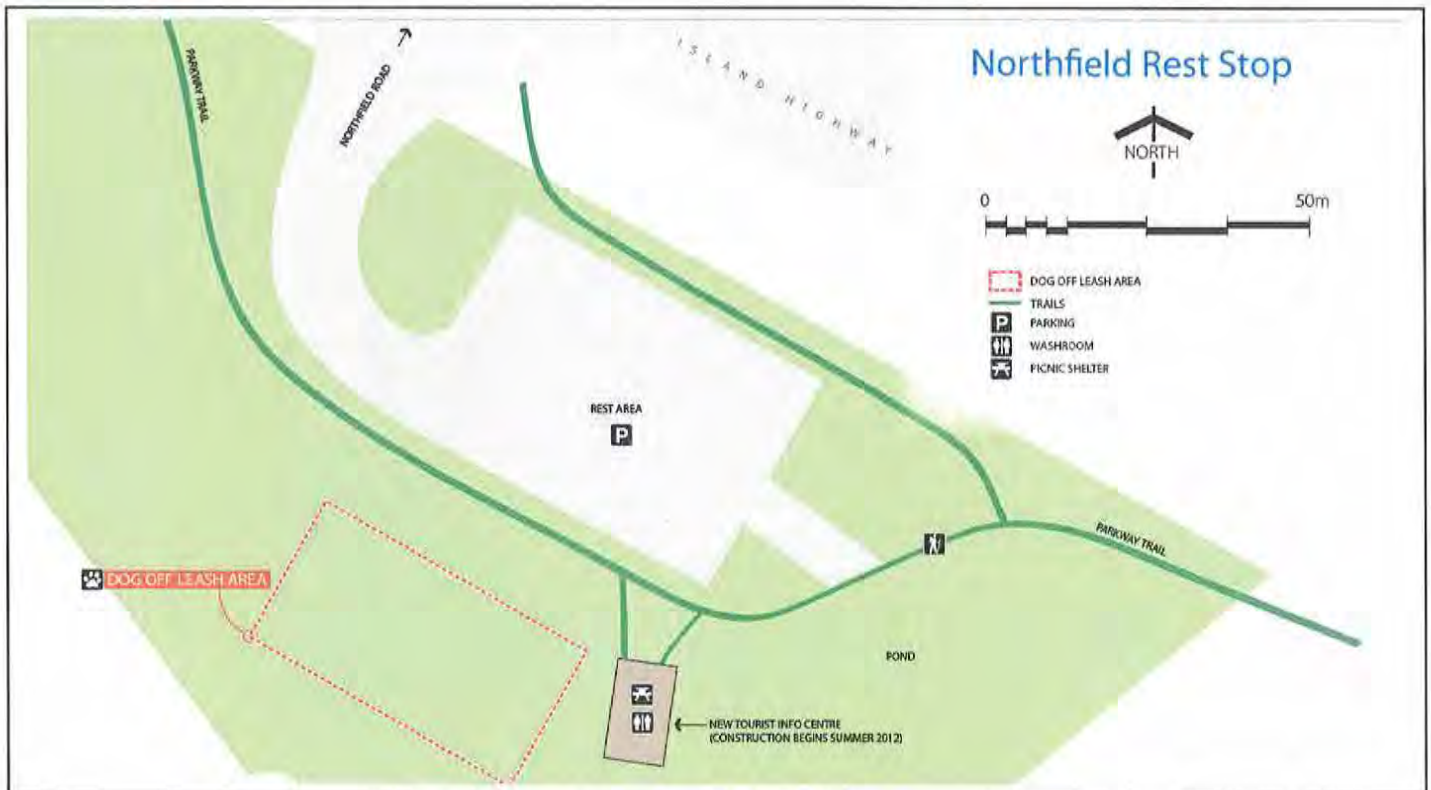
- A fenced off-leash area would keep dogs safely away from trail and other park trail users.
- This site is central with good connections to the Parkway Trail, parking and highway. It would serve local and travelling populations.

Feedback to Date:

- Fenced area here was supported.
- Desire to provide drinking water for dogs at the site was expressed.

Recommendation:

- Recommend implementing this as a trial site in 2012.
- Consider installing a dog drinking station at the site.
- Continue to work with marketing staff and Animal Control on dog etiquette and feces disposal expectations.



SCHEDULE E

2012 Pilot Sites—Gallows Point

Protection Island | All day, All year

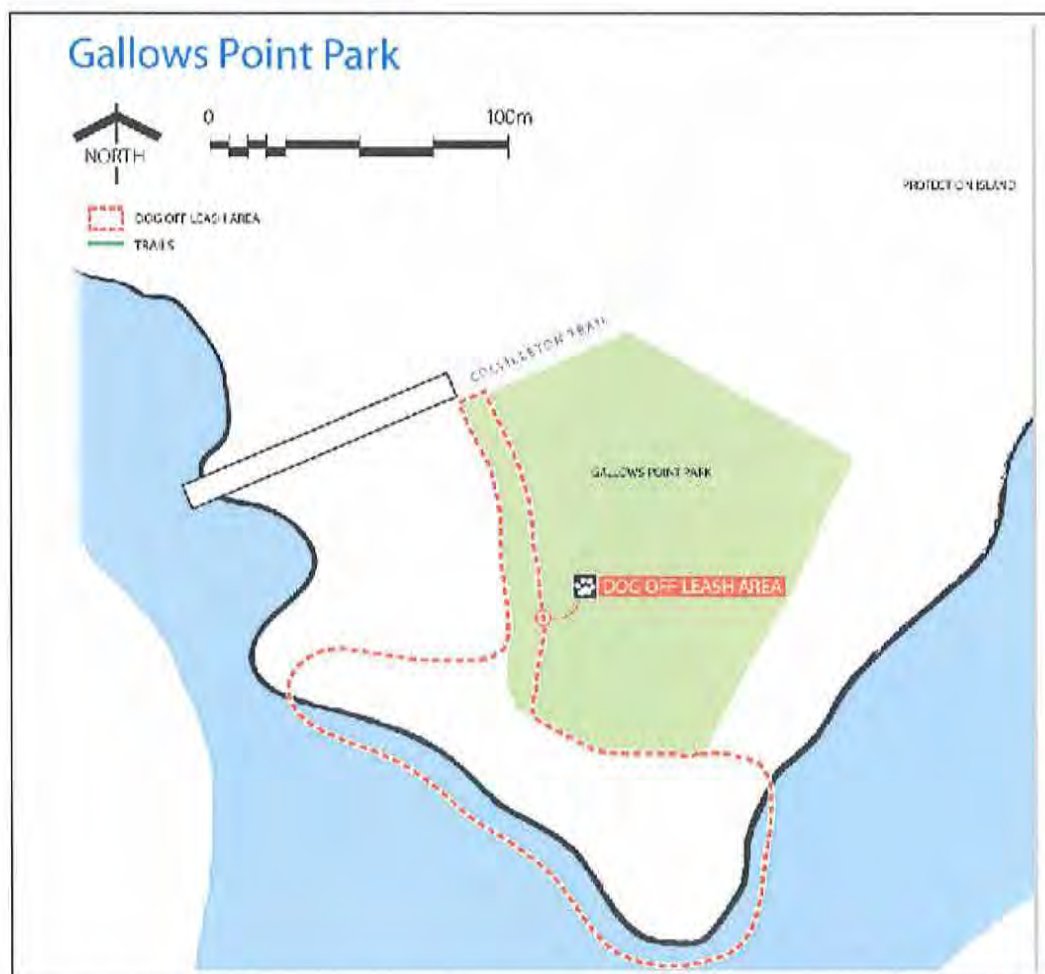
A desire for an off-leash park on Protection Island has been expressed by residents.

Feedback to Date:

- Support from a number of Island residents including the Lions Club who maintain the park.
- Concerns that it would not be patrolled and some concerns by residents.

Recommendation:

- Recommend implementing this as a trial site in 2012 working with the Protection Island Lions Club.
- Continue to work with marketing staff and Animal Control on dog etiquette and feces disposal expectations.



SCHEDULE F

2012 Pilot site- Wardropper Park

Central | All day, All year

- The Departure Bay and Hammond Bay areas do not yet have a local dog off-leash option.
- Wardropper Park is an unfertilized park in the Departure Bay area. It has good access to parking, is relatively flat, and is separated from adjacent neighbours by grade.
- The beach was tested as a pilot site in 2011 and was not received favourably by the community; however, a desire for an off-leash park in the area was expressed.

Feedback to Date:

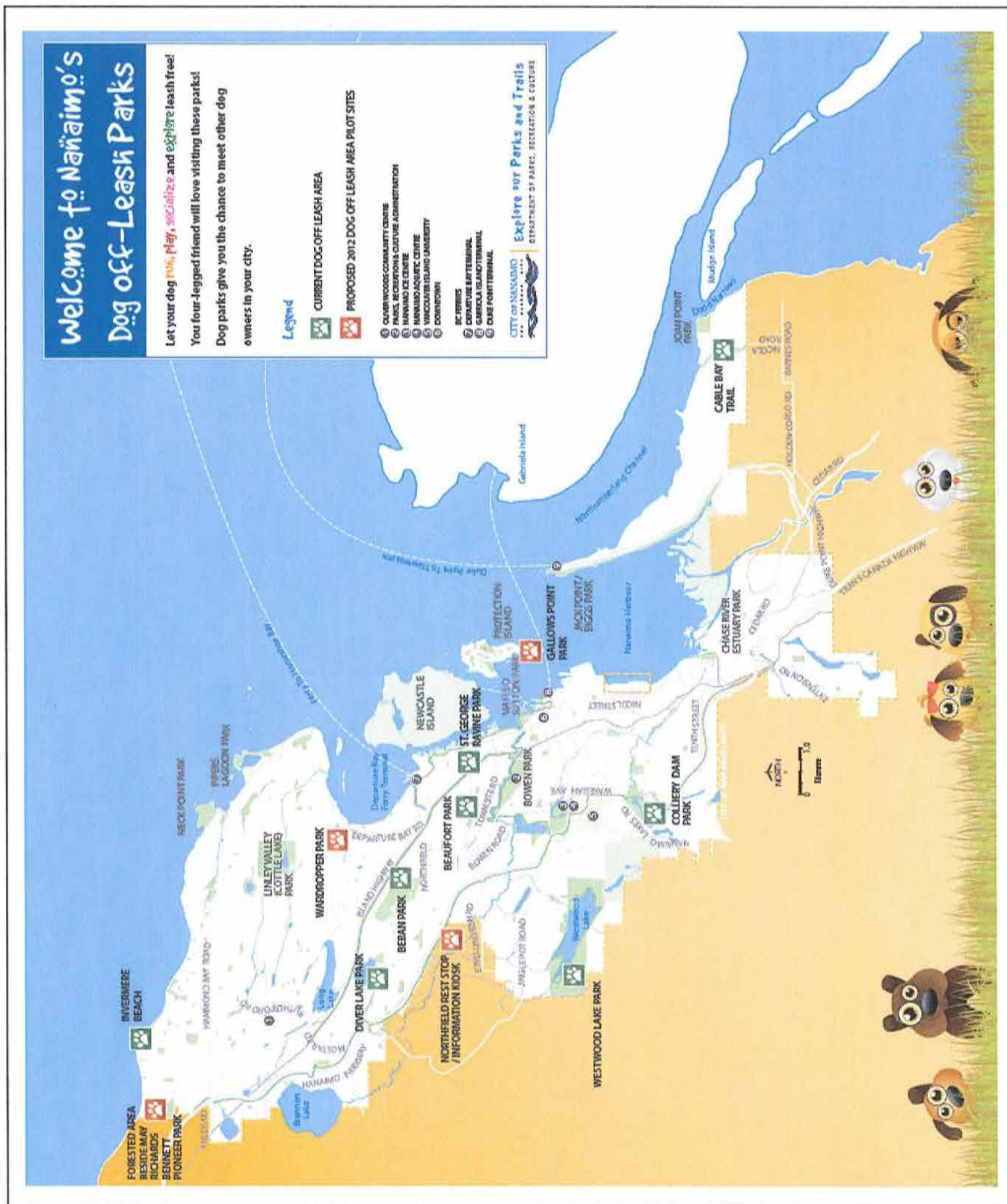
- Overall strong support for Wardropper and other locations opening up in the Hammond Bay and Departure Bay neighbourhood.
- Concerns expressed about dog feces not being picked up and impacts on deer populations.
- Concerns expressed that a dog park would not meet condition of sale for recreational use and concerns that people do use the trail to connect to the school and neighborhood.

Recommendation:

- Recommend implementing this as a trial site in 2012.
- Adequate garbage and signage will have to be added to the site in conjunction with opening.



SCHEDULE G



REPORT TO: RICHARD HARDING, DIRECTOR, PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE

FROM: JEFF RITCHIE, SENIOR MANAGER, PARKS & CIVIC FACILITIES

RE: MONTHLY REPORT – MARCH 2012 – PARKS OPERATIONS

The following highlights are the park initiatives for March 2012.

PARK PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

- Work is beginning on the Maffeo Sutton Improvement Plan update. Staff have been providing input into future improvements as a first step and public information boards are being designed. Special event organizers are also being surveyed into the successes and weaknesses of the Spirit Square and their desires for the new phase of improvements. Public survey work will begin in a couple of months.
- The 2012 Temporary Art pieces have been chosen. New art pieces will be installed in May and old art pieces will be auctioned off in late April.
- The 2012 street banner design has been chosen. The winning design will be on display by the May long weekend.
- A public open house to discuss dog off-leash parks was held on 2012-MAR-10. Input into the 2011 and 2012 pilot sites was welcomed as well as feedback about the improvements to the Beban off-leash site and other dog issues throughout the City. Commission will be reviewing the public input and new pilot sites with the intention of opening up new pilot sites beginning 2012-MAY-01.
- Design work is moving forward on a boathouse at Loudon Park as part of the Loudon Park Improvement Plan. In addition, staff are working closely with the RCMP to help reduce transportation and use conflicts at Long Lake and Loudon Park in anticipation of a busy summer at the lake. A kiosk has been designed with lake use rules and will be installed at the Long Lake rest stop area in May.
- The Harewood Centennial Park plan continues to move forward. Stakeholder discussions were held in February and March and open house #2 is planned for 2012-MAY-02.
- Staff are working on a circulation and parking lot improvement plan for the Oliver Woods Community Centre. McElhanney Engineering has been engaged to assist with some of the improvement design.
- Staff are working on improvement concepts for the Italian Fountain and surrounding green space. The improvements will meet current code and better fit the adjacent site changes at Port Place Mall. The RCMP have been giving input into this high profile location.

VOLUNTEERS IN PARKS

- Forest Drive neighbourhood has tendered and chosen playground equipment. They are continuing with their fundraising and are aiming to install Phase 1 (playground equipment) in June 2012. Site preparation is beginning the week of 2012-APR-23.
- The Nanaimo Old City Association and Pawson Park residents have made progress in establishing a community garden group, organizing special events in the park, and making it a community gathering space. They are also making progress on fundraising for Phase 2 of their park improvements.
- Residents near May Richards Bennett Pioneer Park continue to hold forest thinning work parties to promote healthy forest succession and raise awareness about urban forestry.
- The Applegreen VIP is fundraising to complete their site landscaping.

- Residents in the Stephenson Point area are moving ahead with a proposal for a playground development grant.
- Residents around Norasea Park are moving ahead with their VIP playground fundraising.
- Interest in VIP has been expressed in the Eagle Point neighbourhood, Stirling Avenue area, and Parkwood neighbourhood.

MAINTENANCE AND CONSTRUCTION

- Washroom upgrades at Maffeo Sutton Park have been completed. The addition of floor and wall tiles, new fixtures, partitions, countertops and a new heating ventilation system has greatly improved the look of the facility.
- Work on Beban House has been completed. A new perimeter drainage system has been installed, front steps and railings repaired and the main floor cleaned and painted.
- Construction on the Northfield Tourist building has started. The contract was awarded to Saywell Contracting and is expected to be completed in July.

PARKS UTILITY

- Utility staff spent March/April turning on irrigation systems throughout the City parks in preparation for the upcoming season.
- A new backflow preventer was installed for Bowen Complex.
- The rain screen on the Bastion was taken down and stored for the summer.
- A new water service was installed at Beban Park by the Artificial Turf Fields.
- The perimeter drain on the back of the Park Operations Building was replaced as the old one had failed causing water to leak into the building.

FACILITY OPERATIONS

- Staff replaced a faulty three-way valve for the Beban hot tub.
- A new pressure reducing valve was installed on the main Beban pool fill line.
- The piping repairs were completed for the NAC vortex.
- Staff have started to install piping and complete other renovations to the Kin Pool filter room to accommodate the new Calcium Hypochlorite system that will be installed for this season. This will eliminate the need for gas chlorine and create a much safer work environment.
- New piping was installed for the make-up water lines of the teaching pool and hot tub at Beban Pool.

TURF AND PARKS

- Artificial goal mouths have been replaced with natural turf at Caledonia and the field lengthened.
- Work is underway for the improvements to Forest Dr. Park VIP.
- Seasonal staff to begin work 2012-APR-16. (labourers - 4months)

TRAILS

- Upgrade of SD68 property on Dickinson Road is complete. This is a dog-off-leash and trail area and operates under a License of Use Agreement between the City and SD68.

HORTICULTURE

- Italian Fountain renovations with the removing of overgrown shrubs and applying fresh mulch was completed by staff.
- Seasonal shrub pruning of inventory in parks completed.
- Organic Horticulture Pilot Projects at Departure Bay, Chinese Memorial and Bowen Park have had an “arborists mulch” applied to the garden beds in conjunction with applications of Effective Microbe (EM) Brews: EM consists of facultative anaerobic bacteria which are essential to almost every living process on earth.
- Compost tea is being brewed and applied to many of our garden areas as a fertilizer. The brewing process consists of super aerating water and a satchel of mother culture compost for 24-48 hours at room temperature or warmer if possible causing the beneficial fungi and bacteria to multiply exponentially. Once finished it must be applied soon for maximum benefit by directly spraying over everything in the garden. When applied at the right time the benefits are instantaneous.
- Staff have been trained and are using the Tree Arc mapping system for all of our tree work orders. Staff are very pleased with the product that was produced for Nanaimo by our City GIS team and will continue to improve the program as we work with it.
- Easter Display was installed at the Beban Carpet Bed.
- Hailey's Rhododendron garden has undergone a thorough pruning of all plants in the park.

URBAN FORESTRY

- Preparations completed for Earth Day (April 22) with tree planting on the bank adjacent to the parking lot at Merle Logan fields.
- Final review of the draft updated Tree Management and Protection Bylaw is completed. The document is being finalized by Stewart, McDannold and Stuart which will then be ready for final review by staff.
- Tree plantings at Cariboo Park, Pawson Park and Salal Park are being coordinated with staff and VIP groups.
- Seven tree removal permits were processed including two for sub-divisions on Extension Road.

TRAIL COUNTS FOR FEBRUARY 2012:

PARK SITES	FEBRUARY DAILY AVERAGE	MARCH DAILY AVERAGE	PEAK TIME OF USE
Blueback Beach Access	67	81	3:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Invermere Beach Access**	48	51	4:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Pawson Park	100	110	3:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Linley Valley	42	44	12 NOON – 1:00 PM

**counters that would have to count traffic coming and going. For accurate representation should be divided by 2.

ANIMAL SERVICES DIVISION – PARK REPORT:

City of Nanaimo Animal Services – Park Report March 2012					
Park/Beach	# of Patrols	Dogs Encountered	Verbal Warnings	Written Warnings	Tickets Issued
Beban	6	58	3		2
Bowen Park	5	24			2
Caledonia Park	1	2			2
Colliery Dam	5	17	2		
Departure Bay	2	2			2
Groveland Park	2	2			
Harewood Centennial	2				
Linley Valley	8	15	1		1
Long Lake	1				
Maffeo Sutton	2	3			
May Richards Bennett Pioneer	4	1			
Neck Point	3	23			
Northfield Parkway Trail	1				
Participation Park	4	9			
Pipers Lagoon	13	77	2		3
Robins Park	1				
Westwood Lake	4	32	1		3
TOTALS:	64	265	9		15

VANDALISM REPORT FOR MARCH 2012

BUILDING AND ENGINEERING R & M

• Graffiti removal and painting	\$ 611.77
• Fence repair at Pleasant Valley	\$ 450.00
COST	\$1,061.77

MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES

• Misc supplies	\$ 189.91
COST	\$ 189.91

LABOUR AND FLEET (City Vehicles)	
COST	\$ 600.51

TOTAL COST	\$1,852.19
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Multiple tagging at Bowen Park, Caledonia Park and Maffeo Sutton. Other sites included several of the beach accesses and stairways, the mural under the Pearson Bridge, Piper Park, May Bennett and the Chase River Boys and Girls Club. Damage done to doors and locks on a few of the field houses as well as damage done to Bowen Complex doors.

REPORT TO: RICHARD HARDING, DIRECTOR, PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE
FROM: SUZANNE SAMBORSKI, SENIOR MANAGER, RECREATION & CULTURE SERVICES
RE: MONTHLY REPORT – MARCH 2012 – RECREATION AND CULTURE SERVICES

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Five Harbour City Seniors' Thursday Special Events were held at Bowen Auditorium with an average attendance of 115.

New City South programs include a Street Hockey League, which is full with 16 registrations, held in Chase River on Sundays. Other programs in the Chase River area are preschool soccer and children's soccer, with registration for both programs going well. A recreational adult soccer league is to begin at the end of April.

The application for summer staff program leader positions are being short listed. Interviews for LIT/Quest Coordinator and Camp Sunsation Leader are underway as they start several weeks sooner than the others.

55 children and 60 adults attended the free "Learn to Fish" workshop at Colliery Dam Park. Instructors were from BC Fisheries.

Spring Break children's programs were extremely popular this year. City North programs included Indoor Rock Climbing Camp (28); X-plore Sportz Camp (18); Tae Kwon Do Camp (9), Sun & Surf Camp (average 35 per day); and, Soccer Camp (16).

Preschool Spring Break Camp ran with **10 full week** registrations and a total of **19 daily** registrations. This was a very successful camp that gives parents from outside the normal program to have an opportunity to sample our Monthly Preschool programs. For the Spring Summer Preschool **2012 season there are 689 registrations.**

Staff attended the NDSS Job Fair on 2012-MAR-08 to promote the LIT/Quest Program and summer job opportunities.

MARKETING

Marketing Campaigns (initiated/completed):

- Booked ¼ page Sign Me Up ad
- Distributed Spring Flyer to School District grades K-7
- Followed up on Activity Guide (AG) distribution with community partners
- Researched Groupon

Communications:

- Facebook: 4,383 followers, .23% increase month to month.
- Twitter: 3,402 followers with 984 tweets (posts we issued)
- Social Media topics: March preschool craft idea, Activity Guide arrival, feedback video, Shiv cooking video, Corporate Strategic Plan, Spring Break Flyer, Master Transportation Plan, Earth Hour, Dog Park feedback, Art Show & Sale
- Draft of VISTC flat sheet
- Issued April/May Parks, Recreation and Culture newsletter

Media:

- News Bulletin monthly feature article - editorial was about Setting Community Planning Priorities, feature programs article was Drop in Lacrosse
- Press releases: Art Show and Sale, City Strategic Plan, City Purchases Water Reservoir, Cultural Awards, Creative Communities Workshop, Online Planning Tool, Strategic Plan workshops, Maffeo Sutton Park Updates, Maffeo Sutton Park washroom, Reuse Rendezvous, Dog Off-Leash Open House
- Media Invites: Community Planning Web Tool, Master Transportation Plan

Graphics Design:

- Converted the AG into a PDF with more interactive links (linking from Table of Contents), iReg, as well as businesses that wanted their URL as an active link within the Activity Guide) and worked with IT to get the turn-page version on the website.
- Created ads for the Bulletin Monthly Feature (Spring Break Camps), Gabriola Sounder (AG Distribution), Sign Me Up (Registration Reminder), 101 Things (Free Things to do this Spring and Summer), as well as classified ads for Summer Employment and Summer Entertainers.
- Created/updated posters for Pathway to Fitness, Spring Drop-in Fitness Classes at Oliver Woods, Children & Adult Nature and Environment Programs, Women's Triathlon Clinic, Friday Teen Dance, Spring and Summer RecSkate Programs, Bike to Work 2012, Wellness Park Challenge, Summer Promo Pass, Par Q Poster, Summer Arena Programs.
- Created a new Facebook image for Youth Nanaimo's Facebook page.
- Created new brochures for VIHA Beginner Fitness Courses, Youth in the Weight Room, 2012 Weight Room Schedules and Programs, Birthday Party Handout, Public Drop-in Schedules (Combo Schedule).
- Updated LEAP, Dog Off-Leash, Corporate Pass and Weddings in Parks brochures and sent both the LEAP and Corporate Pass brochures out for printing.
- Assisted Parks and Open Space Planner on further plan updates and website updates.
- Created new marketing banner for Arenas.
- Staff created a "How-to" for AG production.

Corporate Communications:

- Communication plan with Public Works (Bill Sims) for a new reservoir that the City will be building off Vanderneuk Road.
- Assisted Human Resources and City Council on the creation of a gatefold ad and other ads communicating the "Corporate Strategic Plan".
- Assisted Engineering with Transportation Master Plan Communications
- The PRC Marketing and Communication team (three staff) averaged 12 - 15 hours per week in April on Corporate Communications activities. Busy month.

Sport/Event Tourism

- 2011 Sport Achievement Awards wrapped up – staff will participate in the 2012 awards.
- Transferred Events Kit to the DNBIA to implement.
- Sport Tourism event assistance to BCSSA Swimming Championships, Western Canadian Hockey Championship, Wakeboard Provincial Competition.
- Completed up-date to Travel Grant Criteria, processed three applications.
- Continuing with Vancouver Island Sport Tourism Council (VISTC) preparations for CSTA conference. Eight committee members will be attending the congress and representing

the mid-island region. One National Sport Organization will tour Vancouver Island for two days pre-conference.

- Met with several special event organizing groups to discuss spring/summer events.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Healthamongus:** 2012-APR-16 to 2012-APR-19 at NIC. Registration information was sent to schools after Spring Break and had an immediate and swift response confirming that this event will definitely run as scheduled. Staff hiring and training is underway and event details are being finalized.
- **Grade 5 Active Pass:** There have been 538 Grade 5 Active Passes and 337 Grade 6 Stay Active Passes issued. These passes have attributed to just over 5000 entries this school year. Passes per school range from 0-19 with the top schools being Rock City, Mountain View, McGirr, Hammond Bay and Cilaire.
- **Student Art Exhibit:** The 2012-MAR-07 Student Art Show held at Beban Park was a great success with approximately 300 in attendance. A variety of workshops were enjoyed by all.
- **Family Day 2013:** Coordinators had a productive planning workshop to start development on a new family oriented special event in coordination with the Family Day statutory holiday scheduled for February 2013.
- **Coffee with the Coordinators:** Coordinators are planning to host a session in the Social Centre Lobby during the 2012-APR-14 "Mothers Unite" Garage Sale event.
- **Skim Board Festival:** Staff has been working on this free event to be held at Departure Bay on Saturday, 2012-JUL-07, from 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. The event will be an open jam format with some best trick contests.
- **Christmas Craft Market:** Friday, 2012-NOV-16 to 2012-NOV-18. Vendor Packages have been mailed out with an application return deadline of the end of April.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Arena:

- The Nanaimo Ice Centre (NIC) and the Beban Park Arenas hosted a number of events and tournaments including: The Nanaimo Casual Hockey League Year End Tournament; Adult Hockey Tournament; Atom Development Hockey Tournament; and, Glow in the Dark Public Skate.
- Ice came out of NIC 2 on 2012-MAR-25 and on NIC 1 2012-APR-01.
- Nanaimo Clippers did not make the playoffs, final league game was 2012-MAR-09.
- Nurses 4 Kids hosted Montreal Canadian Alumni hockey game on Sunday, 2012-MAR-18, at the Frank Crane Arena
- Cliff McNabb Arena Renovation, General Contractor Tender, was awarded to Heatherbrae. Construction - timeline on target for start up on 2012-MAY-01.

Fitness Gyms: RFP's for new weight room equipment (one each for strength and cardio equipment) have been drafted and are being reviewed by Purchasing staff.

Youth: Megan Noakes, Youth Co-ordinator, will be the administrator of the YOUTH Nanaimo Facebook. A youth Twitter account will be created as well.

Community Meetings:

- **GNEYP (Greater Nanaimo Early Years Partnership):** This group proposed the concept of PR&C taking on registrations for the entire city-wide Mother Goose program. After meeting with staff, it was decided that this was possible with a \$2 administration fee attached for each registration. The GNEYP decided that the current structure is working and no changes will be made at this time. This will be re-evaluated in the future.

- **HNA (Harewood Neighborhood Association)** – The next meeting is scheduled for 2012-APR-17 at 6:30 p.m.
- **Tillicum Lelum** – Staff attended a meeting on 2012-MAR-27.
- Staff met with Island Timberlands to discuss the use of their property.

Community Events: Significant community events taking place in the Social Centre in March included: West Coast Women's three-day Trade Show; Vancouver Island Symphony fundraiser; two-day Blood Donor Clinic; Mid Island Co-op Green Solutions two-day Trade Show; and, the 12 day Upper Island Music Festival. Centennial Building and Beban Grounds events included: Nanaimo Lions Club Flea Market. Artist Yvonne VanderKooi will be installing a piece of public art in the Beban Social Centre lobby.

March Statistics:

Front Desk:	2012	2011	Difference
<u>Numbers</u>			
Registrations	10,296	9,270	1,026
FITT Passes	278	301	-23
Economy Tickets	11,200	12,042	-842
TOTAL:	21,774	21,613	161
<u>Sales</u>			
Registrations	\$555,229	\$496,296	\$58,933
FITT Passes	57,079	52,781	4,298
Economy Tickets	40,259	42,623	-2,364
Gift Card Sales	3,320	1,736	1,584
	\$655,887	\$593,436	\$62,451

RECEIPTS	
2012	2011
\$831,685	956,633

Arenas:	Hours of Use		Attendance	
	Current Month	Last Year	Current Month	Last Year
Public Admissions:	176.25	183	3,877	4,443
Lessons: Department programs and Schools:	180	165.25	3,748	3,138
League Rentals:	551.25	491	25,172	18,327
Other/Casual:	277.25	306	9,935	10,967
TOTAL:	1,184.75	1,145.25	42,732	36,875
<u>Hours:</u>	<u>Attendance:</u>			
FCA – 282.25	FCA – 12,713			
NIC 1 – 306.00	NIC 1 – 10,980			
NIC 2 – 293.00	NIC 2 – 10,611			
CMM – 303.50	CMM – 8,428			
Total – 1184.75	Total – 42,732			

Nanaimo Harbour City Seniors:

NHCS Memberships sold 157

Total NHCS Memberships 1,499 sold from Jan 1-Dec 31, 2011

Total NHCS Memberships 1,518 sold from Jan 1-Dec 31, 2010

Total NHCS Memberships 1,472 sold from Jan 1-Dec 31, 2009

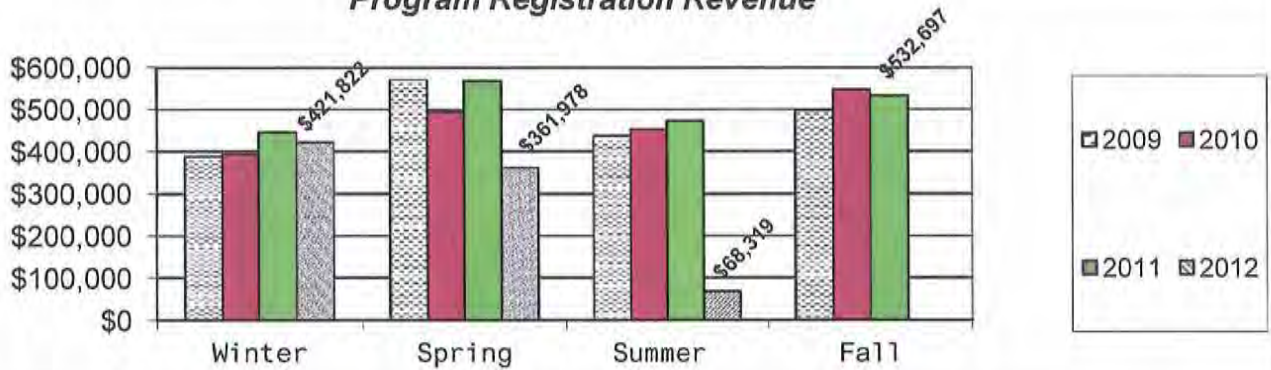
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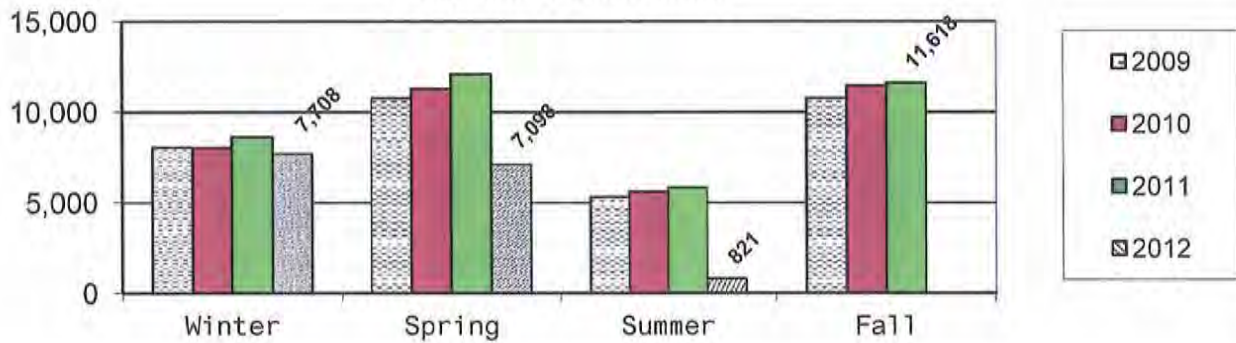
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2009 to 2012 Recreation and Culture Programs Registrations and Revenues

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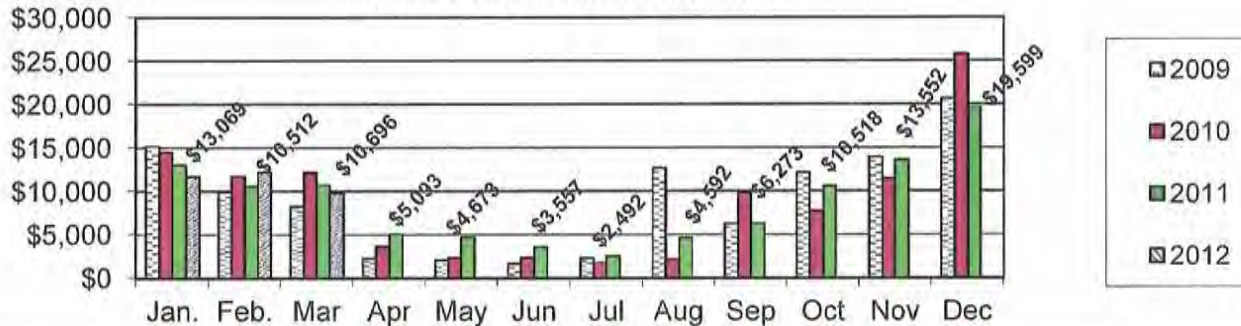
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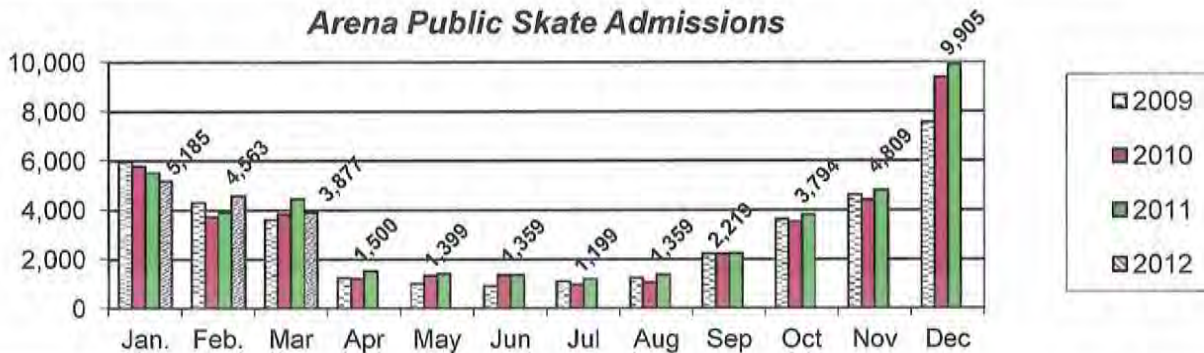
Summary of Recreation And Culture Services - March 2012

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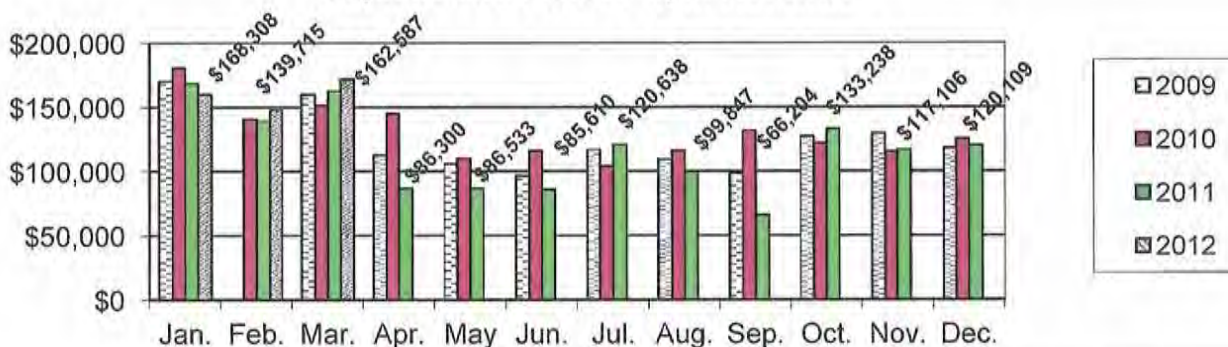
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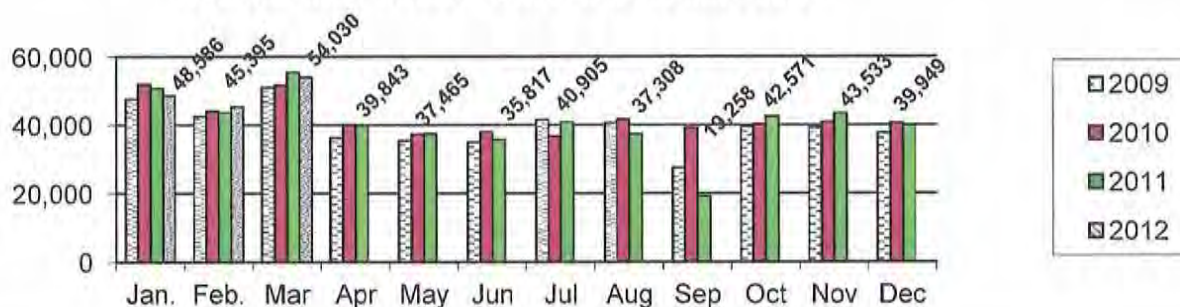
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Aquatic and Fitness Gym Revenue



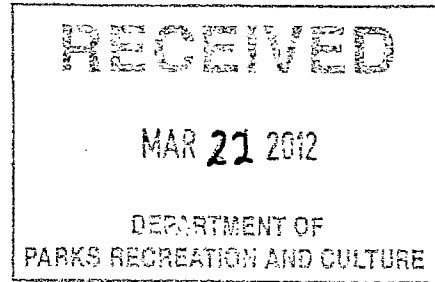
Aquatic and Fitness Gym Public Admissions



From: Trevor and Sandra EVELYN,
3470 Stephenson Point Rd.,
Nanaimo, B.C. V9T 1K2

To: Nanaimo Parks, Recreation and Culture,
VIP Commission,
500 Bowen Rd., Nanaimo, B.C. V9R 1Z7

Date: March 20, 2012



Dear Commission Members,

Re: Request for VIP Grant – Planta Park Playground

As taxpaying property owners in the City of Nanaimo and more specifically in the Stephenson Point area bordering Planta Park, we would like to voice our reservations concerning the early childhood playground proposed for the western section of Planta Park. This plan has only come to our attention in early March despite the fact that the proposal has apparently been “in the works” for quite some time and now appears ready for submission for funding. As no opportunity was given to all the residents of this neighbourhood for their views on the proposal we would take this opportunity to raise our concerns.

1 Need for the Proposed Playground?

- a) Already in the area is McKinnon Park which already has in place some playground equipment (swings and slides) designed for very young children. Sufficient space is there for additional equipment.
- b) As noted in the proposal this playground is only 1900 feet away from the proposed new, to be developed site at Planta Park so accessibility should not present a hardship to local parents wishing to use such a facility.
- c) A large area in the Stephenson Point area is currently in the development planning stage. This area when developed will include a large portion of green space and playground area. This area will doubtless require the inclusion of a playground as multiple family housing is included in the development. Therefore the need for three such playgrounds in the Stephenson Point area seems a bit of an overkill.
- d) Current housing in the Stephenson Point area is of a single family dwelling nature where adequate yard space for little children to play exists.

2 Suitability of Proposed Playground Site

- a) Site is adjacent to a heavily wooded area. Has the RCMP been approached re their concerns and input about the advisability of locating playgrounds in such an area? It is well documented that such areas do encourage “unpleasant” activities. (Planta Park is known to have experienced these in the past). Another factor to be included here is the likelihood that such a secluded site would be subject to misuse by after hour partygoers. In contrast, McKinnon Park which is bordered on three sides with private dwellings would be less likely to encourage such activity.
- b) Traffic concerns are two-fold and both put young children at risk. 1) The proposed site is accessed by a wide, long and straight stretch of paved road that encourages speeding. In contrast, at the McKinnon site traffic slows as it approaches the nearby Hammond Bay intersection. 2) Parking at both sites is limited to street parking. However, at the proposed Planta Park site there is a further hazard because of its location directly behind residents’ mail boxes. Not only is the limited street parking used by local residents on a daily basis picking up their mail but, with the proposed playground, it would also be used by the playground attendees.

3 Financial Considerations

- a) While initial costs of this new playground would appear under the proposal to be covered by a VIP grant and private fund raising attempts (with the latter, there is no guarantee that the collection goals will be met), the long-term costs of upkeep will almost certainly fall on the already burdened taxpayer. Maintenance for 2 such playgrounds within 1900 feet of each other does not seem reasonable.
- b) VIP grants would be better applied in areas where no playgrounds currently exist.

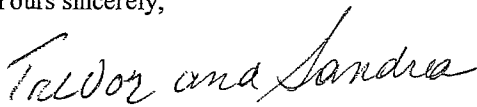
4 Encroachment on Green Space

Current state of the western section of Planta Park is natural woodland despite its zoning for playground development. This current wooded state compliments that of the eastern section of the park which is zoned a natural park. Many, many people, residents and non-residents of the area alike, enjoy this natural setting. Children accompanied by their parents frequently enjoy the area. The wildlife, birds and plant life are major attractions. Why encroach on rapidly disappearing green space when it is not necessary to do so?

Finally, we find the current proposal misleading in a number of areas. First, it should be noted that McKinnon Park is not "geared towards older children". Second, the statement that McKinnon Park "is not easily accessible for all the families in the Stephenson Point neighbourhood" is incorrect. Thirdly, the initial proposal gives the impression that all residents of Stephenson Point area were informed of meetings and in favour of the proposal. This is not the case. Not only were residents of the entire area not notified but more importantly many residents immediately adjacent to the planned playground area were not informed until early March when the proposal draft was in the final stages. The statement that "residents bordering Planta Park and the immediate vicinity were invited to attend" is simply not the case.

We respectfully request that you take our comments into consideration when deciding whether or not to make a VIP grant for this project.

Yours sincerely,



Trevor and Sandra EVELYN

cc: Kirsty MacDonald
cc: Diana Johnstone

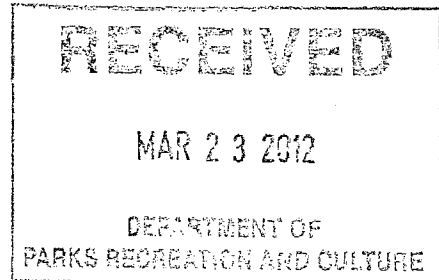
Tidesmen Barbershop Chorus

5779 Garnet Place
Nanaimo, BC V9T 6S1

March 22, 2012

City of Nanaimo
Parks, Recreation and Culture
500 Bowen Road, Nanaimo, BC V9R 1Z7

Attention: - Ms. Diana Johnstone, Chair
File: A2-4/A3-35-1



Dear Ms Johnstone

On behalf of all Tidesmen, I would like to thank you and your Committee for the \$1600.00 Operating Grant that we have received. This is very important to our continued well being.

The Tidesmen is now boasting a +70 membership – probably the largest male chorus on the Island. On March 31 we will again compete in Abbotsford at the Abbey Centre. These annual competitions are important to our vocal improvement as well as gaining increased respect among our peers within the Barbershop Harmony Society.

For your information we have bid on hosting next year's competition and have recently been told that our bid is successful. This will be the first time that this competition will be held on the Island. It will take place at the Port Theatre on April 12-14. We hope that the City will be in a position to support us in this expensive venture. More on this later in the Fall.

Again thanks.

Bob Bevis,
Past President,
Tidesmen Barbershop Chorus



Vancouver Island's Children's Book Festival
May 5th, 2012

March 27, 2012

Diana Johnstone
Chair: Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission
City of Nanaimo
500 Bowen Rd.
Nanaimo, BC V9R 1Z7

Dear Ms. Johnstone:

On behalf of the Children's Book Festival Committee I would like to thank the City of Nanaimo Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission for their very generous donation.

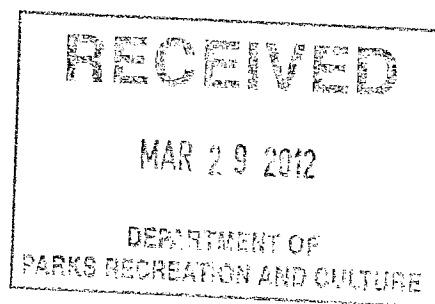
Without the support of groups such as yours we would not be able to continue this event in Nanaimo. It's amazing that it is now in its 26th year through the dedicated work of many volunteers.

Thank you for helping us to continue to bring the excitement and magic of children's literature to young children.

I am enclosing a copy of our information flyer for this year's event as well as a free voucher for tickets if a member would like to attend. We ask all adults to bring a child as it really is a child-centered day.

Sincerely,

Barbara Kerfoot
250-751-1515
dhooper@island.net
2945 Haliday Crescent
Nanaimo V9T 1B2
BookFest Fundraising Volunteer
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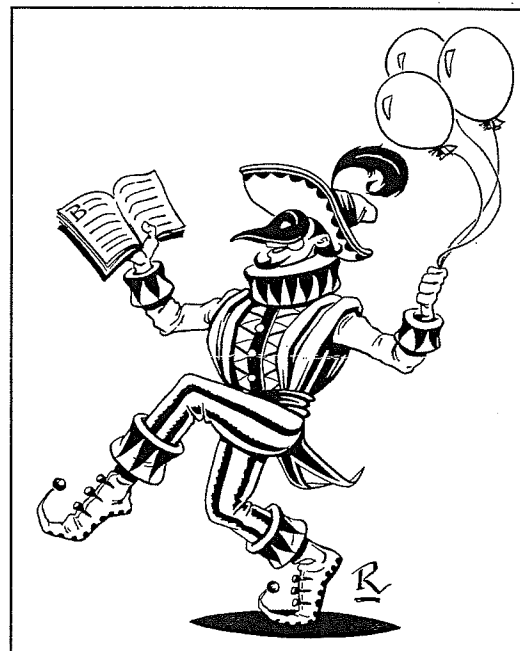
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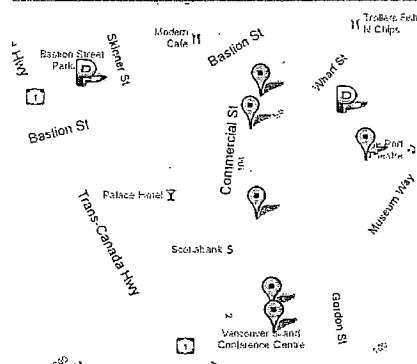
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Author Illustrator Presenters for 2012

BookFest Community Partners

Werner Zimmerman Ages 5+

From idea to finished art, Werner will share the stories behind many of his books. Watch as he brings his books to life with props, art work, music and perhaps even a pot or two! As for fun, be prepared for lots of it! Come hear Werner's high energy, action-packed presentation - you might even find yourself becoming part of the story!

Michael Kusugak Ages 5+

In Inuit culture, storytellers learn their craft by listening to tales told to them as children. Michael was introduced to these stories by his grandmother as they traveled by dog team, living in igloos and sod huts at the Arctic Circle. Michael weaves these ancient and compelling stories with anecdotes from his own life, and his storytelling is sure to transport you to another world.

Andrea Beck – Ages 5+

As a child it was easy for Andrea to imagine that her stuffed animals, Monkey and Pinky, were alive. Every time Monkey had an accident she would rush him to the hospital to be patched up. Her first Elliot Moose story, "Elliot's Emergency", was inspired by this pretend play. Andrea now has written over a dozen books and she remains a kid at heart - it's much more fun than growing up!

Julie Flett Ages 7+

Julie is a Vancouver-based Metis artist and illustrator who incorporates photography, drawing, and painting into her books. Her book, 'Owls See Clearly at Night' won the Christie Harris Illustrated Children's Literature Prize in 2011. Julie's mixed ancestry plays a large role in her work. Each project is a place for her to explore her roots, talk with elders, and make connections with her community.

Joan Betty Stuchner Ages 7+

Joan speaks to the dreams of childhood – dreams that mean though poor you can become a star, though clumsy you can become a dancer, without music lessons you can play a fiddle! She challenges her readers to believe in the impossible, to have courage because it seems in Canada anything is possible. Joan also takes this theme into her playful book titled 'Can Hens Give Milk?' Gittel, the hen from Chelm, will share her secret with us!

Mike Deas Ages 9+

Mike Deas will share with us how he created his most recent work 'Dalen and Gole: Scandal in Port Angus' as well as the Graphic Guide Adventure series written by Liam O'Donnell. He will take us through the production of his work - from thumbnails to publication. Mike will provide drawing advice, tips on story development and hands on artistic demonstrations. His interactive presentation inspires literature through the Graphic Novel medium to even the most reluctant of readers.

Martin Springett Ages 9+

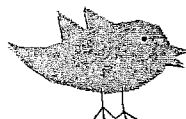
Martin lives in Ontario, but has recently published a true story set right here on Vancouver Island! Come hear all about Kate & Pippin, the true story of a Great Dane who adopted an orphaned Comox Valley fawn. As an added bonus, Martin will share 'Breakfast on a Dragon's Tale' with you, a book which features thirteen imaginary book titles and covers – you get to write the endings!

Paul Yee Ages 10+

Join Paul as he brings you original stories of Chinese people working in British Columbia's rich history. His characters dig for precious ores, build roads, and reap the bounty of the land. You'll hear ghost stories and first hand details of railway work in the Fraser Canyon. Some of the stories are funny, some are sad – but no matter what, you'll enjoy his stories because they describe what we all share.

Julie Lawson Ages 10 +

Warning: There Will Be Bodies! Join Julie Lawson as she explores what happened after the Titanic went down. What mystery links a demanding ghost, a sailor from the past, and a 13-year-old boy from the present? Enjoy the intrigue in Julie Lawson's presentation of 'Ghosts of the Titanic' — a ghostly twist on a well-known tale. Bone up for a Titanic trivia quiz! Safe passage guaranteed! Lifesavers for all!



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- SD 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith)
- SD 69 (Qualicum/Parksville)
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29TH March 2012

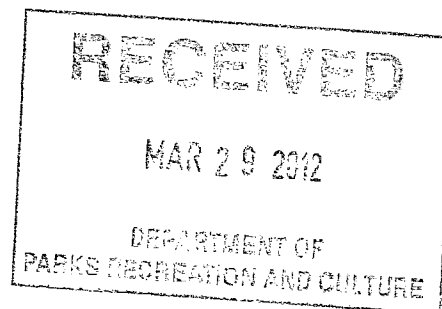
Dear Diana:

Re: 2012 Cultural Operating Grant

On behalf of A Cappella Plus I'd like to thank you and your committee for the most generous grant of \$1,400.00. At our April executive meeting we will discuss how best to put this money to use so as to support the aims of the Commission.

Yours truly,

James A. Duthie
Treasurer, A Cappella Plus





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Diana Johnstone, Chair
Parks, Recreation & Culture Commission
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29th March 2012

Re: Nanaimo Sings! Grant

Dear Diana:

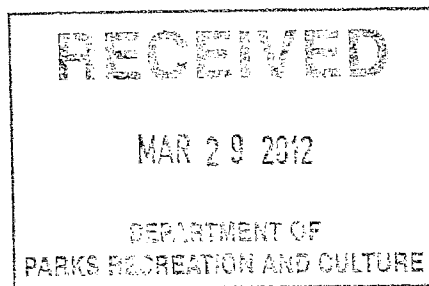
On behalf of Nanaimo Sings! I'd like to thank you and your committee for the grant of \$1,110.00 This will be valuable seed money for Chorfest 2013.

I note that you will require a final report and financial statement after the event is over. This will of course be May or June of 2013, so it will be a while in coming, but we will send it in in due course.

Many thanks.

Yours truly,

James A. Duthie
Co-Chair, Nanaimo Sings!



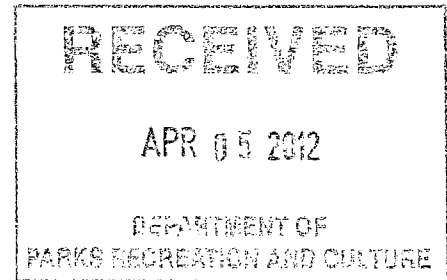


Malaspina Choir

Garry Froese, Artistic Director

March 2, 2012

Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission
City of Nanaimo
455 Wallace Street
Nanaimo, BC V9R 5J6



Dear Commission Members;

On behalf of the Board of Directors and Members of Malaspina Choir I would like to thank you for your grant to our organization. Your ongoing support is very much appreciated in these economically challenging times.

I think you would agree that the arts are thriving in Nanaimo, in spite of the challenges. Malaspina Choir is proud to be a long-standing member of the rich artistic community. We look forward, with your support, to continuing to provide at least three outstanding choral performances each season. We are excited to be working with a new Artistic Director this year and I think you will be delighted with the results.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Grant
President



Nanaimo Chamber Orchestra

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PO Box 135, Station A, Nanaimo, BC, V9R 5K4 Fax and Phone: (250) 716-1212

March 30, 2012

Your File No. A2-4 / A3-35-1

CITY OF NANAIMO

500 Bowen Road

Nanaimo, BC V9R 1Z7

Attention: Diana Johnstone, Chair - Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission

Dear Madame:

Re: 2012 Cultural Operating Grant Funding - Nanaimo Chamber Orchestra

On behalf of the Nanaimo Chamber Orchestra ("NCO"), I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous grant in the amount of \$3,000.00. We enclose herewith a charitable receipt for that amount.

With the support that you give us, we can continue to mentor our community's gifted young musicians.

I am enclosing a copy of our programme from our most recent concert which provides some background and information concerning the NCO.

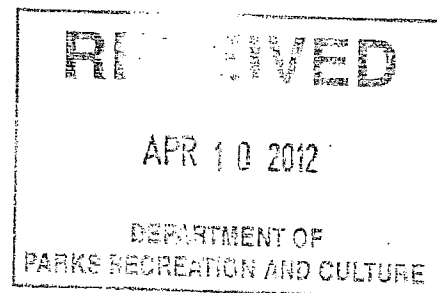
The City of Nanaimo has supported our organization from its onset, and I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission for that, and look forward to your continued support in future years.

Sincerely,

NANAIMO CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

KATHLEEN J. RILEY
(Chair)

Enclosure



Nanaimo Chamber Orchestra

PRESENTS

From

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With

CHAMBER

CONDUCTOR

Karl Rainer

ASSOCIATE CONDUCTOR

Chris Helman

Glazounov Concerto for
Saxophone and Orchestra

March 24th, 2012 - 7:30pm
Brechin United Church - Nanaimo



March 25th, 2012 - 2:30pm
St. Edmund's Church - Parksville

PROGRAMME

Frederick Delius

Two Aquarelles

I Lento, ma non troppo

II Gaily, but not quick

Antonio Vivaldi

Concerto Grosso, Op.3 No. 8

Allegro

Larghetto e spiritoso

Allegro

Karl Rainer First Violin
Leslie Krull Second Violin

Alexandre Glazounov

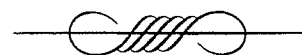
Concerto in E flat major for Alto

Saxophone and String Orchestra, Op.109

Chris Helman Saxophone



INTERMISSION



Johann Sebastian Bach

Brandenburg Concerto

No. 3 in G major, BWV 1048

I Allegro

II Adagio

III Allegro

Ennio Morricone

Gabriel's Oboe from the motion picture

The Mission

Karl Rainer Violin

Bela Bartok

Rumanian Folk Dances

Violin soloists:
Kathy Riley
Blaine Dunaway
Carol de la Haye

I Jocul cu Bata

II Braul

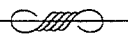
III Pe Loc

IV Buciumeana

V Poarga Romaneasca

VI Maruntel

VII Maruntel



FIRST VIOLIN

Karl Rainer, Musical Director
Fahlon Smith
Kathy Riley
James Mark
Blaine Dunaway
Carol de la Haye
* Arianne Macleod



SECOND VIOLIN

Leslie Krull, Principal
*Jessica d'Oliveira
Fran Tolson
Sonya Parkin
Peter Ho

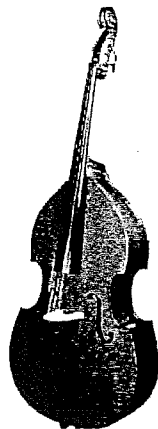


VIOLA

Stephen Pilling, Principal
Ann Smith
Barb Dow
Debora Vitek

CELLO

Diana Fletcher, Principal
Janis Kerr
Bruce Farquharson
*Diana Kim



BASS

Barbara Cleary, Principal
*Neil Baird

*denotes student members

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NCO - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Kathy Riley,	Chair/Director
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Karl Rainer,	Musical Director
Gary Mallinson,	Concert Manager
Diana Fletcher,	Librarian
Leslie Krull,	Personnel Manager/Concert Competition Coordinator
Ann Smith,	Programmes

UPCOMING NCO CONCERTS

June 9,	Brechin United Church, 7:30 p.m.
June 10,	St. Edmunds Anglican Church, Parksville, 7:30 p.m.

BIOGRAPHY

Chris Helman began his music studies in his hometown of Ottawa, playing woodwinds for the active Glebe Collegiate bands under the direction of Stanley H. Clark. He studied saxophone in the Bachelor of Music program at the University of Ottawa and at the University of Alberta. In the fall of 1984 Chris became the first saxophonist invited to the six-month Winter Cycle at the Banff Centre. He has performed as a chamber musician, in the theatre, in jazz ensembles, and in multi-media extravaganzas. In 2000 Chris moved to Vancouver Island with his partner, percussionist Nicole Arendt.

As a duo they present recitals of modern music and have created live soundscapes for dance with Holly Bright and the Crimson Coast Dance Society. With violinist Trish Clair they formed the Tan Trio and performed in the Port Theatre's Random Acts series and presented recitals across the island. Chris just recently joined the Island Consort Chamber Choir and is enjoying the challenges of learning yet another instrument.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars! The NCO is hosting a beer and burger night at the **Old City Station Pub** located in downtown Nanaimo on **May 5th**. Come join us for good food, drink and our silent auction. Tickets will be on sale during the intermission of each of our concerts; or put in your request by email on our website.

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| April 3rd 10:30 am: | Sarah Hagen, piano and Ari Barnes, cello
– Port Theatre |
| April 21st 7:30 pm: | Vancouver Island Symphony, "Carnival of the Animals"
– Port Theatre |
| April 28th 7:30 pm: | Island Consort chamber choir, "... of Water and the Cosmos"
– St. Edmunds, Parksville |
| April 29th 7:30 pm: | Island Consort chamber choir, "... of Water and the Cosmos"
– Brechin United Church |

PROGRAMME NOTES

FREDERICK DELIUS (ENGLAND, 1862-1934)

Delius, an English composer with a unique early 20th-century Impressionist musical language, was the child of a wool merchant who, although he did not approve of music as a profession, allowed his son to study it as a pastime. He often snuck away from school to attend concerts and opera performances but, once finished school, he worked for his father. Eventually, he began supporting himself as a musician. At 24, Delius spent more than a year studying music in Germany; there he met Grieg who convinced the father to allow Delius to compose and, eventually, with his father's support, Delius moved to Paris to do just that. Although, virtually unknown in his native England for most of his life, gradually, after becoming paralyzed and blind, Delius's fame began to spread, thanks to Sir Thomas Beecham who championed his music with its wealth of colour, shadow, and mystery. In 1932, though terribly ill, Delius still wanted to compose and, at his behest, Eric Fenby -- a young Yorkshire musician to whom Delius dictated many fine, late works, and who became Delius's biographer -- arranged two brief, mixed, wordless a cappella part-songs 'To be Sung of a Summer Night on the Water' for string orchestra as Two Aquarelles, "...an infinity of sense and sweetness crowded into the smallest space...".

ANTONIO VIVALDI (ITALY, 1678-1741)

Vivaldi, the creator of hundreds of spirited, extroverted instrumental works, is recognized as the master of the Baroque instrumental concerto. He perfected and popularized it through the use of driving rhythms, fluid melodies, varying textures, bright instrumental and dramatic effects, initiating the shift toward what became the Classical style -- he was Baroque music's arch-progressive. *L'estro armonico* (Harmonic Inspiration), a set of concertos for one or more violins with orchestra, were best sellers (even inspiring transcriptions by Bach). Perhaps the most prolific of all the great European composers, Vivaldi could compose a concerto faster than the individual parts could be copied for the orchestral players! He had his choice of commissions, and of the best performers, also enough business savvy to try to control the publication of his works.

Full of the dash, verve, and catchy themes for which Vivaldi's fast movements are famous, the opening Allegro of the Concerto in A Minor, Op. 3, No. 8 (1711, from *L'estro armonico*) for two violins, strings and basso continuo balances beauty and virtuosic display. In the Larghetto, orchestral statements -- a brief bass line, which becomes a repeated cycle -- 'bookend' the movement, enclosing the soloists' intertwined, glorious melodious 'singing'. In the finale, snippets of the multi-part theme inspire brilliant solo passages from the soloists.

ALEXANDR KONSTANTINOVICH GLAZUNOV (RUSSIA, 1865-1936)

A Romantic Classicist often compared with Brahms, Glazunov was an immensely talented child who finished his first symphony at 16, became a master of counterpoint, absorbing many influences, especially from Liszt and Wagner. Fascinated by their distinctive characteristics, he learned to play many instruments, gaining a deep understanding of each one's nature and technical capabilities. After the 1917 Revolution, feeling increasingly incensed, alienated and isolated by the government's politically-motivated repression of artists, Glazunov finally left the Soviet Union. In 1934, while staying in Paris, Glazunov wrote his Concerto for Alto Sax and Strings which, although it includes some mildly folk-like themes akin to earlier works, is mainly a classical, single-movement rhapsody, essentially lyrical, occasionally melancholy, with a few extroverted scherzo interjections, the strings unobtrusively supporting the solo line. Frequent tempo changes allow the soloist to show off multiple musical skills -- smooth, cantabile playing in the slow sections, tonal control across a wide dynamic range and, in the most intricate passages, nimble fingering and sweeping glissandos. Midway through, the increasingly agitated cadenza dies away into a sigh which transitions into a tarantella dance rhythm giving way to reminiscences of earlier themes, and a bravura conclusion.

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH (GERMANY, 1685-1750)

Dedicated to Margrave Christian Ludwig of Brandenburg, Bach's six orchestral pieces in a variety of styles and influences show how he absorbed new styles, including the Italian concerto grosso, then expanded and improved upon them. Brandenburg Concerto No. 3, reminiscent of the Italian concerto, a genre which fascinated Bach, was written for three violins, three violas, and three cellos, with bass and continuo. The rhythm and melodic clarity may show the influence of Vivaldi, but the harmony and counterpoint are Bach's. A brief Adagio (often played as a short solo cadenza) separates the two main sections. Depending on how one listens to this work, it may seem that there are no soloists, that all the players are soloists, or that the violins, violas, and cellos each occupy their own solo groups. The distinction between concertino (a small group of soloists) and ripieno (the full ensemble) becomes, in this vivacious work, a kaleidoscope of sparkling colours and textures.

ENNIO MORRICONE (ITALY, 1928-)

Unique in film music's history, Italian composer Morricone began composing at six, becoming famous by scoring 'spaghetti' westerns in the early 1960s; although westerns comprise only a tiny part of his output, they created a lasting demand

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ENNIO MORRICONE continued...

for his work. Post-WWII Italy offered few opportunities for a serious composer, so Morricone worked in various jazz bands, as staff composer, arranger, and conductor on Italian radio and TV, and then as an orchestrator and assistant to Italy's leading movie composer. To satisfy continuing international interest, when U.S. production of westerns slowed in the early 1960s, Italian filmmakers filled the gap. Morricone's early memorable melodies emphasized lower orchestral registers, often featuring a bass, dissonant 'growl', and some songs contained dramatic pop western themes with hints of pseudo-operatic passion. His distinctive style emphasizes melody more than beat. Commissioned to write the music for director Sergio Leone's Italian-made westerns, like *The Good, The Bad, and the Ugly*. He scored at least 250 movies, including Roland Joffe's *The Mission* (1986) for which he received an Academy Award nomination, and BAFTA and Golden Globe Awards. The lovely melody, 'Gabriel's Oboe', *The Mission's* main theme, is used prominently when the protagonist, Father Gabriel, starts playing his oboe, hoping to befriend the Guaraní natives with his music.

BÉLA BARTÓK (HUNGARY, 1881-1945)

As composer, performer, educator, and ethnomusicologist, Bartók was one of the 20th century's most influential musical personalities, with one of the most distinctive styles of the first half of the century. In 1901, Bartók embarked on a classic field study in the history of ethnomusicology, travelling throughout Hungary and neighbouring countries, collecting thousands of authentic folk songs. This immersion lasted for decades, the intricacies he discovered, from plangent modality to fiercely aggressive rhythms, strongly influencing his own musical language. Above all, his ingenious rhythms give Bartók's music its edge; inspired by the folk music he loved, he infused his works with asymmetrical, often savage, driving rhythms which supply a vital propulsion to his works. The orchestral version of the Romanian Folk Dances (*Román népi táncok*) for piano are a delectable collection of very short, light pieces. The first of seven dances, 'Stick Dance', is leisurely, lively and somewhat decorous, all at once. Playful and subtle, 'Round (Sash) Dance' is followed by the colourful, mysterious 'In One Spot' whose exotic upper-register melody beguiles the listener with the alluring flavours of Gypsy music. Although light and colourful, the 'Horn Dance' is also wistfully reflective; it is succeeded by the fun of the lively 'Romanian Polka'. The last two dances, both entitled 'Fast Dance, Short and Sweet' are joyously rollicking.

Programme notes by Carol de la Haye

VOLUNTEERS

Contributions of time and talent are key to the success of the NCO. We are always in need of volunteers to assist with a variety of projects and activities. If you are interested in volunteering, please phone us at 250-716-1212. Let us know your interests and strengths.

YOUNG MUSICIAN'S CONCERTO COMPETITION

To encourage promising young musicians in the Mid-Island region, the NCO hosts an annual Concerto Competition. Young players of various instruments apply to audition before a panel, having prepared to perform a full concerto with the orchestra. The applications deadline is in mid-January, auditions are held in February and the winner performs typically in the June concerts. The Competition is generously supported by BMO and cash prizes are awarded to the winner and to the runner up. This season will be our sixth Concerto Competition.

This year congratulations go to our own Jessica d'Oliveira, member of the orchestra and pupil of the principal second violinist, Leslie Krull. She will perform the Haydn Violin Concerto No. 2 in G major with the orchestra at its summer concerts on June 9th and 10th.

STUDENT MENTORING PROGRAMME

NCO provides essential pre-professional training and experience to mid-Vancouver Island youth. We are dedicated to fostering excellence among gifted music students by providing extraordinary training and performance opportunities.

Your financial assistance helps support this crucial cause by providing scholarships, travel bursaries, summer music camps tuition, music and supplies. And, as we are a charitable organization, your donations are tax deductible.

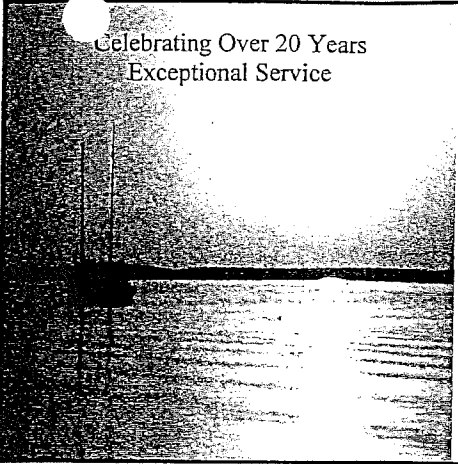
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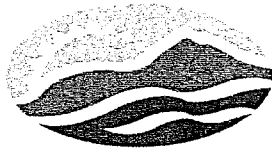
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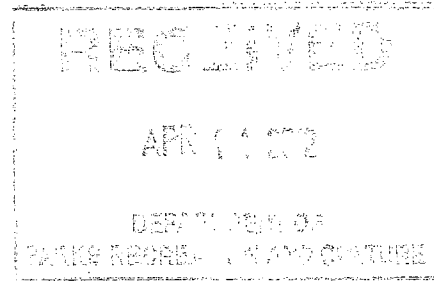


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April 1, 2012

Diana Johnstone, Chair
Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission
500 Bowen Road
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Dear Diana,

It was delightful to see you at the Cultural Awards the other night and it made me think that I must get our final report to you on the Vancouver Island Chamber Music Festival.

Enclosed is a narrative about the event as well as some background material for you to review.

We are so appreciative of the support of the City of Nanaimo! This is a wonderful new event and we hope that it will continue long into the future and become a signature event for our community. The standard of artistic presentation was incredible at the 2012 event, and though we could always have more people attend, the ones who were there were blown away!

If there is any further information you may require please let me know and I would be happy to provide it.

Best regards,

Kathleen Darby
Executive Director
Nanaimo Conservatory of Music
Producer
Vancouver Island Chamber Music Festival

Vancouver Island Chamber Music Festival Report February 24-26, 2012

The 2nd annual Vancouver Island Chamber Music Festival was a smashing success. The event drew more than double the attendance of the prior year and showcased international talent!

Programming

Main stage – Eight main stage events were developed for the event with two groups per showtime taking half of the program each. Highlights were the Kwantlen Trio from Vancouver who performed the *Trio in d minor* by Mendelssohn and were given a standing ovation for their performance. It was a first class afternoon with the Vancouver Clarinet Trio opening with a series of pieces that were very well received as well. Another highlight was Trio Con Brio with two local musicians who have just moved to Cedar from England, and the third, a violinist from Victoria. Trio Con Brio's French horn player, Andrew Clark, is an internationally acclaimed French horn player and played a piece that other local horn players said was the most difficult piece for horn ever written! And it was a most delightful piece, again graced with a standing ovation. We concluded the event with a Sunday afternoon Amateur Showcase featuring Heart's Ease, a local early music ensemble and the Nanaimo Chamber Orchestra directed by Karl Rainer. Overall the event made up for in artistic quality what it lacked in attendance (even though the attendance figures are very good for a community this size and were bigger than the previous year). The attached Festival program gives more detail about the programming.

The venue used was the Nanaimo Centre Stage and although there was some trepidation at the choice of space, in the end it worked beautifully! The only complaint was by the performers who wished for a sound reflector of some kind above the stage so they could hear each other better. We are considering the venue again for next year.

Outreach – Several outreach events were programmed for the event as well. The duo of Cindy Speelman, flute and Patrick Olmsted (from Gabriola), guitar performed for students at Departure Bay School; the Kwantlen Trio from Vancouver performed for residents of Origin at Longwood and the Sonora String Quartet performed at the Vancouver Island University.

Marketing and Publicity

The Festival was marketed with posters, handbills, ads in various newspapers including the Nanaimo News Bulletin and the Gabriola Sounder. A publicist was hired for the Festival and created a number of press releases which resulted in several articles and many listings both on line and print. In addition, a large poster was placed on the venue itself.

We also did several email blasts out to our lists and asked that people pass it on to their contacts. Overall the marketing and publicity for the Festival was very good.

Community Support

We were very pleased with the community support and volunteerism at the Festival. Many businesses supported the event with either advertising or in kind support. For example Tom Lee Music provided the Grand Piano for the event and the Nanaimo News Bulletin provided extra advertising space beyond what they normally would. Even our printer, InPrint Nanaimo kicked in a significant credit towards the cost of our print materials.

Our main funders, the Government of Canada and the City of Nanaimo, along with the biggest sponsor, Tom Lee Music, had logo placement on all materials and their support was announced from the stage at each event.

A number of volunteers stepped up to the plate to help as well about 10 or so people put in about 10-15 hours each. However there is one volunteer who really stands out and that is Pippa Williams who volunteered for many hours as the Music Director for the event. We hope that we will be in position to have a paid position in 2013.

Finance

Revenues

Government of Canada	\$3400
City of Nanaimo	\$1000
Sponsorship	\$ 500
Ad Sales	\$ 350
Ticket Sales	\$1742

In Kind Revenue

Tom Lee Music (Grand Piano)	\$1000
NCM Advertising	\$1000
NCM Admin Support	\$2000
P Williams Décor and wine	\$ 500
Total Revenue	\$11,492

Expenses

Artist Fees	\$5750
Facility Rental	\$ 542
Publicist	\$ 250
Hospitality	\$ 150
Décor and Wine	\$ 500
Printing	\$ 247
Piano Rental	\$1000
Advertising	\$1000
Administration	\$2000
Total Expenses	\$11,439

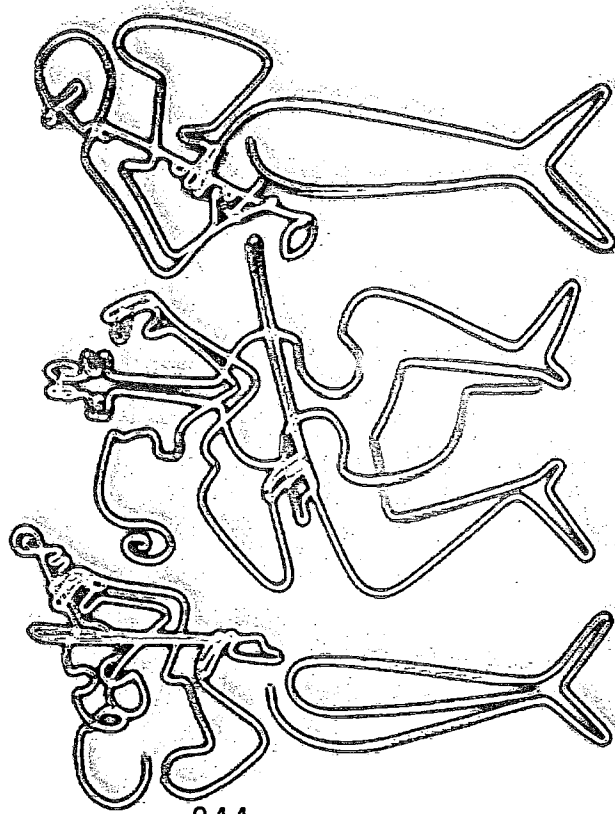
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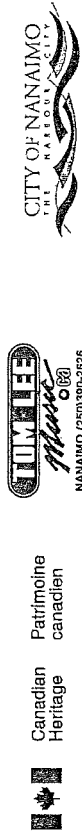
Total attendance	712
<i>Total main stage attendance</i>	<i>542</i>
<i>Total outreach audience</i>	<i>170</i>

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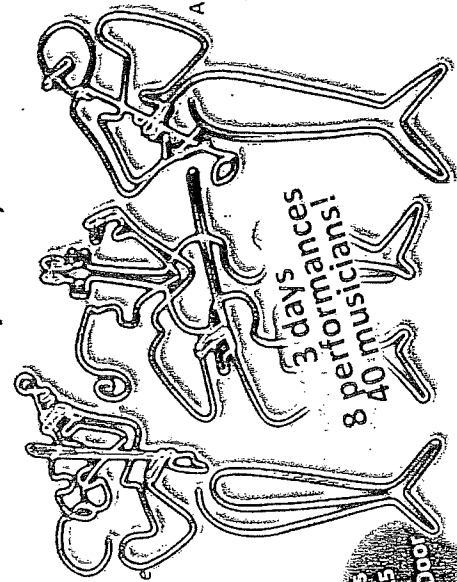
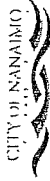
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Brass Works
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Quartet & Susanne
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Saturday
February 25
2:00 PM
Vancouver
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Kwantlen Trio

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Cindy Spielman &
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Trio Con Brio

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February 26
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Heart's Ease
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Vancouver Island Chamber Music Festival Presented by the Nanaimo Conservatory of Music February 24-26, 2012

Vancouver Island Chamber Music Festival Music Director: Pippa Williams Mini Program (subject to change)

Friday, February 24, 2012 @ 7:00 PM

Mount Benson Brass Works

Heather Walker, French horn; Shawn Wright, trombone;
Mark D'Angelo, trumpet - Selections TBA

Sonora String Quartet with Clarinetist Susanne Bullock

Trish Clair, viola; James Mark, violin; Karl Rainer, violin;
Hannah Wilson, cello
Clarinet Quintet in B minor Op. 115 by Brahms

Saturday, February 25, 2012 @ 2:00 PM

Vancouver Clarinet Trio

Kate Froben, Liam Hockley and Shawn Earle
Divertimento No. 3 K. 229 by Mozart; Um Chorinho em
Aldeia by Araujo, arr Silveira; Mororo by Sedicias; Funf
Stucke fur 3 Klarinetten by Takacs

Kwantlen Trio

Paulo Bortolussi, flute; Brian Mix, cello; Jane Hayes, piano
In Memoriam Harry Adaskin by Chatman; The Jet Whistle
by Villa-Lobos; Trio in d minor by Mendelssohn

Saturday, February 25, 2012 @ 7:00 PM

Flute and Guitar Duo

Cindy Spielman, flute and Patrick Olmsted, guitar
Selections by Chopin, Bach, Fauré, Handel and more!

Trio Con Brio

Andrew Clark, French horn; Christl Myers, violin; Katrina
Russell, bassoon
Divertimento A Tre by Haydn; Trio in F Major Op. 24 by
Danzl; Concerto in F Major by Telemann

Sunday, February 26, 2012 @ 2:00 PM

Amateur Showcase!

Heart's Ease, early music ensemble

Selections by Holborne, Gibbons, Fauré, Schein and more!

Nanaimo Chamber Orchestra

Selections by Grieg, Holberg, Handel, Sibelius and more!

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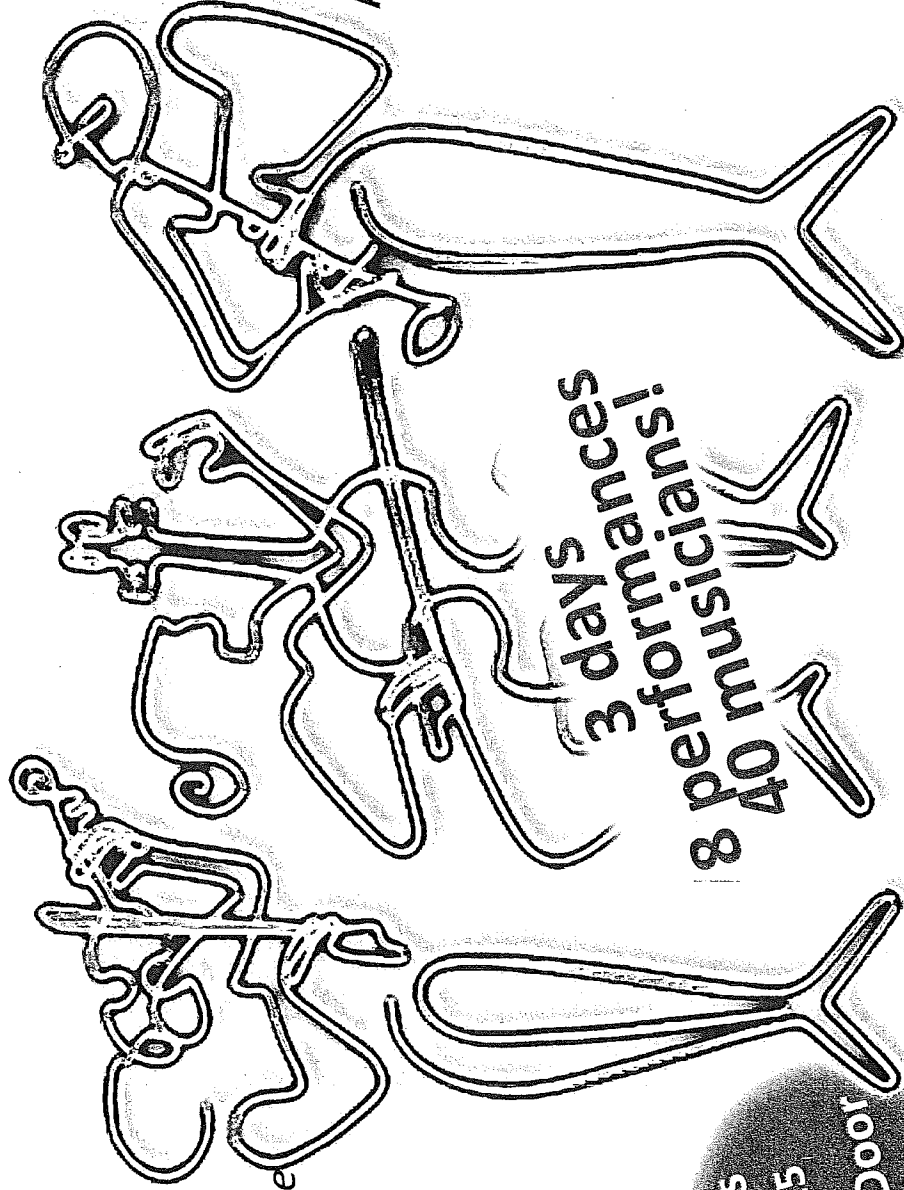
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A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM at Malaspina Theatre March 1-3, 8-10 at 2 p.m.; March 4 at 2 p.m. and March 6 at 4 p.m. Tickets \$12; \$10/students.

THE SOUND OF MUSIC at the Port Theatre March 3, 7:30 p.m., and March 4, 2 p.m. Tickets \$30; \$27/members; \$25/students.

EVENTS

FULL MOON PARTY at

the Queen's Tuesday (Feb. 21) benefits Nanaimo Search and Rescue and VIU Anthropology Scholarship Fund. Tickets \$10 at the Queen's or Houng Lan restaurant. Call 250-754-6751.

THRILLING TALES story time for adults at Harbourfront library Sunday (Feb. 26), 1-2 p.m.

WORDSTORM poetry and prose reading, with Karen Enns, Eve Joseph and Patrick Friesen, and open mike competition, Monday (Feb. 27) at Diners Rendezvous. Doors 6:30 p.m. Call 250-468-7313

SCREAM FOR THE VOICELESS animal abuse fundraiser with Jonah Hicks, The Perfect Trend, Chasing Satellites and Fairweather Father at the Queen's Feb. 29.

Doors 8 p.m. Tickets \$8. Call 250-6751.

EDWIN BOYD Fringe Flick at Avalon Cinema March 4 at 1, 4 and 7 p.m.; March 5 at 7 p.m. Tickets \$12. Call 250-754-7587.

MUSIC

DIRTY HARRIET plays the Queen's Wednesday (Feb. 22).

OPEN MIKE hosted by Colin Stevenson at Front Street Grill Wednesday (Feb. 22) at 8 p.m.

TURN IT TO 11 and Smells Like Seattle play the Queen's Thursday (Feb. 23).

CHRIS ANDRÉS and Jim Turner play acoustic night at the Cambie Thursday (Feb. 23).

CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL hosted by Nanaimo Conservatory of Music at Nanaimo Centre Stage Friday to Sunday (Feb. 24-26). Passes \$30; \$25/

students. Call 250-754-4611.

ROYCE DA 5'9" from duo Bad Meets Evil plays the Queen's Friday (Feb. 24) at 8 p.m., followed by Baby Jane. Tickets \$20-25. Call 250-754-6751.

ZELA'S HYPE and Party on High Street play the Cambie Friday (Feb. 24).

GARY FJELLGAARD and Friends perform benefit concert for St. Andrew's United Church Friday (Feb. 24) at 7 p.m. Tickets \$20 at West Coast Classic Floral, Lobe-Lia's Lair, Fascinating Rhythm and Tom Lee Music. Call 250-753-1924.

DOUG THIRING and Marty Howe play Acme Food Co. Friday (Feb. 24).

BIG BANG BABY plays Harewood Arms Pub Saturday (Feb. 25).

BABY JANE plays the Queen's Saturday (Feb. 25).

FUNK VIGILANTE with Eye of Odin, The Body Politic and more play all-ages show at Headliners Saturday (Feb. 25) at 6 p.m. Tickets \$15 at the door.

STILTSKINS The Drunken Idiots and S.L.A.G.S. play the Cambie Saturday (Feb. 25).

MARTY SHEPARD plays Acme Food Co. Saturday (Feb. 25).

LITERARY LUMINARIES



with nine local authors at Nanaimo Museum Saturday (Feb. 25), 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Admission by donation.

CHEYV RAY and **THE FINIS** play the Well Pub Saturday (Feb. 25).

JAY AND THE AMERICANS play the Port Theatre Sunday (Feb. 26) at 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$45; \$41/members. Call 250-754-8550.

STEVE PALMER performs The Troubadour house concert series Sunday (Feb. 26), 2-4 p.m. Tickets \$15. Call 250-716-3242.

THRIVE with Hart and Soul plays Diner's Rendezvous March 2 at 7 p.m. Tickets \$15 or two for \$25.

RADIO FLYER plays Harewood Arms Pub March 3.

LADYSMITH BLACK MAMBAZO perform at the Port Theatre March 6 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$47. Call 250-754-8550.

COUNTRY LEGENDS with Big River Johnny Cash tribute and Sara Jeanne Hoose as Patsy Cline at the Port Theatre March 8. Call 250-754-8550.

BARNEY BENTALL plays Diners Rendezvous March 8. Tickets \$40; \$45/door. Call 250-740-1133.

THE GOOD LOVELIES and the Human Statues play the Port Theatre March 9, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$36; \$31/members; \$15/students. Call 250-754-8550.

ONGOING

SUNDAY JAM at Patricia Hotel with Nightwatch from 3:30-7:30 p.m. All styles welcome.

OPEN JAM at the Queen's Monday, hosted by Kings Without.

JAZZ JAM at the Diners Rendezvous Tuesdays.

FEMME FATAL plays Tuesday nights at the Queen's.

OPEN MIKE JAM at the Cambie on Wednesday at 9 p.m.

JAM NIGHT at 10th Street Tavern in Southgate Mall second and fourth Friday of the month, 7-11 p.m. Hosted by Tina and the House Groovers.

ART

THE FIGURE SHOW display of figurative drawings by members of life-drawing class at downtown Nanaimo Art Gallery until Feb. 25.

SEA AND SKY by Sharon Stone at downtown

Nanaimo Art Gallery until Feb. 25.

LAWRENCE WALROND photography exhibit at Nanaimo Arts Council Gallery in Nanaimo North Town Centre in February.

ALPACA KNITWEAR by Sylvia Gaunt at Artists' Studio in February.

MIA TREMBLAY and Kelly Gough sculpture and painting display at Artz Stuff, 309 Wesley St., until Feb. 25.

PLAYING WITH FIRE designed clay by Marlies Schottke and fused glass by Hollie Benoit at Art 10 Gallery in February.

ILLUMINATING PEACE Seeking Peace Installation by Amy Lobwan and Denyk Houston at campus Nanaimo Art Gallery until April 14.

DAN APPEL acrylic paintings and Miriam Dov fabric works featured at The Vault Coffee throughout February.

DANCE

UNBOUND by Wen Wei Dance at the Port Theatre Saturday (Feb. 25) at 8 p.m. Tickets \$35; \$31/members; \$15/students. Call 250-754-8550.

BALLROOM DANCE at Bowen Park March 2. Rumba workshop 7:30 p.m.; dance at 8:30 p.m. Call 250-751-1899.

LORD OF THE DANCE at the Port Theatre March 5, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$71. Call 250-754-8550.

ONGOING

SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE SOCIETY at Departure Bay activity centre first and third Saturday of the month. Call 250-756-3174.

Horoscope

YOUR WEEKLY HOROSCOPE
UP TO FEB. 27, 2012

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| <p>ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
The work days will flow along without too many problems, this week, Aries. Enjoy the smooth sailing and use it as an opportunity to catch up on unfinished projects.</p> | <p>LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, kindness and good manners could pay off for you this week. Someone who respects you a great deal will give you an offer you simply cannot pass on.</p> |
| <p>TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, a social event this week could put you in contact with some friends you haven't spoken to in a while. The occasion will be great for your social life.</p> | <p>SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, if you're attached, affection will grow strong this week between you and your partner. Someone special may approach you if you're unattached.</p> |
| <p>GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, working closely with someone might generate some strong feelings between the two of you. It could blossom into romantic attraction if you choose to go that way.</p> | <p>SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, put your knowledge and experience to work in a creative way this week. If you have been thinking about starting a new project, now is the time to begin.</p> |
| <p>CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, love and affection surround you this week. You will also display a strong unity with close friends and family members this week.</p> | <p>CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, your mind will wander, but your body will stay home this week. Enjoy the time to creatively daydream and relax the days away carefree.</p> |
| <p>LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
Feelings of nostalgia catch this week, Leo. Although these feelings are positive, they may catch you off guard. Enjoy the trip down Memory Lane.</p> | <p>AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, now is a very good time to loosen up and stop worrying about the trivial things that have been on your mind. It's much more about the bigger picture, after all.</p> |
| <p>VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, you're getting signals from a special someone this week. This person has their eyes on you, and you will want to reciprocate those positive feelings.</p> | <p>PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, put the breaks on a big spending spree because you have to save for bigger things. Money rules all this week.</p> |

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Nanaimo artists earn Juno honours

DAVID GOGO gets third nod, while Bobs and LoLo receive their second.

BY MELISSA FRYER
THE NEWS BULLETIN

Nanaimo's homegrown blues musician scored a nomination for a national music award for his latest album.

David Gogo is in the running for Best Blues Album of the Year from the Juno Awards for his album *Soul Bender*, part of which was recorded at his home in Nanaimo.

"It's really nice because the business I'm in is very much a 'what have you done for me lately?' business," Gogo said.

The album, which features blues standards, a bluesy version of Michael Jackson's *The Way You Make Me Feel*, plus Gogo's original songs, has been reviewed as one of the music industry veteran's best.

"And we did the recording right here in good ol' Nanaimo," he said.

News of the nomination also meant some quick rescheduling on Gogo's part as he had shows in Crofton and Port Alberni which conflicted with the week of festivities surrounding the Juno Awards.

He'll be at the awards, along with fellow nominees Bill Johnson, from Victoria, Monkey Junk, Harrison Kennedy and Suzie Vinnick, at the gala dinner where the majority of the 38 awards will be given out.

Only a handful of awards are presented on the Juno Awards telecast the following night, which will be hosted by William Shatner.

The last time Gogo was nominated, in 2007 for *Acoustic*, he performed at the gala with Jim Byrnes, who eventually went on to win the award. Ideas are being tossed around as to how this year's nominees can showcase their chops.

"Everyone who's nominated, we're all friends," Gogo said.

Soul Bender is Gogo's third Juno nomination, including a Best New Solo Artist nod in 1995. He said he isn't recording new material right now, but his songwriting bug is starting to bite.



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

David Gogo earned his third Juno Award nomination for his latest album *Soul Bender*. Children's music duo Bobs and LoLo received their second nomination this year.

"We're still riding this one and [the nomination] has rejuvenated it," Gogo said.

The album is available online as well as Fascinating Rhythm and Sound Heritage in downtown Nanaimo, and HMV at Woodgrove Centre.

But Gogo isn't the only Nanaimo musician celebrating a Juno Award nomination this year – Bobs and LoLo scored a nod for Children's Album of

the Year.

For Robyn Hardy and Lorraine Pond, graduates of Dover Bay Secondary School, it's their second nomination, following *Action Packed*, which was nominated for the same award in 2010.

Festivities surrounding the Juno Awards run March 26-April 1. For more information, please visit www.juno-awards.ca.

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Choir celebrates 25th anniversary

A Vancouver-based choir celebrates 25 years exploring the breadth of repertoire written for women's voices with a concert in Nanaimo.

Elektra Women's Choir performs at St. Andrew's United Church Saturday (Feb. 18) at 7 p.m. The first half of the concert features works that showcase the choir's lustrous sound in a wide-ranging selection of works from several eras.

"I wanted to ensure the voices of previous eras were evident in the concert," said artistic director Morna Edmundson. "We have two truly outstanding works from the Baroque (Legrenzi) and Romantic (Rheinberger) periods – pieces that are as fresh and relevant as the day they were first performed."

The second half highlights Canadian composers, with works by MacGillivray, Stephen Chatman, Donald Patriquin, Kate MacColl and Stephen Smith.

Elektra in Concert is a leader in the development of women's choral music and

showcases a choir that is renowned internationally. By turns serene, gripping, beautiful and surprising, Elektra in Concert surrounds the audience with beauty in a program of works full of the radiant sound that captivated

Quickfacts

◆ **ELEKTRA** Vancouver-based women's choir performs Feb. 18, 7 p.m., at St. Andrew's United Church. Tickets \$20 at Quilted Duck, Tom Lee Music and Barton Leier Gallery.

audiences for 25 years.

Elektra has a mandate to inspire and lead in the choral art form through excellence in performance and through the creation, exploration and celebration of women's repertoire. The choir has taken a leadership role in the international classical women's choir movement. The choir is known for its adventurous programming, seeking out music written specifically for women and frequently commissioning new works. Its appearances include performances at the distinguished National Convention of the American Choral Directors Association and Carnegie Hall in New York.

Tickets are \$20 and available at the Quilted Duck, Barton Leier Gallery and Tom Lee Music.

Popularity of chamber music leads to second-annual festival

More than 40 musicians perform over three days during the second annual Chamber Music Festival Feb. 24-26.

The festival began last year as part of the Spirit Festival and due to its popularity is staged again by the Nanaimo Conservatory of Music.

Both professional and amateur musicians perform throughout the weekend at Nanaimo Centre Stage.

On Feb. 24 at 7 p.m.:

◆ Mount Benson Brass Werks with Heather Walker on French horn, Shawn Wright on trombone and Mark D'Angelo on trumpet;

◆ Sonora Quartet with James Mark on violin, Karl Rainer also on violin, Trish Clair on viola, Hannah Wilson on cello and Susanne Bullock on clarinet.

On Feb. 25 at 2 p.m.:

◆ Vancouver Clarinet Trio, with Shawn Earle, Kate Frobeen and Liam Hockley;

◆ Kwantlen Trio.

Also on Feb. 25 at 7 p.m.:

◆ Olmsted-Speelman Duo, with Patrick Olmsted on guitar and Cindy Speelman on flute;

◆ Trio Con Brio, with Andrew Clark

Quickfacts

◆ **CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL** hosted by Nanaimo Conservatory of Music at Nanaimo Centre Stage Feb. 24-26. Passes \$30; \$25/students. Call 250-754-4611.

on French horn, Christi Myers on violin and Katrina Russell on bassoon; Amateur groups performing on Feb. 26 at 2 p.m. include Heart's Ease, an early music ensemble, and Nanaimo

Chamber Orchestra, led by Karl Rainer.

Festival passes are \$30; \$25/students. Individual tickets are \$10 per show.

The Nanaimo Conservatory of Music offers individual and group lessons, ensembles, youth choirs, workshops and master-classes to all ages and skill levels, from beginner to professional.

To purchase tickets, or for more information, please call 250-754-4611 or e-mail ncomusic@island.net.

The conservatory operates out of a renovated building at 375 Selby St., in the Old City Quarter.



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Chamber festival is epic in scope

The Star

Friday, February 24, 2012

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There's something for everyone at this year's Chamber music festival.

The Vancouver Island Chamber Music Festival, epic in scope, features more than 40 musicians playing the music of 36 composers over three days and spans 500 years of music culture. Local community ensembles like Heart's Ease and the much loved Nanaimo Chamber Orchestra join professional musicians who hail from as far away as the United Kingdom.

These musicians come together for eight performances in four mainstage concerts. Three of the professional groups are playing community concerts at Vancouver Island University, Departure Bay School and Origin at Longwood Retirement Residence.

The festival is a varied feast of classical music and styles that spans the ages, from "A Song for Japan" written by Steven Verheist after the devastating earthquake in 2011 to "The Silver Swan" written by early music composer, Orlando Gibbons in the early 1600s.

The Chamber Music Festival runs from Feb. 24 to 26 at Nanaimo Centre Stage -- 25 Victoria Rd.

Festival passes are available through the Nanaimo Conservatory of Music office and are only \$30 for adults and \$25 for students.

Visit the Nanaimo Conservatory of Music at www.ncmusic.ca for scheduling information.

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Vancouver Island Chamber Music Festival

The Vancouver Island Chamber Music Festival is an annual festival of chamber music produced by the Nanaimo Conservatory of Music. Established in 2011 with the assistance of the Nanaimo Arts Council and BC Spirit Festival funding, this festival boasts three days of exciting and varied chamber music, performed by professional musicians, and is under the musical direction of Pippa Williams.

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February 24-26, 2012

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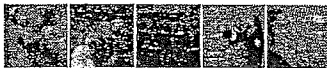
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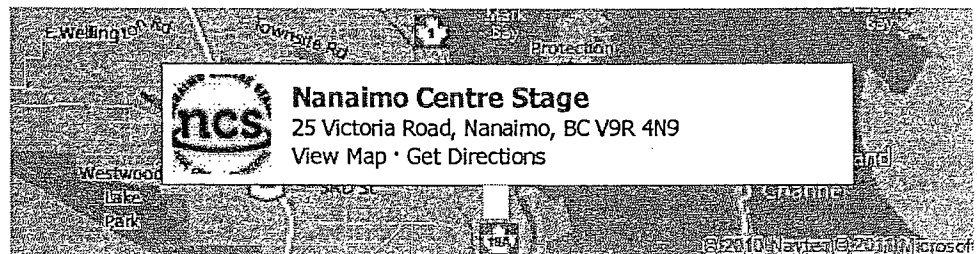
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Vancouver Island Chamber Music Festival

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February 24 at 7:00pm until February 26 at 5:00pm

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Kimberly Plumley

Going to Vancouver Island Chamber Music Festival tonight with Jean Richardson. Think I might try Chopsticks before hand... thanks to Lance Sullivan for letting me know about this new spot for wonton soup.

February 25 at 8:12am



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40 musicians playing music that spans 500 years by 36 composers from Canada and the world.

The festival is a varied feast of classical music and styles that spans the ages, from "A Song for Japan" written by Steven Verheist after the recent devastating earthquake in 2011 to "The Silver Swan" written by early music composer, Orlando Gibbons in the early 1600s.

Local community ensembles like Hear...

See More

February 22 at 7:57am



Nanaimo Conservatory of Music

40 musicians play the work of 36 composers spanning 500 years, the Vancouver Island Chamber Music Festival, this weekend...don't miss it!

February 21 at 10:23am



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<http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL2C70050DC934F8B5&feature=plcp>
Here is a playlist of some of the pieces that are to be performed next weekend. I don't think any of them are in the same arrangement as our ensembles, but it is a nice way to get in the groove for the weekend!



VICMF 2012 - A taste of what's to come!

www.youtube.com

Here are a few videos of pieces that will give us a taste of the selections to be played at the second annual Vancouver Island Chamber Music Festival...just to get you in the mood!

February 20 at 2:15am



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Schedule has been updated...take a look! <http://vancouverislandchambermusic.blogspot.com/p/vicmf-2012-musicians.html>

Vancouver Island Chamber Music Festival: Schedule

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February 11 at 12:18pm



Kathleen Darby Thanks!!

February 14 at 10:25pm



Elisabeth Smith

sounds great!!!

February 11 at 10:14am



Nanaimo Conservatory of Music Hope to see you there!

February 14 at 10:25pm



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Here's the Web site! <http://vancouverislandchambermusic.blogspot.com/>



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Friday, 24 February, 2012

Nanaimo Conservatory of Music



presents **Vancouver Island Chamber Music Festival**
Feb. 24 - 26, 2012
Nanaimo Centre Stage 25 Victoria Road

Don't miss this amazing festival of chamber music. More than 40 musicians, professional and amateur, will perform in 8 concerts over three days. In addition, three of the ensembles will be doing community concerts at a local retirement residence, an elementary school and at the University. This is an expansion of the inaugural festival from last year and is shaping up to be just as exciting and of equally high quality.

The Festival kicks off on Friday evening at 7:00 PM with Mount Benson Brass Werks, a local brass ensemble featuring Heather Walker on French horn, Shawn Wright on trombone and Mark D'Angelo on trumpet.

For complete information about this exciting event visit the **Nanaimo Conservatory of Music** website [HERE](#).



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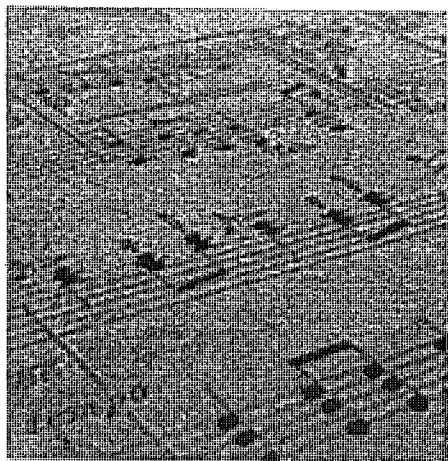
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We want to name drop about who will be performing this year - they are stellar!

Mount Benson Brass Werks

Heather Walker-French horn, Shawn Wright- Trombone, and Mark D'Angelo- trumpet

Sonora Quartet

James Mark, violin; Karl Rainer, violin; Trish Clair, Viola; Hannah Wilson, cello; Susanne Bullock, clarinet

Olmsted-Speelman Duo

Patrick Olmsted, guitar; Cindy Speelman, flute

Trio Con Brio

Andrew Clark, French horn; Christi Myers, violin; Katrina Russell, Bassoon

The Stobbe-Hayes-Bortolussi Trio

Paolo Bortolussi, flute; Jane Hayes, piano; Joel Stobbe, cello

Vancouver Clarinet Trio

Shawn Earle; Kate Frobeen; Liam Hockley

Amateur Groups

Heart's Ease - Early Music Ensemble

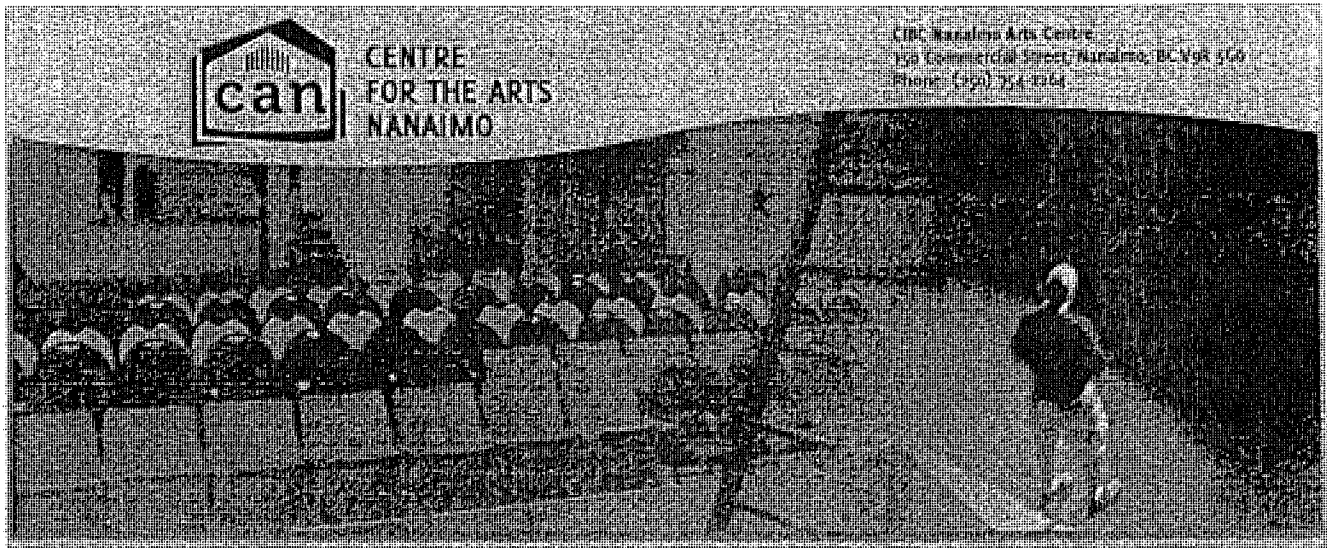
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What's New

Spring Break Events at NCS

16-03-2012

Teens looking for something to do during spring break can find a fun and creative challenge in Schmooze Productions' Talent-ed Teens Spring Break Theatre Intensive.

For those who are looking for an evening out, Western Edge Theatre's production of Dry The Rain is opening on March 23rd and runs until April 1st.

More information on these and other upcoming events is available on our current events calendar. See you at the theatre!

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Campaign for
Vancouver Island Chamber Music Festival

January / February 2012

Final Report

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Project Summary

Vancouver Island Chamber Music Festival 2012

Activities included:

Here is a highlight of activities involved in arranging the media outreach for :

1. Created media list for across the Island and arts related spots across BC for Save-the-Date announcements and press releases
2. First Save-the-Date press release to announce show and get listings in long-lead media
3. reviewed publicity material from past shows, researched performers and acts
4. Made personal invitations to the bloggers and media to come to the show
5. Sent story ideas to media to consider for interviews
6. Individual announcements about upcoming events, shows and performances
7. Week of show sent out a quick update of the show to remind media

Some of the pitches used:

Festival passes will go on sale on January 20th and are available through the Nanaimo Conservatory of Music office. Passes are only \$30 for adults and \$25 for students - this is for ALL shows. Great price for great music! Individual tickets will be available at the door only and all tickets are \$10 per show. Please contact the Nanaimo Conservatory of Music at (250) 754 4611/ncmusic@island.net and connect with Ellen or Kathleen - they will be happy to get the tickets into your hands. Check out all that the Nanaimo Conservatory of Music does at www.ncmusic.ca.

This weekend! The Vancouver Island Chamber Music Festival runs from February 24th to 26th at Nanaimo Centre Stage.

We invite all music lovers to the 2nd annual The Vancouver Island Chamber Music Festival. More than 40 musicians; 8 performances; 3 days and is supported by the City of Nanaimo and the Government of Canada and the Nanaimo Conservatory of Music. Originally part of the Nanaimo Arts Council's Spirit Festival in 2011, it was so popular last year that we knew we had to bring it back to the community again. The Chamber Music Festival runs from February 24th to 26th at Nanaimo Centre Stage (25 Victoria Rd). Below is the schedule for the weekend.

Friday | February 24, 2012 | 7:00 PM

Mount Benson Brass Works

Heather Walker, French horn; Shawn Wright, trombone; Mark D'Angelo, trumpet
Trio in D minor by Bach; Voyage for Brass Trio, Movements 1-7 by Muczynski; A Song for Japan by Verheist; **Trio for Brass** by McDougall; Modal Suite by Fink

Sonora String Quartet with Clarinetist Susanne Bullock

Trish Clair, viola; James Mark, violin; Karl Rainer, violin; Hannah Wilson, cello
with guest clarinetist, Susanne Bullock
Clarinet Quintet in B minor Op. 115 by Brahms

Saturday | February 25, 2012 | 2:00 PM

Vancouver Clarinet Trio

Kate Frobeen, Liam Hockley and Shawn Earle
Divertimento No. 3 K. 229 by Mozart; Um Chornho em Aldeia by Araujo, arr Silveira;
Mororo by Sedicias; Funf Stucke fur 3 Klarinetten by Takacs

Kwantlen Trio

Paulo Bortolussi, flute; Brian Mix, cello; Jane Hayes, piano
In Memoriam Harry Adaskin by Chatman; The Jet Whistle by Villa-Lobos;
Trio in d minor by Mendelsshon

Saturday | February 25, 2012 | 7:00 PM

Flute and Guitar Duo

Cindy Speelman, flute and Patrick Olmsted, guitar
Sinfonia from Solomon by Handel; Duo No. 2 in G Major Op. 105 by Carulli; Cafe 1930
by Piazzolla; Waltz in A Minor by Chopin; Prelude in E Minor by Chopin; Rondeau
Montagnard by Coste; Variations on a Theme by Rossini by Chopin; Pavane by Fauré;
Bordel 1900 by Piazzolla

Trio Con Brio

Andrew Clark, French horn; Christi Myers, violin; Katrina Russell, bassoon
Divertimento A Tre by Haydn; Trio in F Major Op. 24 by Danzi;
Concerto in F Major by Telemann

Sunday | February 26, 2012 | 2:00 PM | Amateur Showcase

Heart's Ease, early music ensemble

Four Spanish Villancicos, Anonymous; Three Quintets by Holborne; The Dark is my
Delight, Anonymous; The Silver Swan by Gibbons; Pie Jesu by Fauré; Virgine Bella by
Dufay; Fantasia #1 by Gibbons; Dances from Terpsichore by Praetorius

Nanaimo Chamber Orchestra

Holberg Suite by Grieg; Capriol Suite by Warlock; Concerto Grosso Op.6 No.6 by
Handel; Concerto for Two Violins in A minor by Vivaldi; Two Pieces from Henry V by
Walton; St. Paul's Suite by Holst; Latvian Folksong Suite by Ramnish

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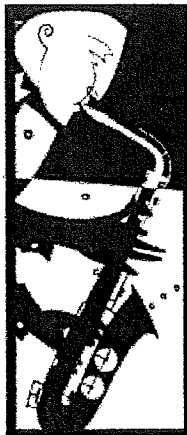
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SUMMARY

Here at Publicity Mavens, we had a blast working on the event... It was wonderful to share information about the 2nd year of the event, the new location and the variety of impressive artists that were part of the Vancouver Island Chamber Music Festival. I think in the future to have some more sounds to share with the media, that would be helpful. It is an education for the media too... they are not sure what Chamber Music is. The intimate setting and performances are stellar and they need to see it to be able to tell a better story. We have to work on getting one or two out to actually experience it. It is a plan – and one we need to go after. Or we take one of the groups to their area to make the education happen on site – a bit of guerilla Chamber Music. Thank you for the opportunity to be involved.



Harbour City **Jazz Society**

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April 4, 2012

City of Nanaimo
Parks, Recreation & Culture
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500 Bowen Road
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Attn: Diana Johnstone, Chair, Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission

Dear Mrs. Johnstone:

RE: 2010 ARTS AND CULTURAL GRANT File: A2-4/A3-35-1

The Harbour City Jazz Society would like to thank you for your generous support.

We were very pleased to have local musician, David Gogo, as our Guest Artist at Jazzfest 2012; the event was a great success again this year.

Please find attached our financial statement for our 2010 event.

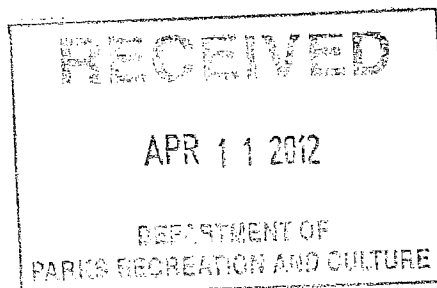
We look forward to your continued support in the future.

Yours truly,

Rick Becker
Director, Harbour City Jazz Society

Attachment

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HARBOUR CITY JAZZ SOCIETY

Statement of Income

Period-Ended 2012

Revenue		
Membership Dues	\$ 22.00	
Ticket Sales	\$ 8,744.00	
Program Advertising Sales (Note 3)	\$ 5,448.00	
Sponsor Revenue (Note 2)	\$ 1,800.00	
Deposit Port Theatre	\$ 350.00	
Reception reimbursement	\$ 438.87	
City of Nanaimo Grant	\$ 860.00	
Interest Earned	\$ 0.06	
	<u>\$ 17,662.93</u>	<u>\$ 17,662.93</u>
Expenses		
Theatre Cost (Note 4)	\$ 5,143.83	
Funds Distribution (Note 8)	\$ 7,500.00	
Photocopying/Printing (Note 6)	\$ 1,083.22	
Island radio & IODE Bursaries	\$ 1,800.00	
Misc. Expense (Note 7)	\$ 491.83	
Legal Expense	\$ 30.02	
Guest Artist Expense (Note 5)	\$ 1,040.00	
	<u>\$ 17,088.90</u>	<u>\$ 17,088.90</u>
Revenue over Expenses	<u>\$ 574.03</u>	
Net Profit	4-Apr-12	\$ 574.03
Outstanding Receivables	\$ -	
Outstanding payables	\$ -	

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING – NANAIMO HARBOUR CITY SENIORS
April 13th, 2012

In Attendance

President Lynda Avis in the Chair, Anne Smith, Gary Brownhill, Miriam Peacock, Bob Davies, Wally Lawrence, Michele Duerksen, Pat Foley.

Regrets: Hale Yardley

Call to Order

President Lynda called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Changes/Additions to the Agenda

- 1) "Strategic Planning – Steering Committee" – added to New Business.
- 2) Celebration of Life for Anne Graves – added to New Business.

Adoption of Agenda

M/S/C That the agenda for the meeting be adopted as amended.

Adoption of Minutes

M/S/C That the minutes of the March 2nd, 2012 meeting be adopted as circulated.

Business Arising from the Minutes

- a) New Members Welcome Tea – event on March 29th was excellent and well-attended. Lynda thanked the Directors for their participation at this event.
- b) VIU Nursing Student – Lynda has received an email from Sophie Minette-Crow advising she is no longer able to attend our Board meetings due to a conflict with exams and her upcoming practicum. The Director of the Nursing Program at VIU has indicated that Sophie (or another Nursing student) will be able to attend our meetings starting next September.
- c) Strategic Planning Session/NHCS Logo – new suggested logo will be in black & white and will be used for letterheads, etc. Michele will make up a template for the new logo.
- d) Seniors Advocate – an in-camera meeting is scheduled for next week at the City of Nanaimo. Details will be available at our next Board of Directors meeting.
- e) Minutes of Board Meetings Posted at Oliver Woods – Michele will look after this.
- f) Table Tennis Demonstration – Wally reported a very successful demonstration, with 30-35 people attending (some as young as 16 years of age!). It was generally felt that some of the other activity groups could consider having a demonstration of their activity in the future.
- g) Carpet Bowling Delegation – Lynda has sent a letter to the Carpet Bowlers.

Correspondence

- a) Card received from The Good Cooking Guys thanking the NHCS for giving them the opportunity to cater the luncheon for the "French Fling".
- b) Card received from President Lynda thanking the Board for the flowers given as a thank-you for her presentation of the History segment during the "French Fling".

Old Business

- a) Status/Hydorider – Lynda explained the problems experienced re moving the Hydorider in/out of the Beban Pool. In view of this difficulty, the Hydorider was moved earlier this month to the Nanaimo Aquatic Centre, where the moving in/out of the pool is much easier and safer. So far it is being very well received.
- b) Status/Crime Forum/New Horizons Grant – Lynda said she has still not heard anything about our request.
- c) Status/Oliver Woods Wellness Park Promotion – posters have been widely circulated re the Wellness Park Challenge and it was felt this will be very helpful to the NHCS.
- d) Status/50/50 Draw – Bob Davies will continue to do this once a month at the special events. Sally Monteith may be able to help out on occasion and Bob will contact her. Our licence expires on May 31st and the Treasurer will renew it before then.

Financial Report

M/C/C **That the Financial Report be accepted as presented.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Program

Miriam reported on a most successful French Fling. The ticket sales were \$1,831; the expenses were \$1,800., leaving us with a balance of \$31.00. Next year's event will be held on Saturday, March 9th, 2013. Miriam will book the Bowen Auditorium/Kitchen for this event immediately.

Publicity

Wally explained that the pictures he sent to David Burns for inclusion on the website cannot be used without receiving express permission of the person(s) involved. Michele said there is a form available for people to sign in future to give this permission

City Seniors Coordinator

- Two new staff members are now in the front office at Bowen Complex.
- Appointments for assistance with income tax are going very well.
- Bus driver Janey is waiting to receive one more licence before she will be able to do out-of-town trips.
- NHCS Volunteer Appreciation Lunch will be held on Mon., May 28th.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) NHCS AGM – Secretary will post a Notice of Meeting three weeks prior to the AGM scheduled for May 16th. The Notice of Meeting for the AGM will also appear on the front page of the NHCS Newsletter.
- b) Board of Directors speaking to NHCS Groups – Anne Smith will be in charge of coordinating the visits of Directors to the various activity groups. To date, Directors have volunteered as follows: Gary (Snooker/Crib); Wally (Table Tennis); Bob (Thursday Night Dance); Miriam (Friday Night Bridge); and Anne (Quilting and Crafty Workers).
- c) Nominating Chair for NHCS Board of Directors is Anne Smith (Past President).
- d) Seniors Forum – put on by the Provincial and Federal Elected Officials for our area was attended by Lynda and Michele. There were about 60 interested parties present. ...cont'd.

NEW BUSINESS (...cont'd.)

- e) City of Nanaimo Strategic Planning Session/Seniors Focus – several of our Board members attended this event. Some items discussed included transportation, affordable housing, environment, etc.
- f) Lynda will sit on the City of Nanaimo Steering Committee focusing on Immigrant Seniors and their Integration into our Community, as a representative of the NHCS.
- g) Celebration of Life for Anne Graves – Directors were advised that this will be held on Tuesday, April 17th, at 1 p.m. at Br. 256 Legion. Anne was an excellent advocate for seniors for many years.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Next Meeting

Friday, May 4th, at 9 a.m.

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