

WEST VAN MATTERS

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2011 Dec 5th Inaugural Mtg NOTES; AGENDA Dec 12th; Calendar to Dec 31st
Swearing-In • Appointments to Boards/Cmtes • Mayor's Inaugural Remarks

..... after Eid, Hanukkah, and Merry Christmas, Kwanzaa, and so on

MAIN ITEMS, Council Mtg on Monday Dec 12th (first one under new management!): Water, Sewer, and Solid Waste Utility Fees; Fees and Charges Bylaw; Zoning re Sec Ste parking; Grants for Youth Competitions and Leadership; **Sp Ccl Mtg 9am Wed Dec 14** and 2012 Schedule; Ccl appointments to boards/cmtes, MetroV, etc; Correspondence (bus shelters, correspondence missing from agenda list).

= **Vive le Canada** (National Day of Remembrance/Action against Violence against Women; Pacts with US; Bravery of Cdns 1941 in HK; Japanese Apology; Levant's rant on Attawapiskat); from the EDITOR'S DESK (Hotel Bethlehem :-); UPDATES & INFO (Wetmore/Westerleigh; ongoing Christmas things)

= **CALENDAR to Dec 31st**; CULTUREWATCH (Theatre; Art; Music; Ballet; Photography, Maritime Museum -- Squamish canoe)

= **Inaugural Ccl Mtg NOTES Dec 5th**: Swearing-In; Apptmts; (New) Mayor's Inaugural Remarks; Reception

= **AGENDA of this COUNCIL'S FIRST MTG Dec 12th**

= ANIMALWATCH (Gay Penguins); INFObit (WV Seniors); FISHWATCH (dolphins; menhaden); TREEWATCH (Int'l Deforestation); FOODWATCH; **Salmagundi (Digital Christmas; Carmina Burana describing Calgary in the cold; HMS Ocean's Christmas Wishes; Driftwood Beer)**; HERITAGEWATCH (HV, VHF Events); **BOOKWATCH**; WORDWATCH (tabby); MAIKU; QUOTATIONS/THOUGHTS/PUNS and Dinner Party with Grandchildren

=== **Vive le CANADA** ===

+ December 6, 2011 -- Prime Minister Stephen Harper today issued the following statement to mark the **National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women**:

"On December 6, 1989, a shocked nation mourned the tragic and untimely loss of 14 innocent and promising young women after Marc Lépine walked into l'École Polytechnique de Montréal and took their lives because of their gender.

"While the senseless events of that day will never fully be understood, we must continue to do our utmost to ensure such a tragedy never occurs again and to protect society's most vulnerable...

"Our Government is making significant investments to end violence against women and girls in communities across the country and will continue to advocate for the fair and unbiased treatment of all citizens. More needs to be done. Every Canadian has a role to play in breaking the cycle of violence and discrimination against women.

"On this tragic anniversary, let us remember and commemorate the lives of all women who have been victims of intolerable acts of gender-based violence, and let us strive to eliminate these heinous and cowardly crimes."

From the [Prime Minister's Web Site \(http://www.pm.gc.ca/\)](http://www.pm.gc.ca/)

+ **Canada and U.S. agree on Joint Action Plans to boost security, trade and travel**

December 7, 2011 -- Washington, D.C. Prime Minister Stephen Harper and U.S. President Barack Obama announced today that Canada and the United States have agreed to implement two action plans designed to speed up legitimate trade and travel, improve security in North America, and align regulatory approaches between the two countries....

The Action Plan on Perimeter Security and Economic Competiveness focuses on four areas of cooperation: addressing threats early; facilitating trade, economic growth and jobs; integrating cross-border law enforcement; and improving critical infrastructure and cyber-security....

The Action Plan on Regulatory Cooperation will help reduce barriers to trade, lower costs for consumers and business, and create economic opportunities on both sides of the border....

Detailed backgrounders on each area of cooperation and what the initiatives will mean are available at www.borderactionplan.gc.ca.

+ **Canada and its role in the 1941 defence of Hong Kong** by Jonathan Manthorpe, Vancouver Sun Dec 9
Pls read this moving and informative account, a milestone in our history, in the building of the feeling of nationality for the country of Canada

Read more: <http://www.vancouversun.com/news/Canada+role+1941+defence+Hong+Kong/5835791/story.html>

+ **re Japanese Apology, see Dec 10** under Calendar; **MP John Weston to speak.**

+ **UNDERSTANDING ATTAWAPISKAT**

December 1 -- Ezra Levant looks at who is directly responsible for the current crisis in Attawapiskat, and those people are not politicians. Levant's rant; another point of view at: <http://www.sunnewsnetwork.ca/video/1305119208001>

=== **from the EDITOR'S DESK** ===

HOTEL BETHLEHEM

Saturday afternoon (Dec 10), found out about this production by Ruby Slippers. With three of Vancouver's top actors (Canada's?), we rushed off to see it at Studio 16.*

Scott Bellis, Bernard Cuffling, and John Murphy were superb. Much funnier than anything on SNL. The wordplay, puns, turns of phrase, and references were rich and constant.

Looking for four virgins on Christmas Eve -- they found them but the fourth (Mary) you have to take on faith.

Je pense donc je suis (was there but in English).

Not just philosophers but Chinese sayings popped up (am I dreaming I'm a butterfly, except it was a sheep). Irreverent remarks on Christianity and Judaism with plenty of slapstick.

A very amusing romp, highly recommended.

* This was the last night at Studio 16. It will be at the Shadbolt Ctr in Burnaby from Dec 14 - 18.

Website: <http://www.rubyslippers.ca/season.htm>

=== UPDATES & INFO ===

Westerleigh Retirement Residence Project Begins, The District and Pacific Arbour Confirm Lease Agreement

November 29: The District of West Vancouver is pleased to confirm that the 125-year lease agreement with Pacific Arbour has been signed resulting in the issuance of the building permit and a \$14.5 million lease payment to the District. These revenues will be invested into the Endowment Fund. In addition, to lease revenues, the District will also receive \$500,000 in investment to improve John Richardson Park and other park improvements as well as a \$20,000 annual payment for park maintenance....

The former Wetmore site will now be known as the Westerleigh Retirement Residence. The project will develop 130 units of high-quality senior accommodations in the heart of West Vancouver and is anticipated to be constructed over the next 24 months....

For more, see the media release: <http://www.westvancouver.ca/Level3.aspx?id=37156>

+++ ONGOING +++

+ Give the Gift of Flexibility with a West Van Gift Card

Purchase a recreation gift card with a minimum balance of \$50 and you'll receive a bonus gift. The gift cards can be used to purchase any pass, course, green fee, meal in the cafeteria at the Seniors' Activity Centre, and so much more—the possibilities are endless! To purchase a card and receive your gift, please visit either the West Vancouver Community Centre at 2121 Marine Drive, or Gleneagles Community Centre at 6565 Marine Drive, and one of our front counter staff will be happy to assist you. Please visit westvancouverrec.ca for more information.

o Operation Red Nose

is a free volunteer driving service during the holiday season. From 9pm to 3am on ... Dec 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, & 31st, volunteers working in teams of three people, will be the designated drivers to escort car owners and their cars home safely. The service is FREE, but donations are welcome. Call 604 619 0942 between 9 pm and 3 am for service on the North Shore or Bowen Island. For other locations, call 1 877 604 6673 (1 877 604 NOSE). Please note that these numbers are only available on the nights that service is available. More information is available about the service on www.nsnorm.org or email northshore@operationrednose.com, or facebook page www.facebook.com/ORNNorthShore. To volunteer as a driver or navigator, volunteer forms and instructions are available at www.nsnorm.org or by emailing volunteer@nsnorm.org

o Need a Christmas Tree?

Howe Sound Lions Club / WV Scouts are selling them from 9am to 8pm daily until December 24th at the entrance to Ambleside Park.

o West Vancouver Emergency Services launch the 2011 Toy and Food Drive

WV Emergency Services have united to brighten the holiday season for families in need. From Nov 15th through Dec 20th, the WV Police Department and the WV Fire Halls will collect new toys and non-perishable food donations for delivery to the Family Services Christmas Bureau of the North Shore. This is the sixth year that WV Firefighters and Police will work together on the Toy and Food Drive. Residents are encouraged to bring new and unwrapped toys and non perishable food items to the WVPD, located at 1330 Marine, or any of the WV Fire Halls, located at:

Fire Hall #1 - 760 16th St Fire Hall #2 - 6272 Marine Dr Fire Hall #3 - 4895 Marine Dr Fire Hall #4 - 965 Cross Creek Rd

o Valet Parking Starting Thursday December 1 at Park Royal

This holiday season, Park Smart at Park Royal with the convenience of Valet Parking. Take the hassle out of parking for the busy month of December and pay just \$8 to our professional valet parking team. Just drop your car off and start your shopping right away. The drop off stations can be found at: Park Royal South: just outside Indigo AND Park Royal North: 2nd level of the undercover parking. The service starts December 1, and proceeds go to the Greater Vancouver Food Bank

o Drop off the kids at Fun4Kidz (PkR) Mon to Thurs after 4pm

Two kids for two hours for \$25 with free juice and a bag of chips for each child.

===== CALENDAR to Dec 31st =====

All mtgs are at M Hall unless indicated otherwise. NOTE: shown are mtgs known at this date; often there are additions, changes, cancellations after WVM goes out. Check the DWV Calendar: <http://www.westvancouver.ca/Calendar.aspx>. Notices/mtgs/changes too late for an issue or too early for the next are sent to subscribers. They appear in the next newsletter.

o LIGHTHOUSE PARK PRESERVATION SOCIETY

http://westvancouver.ca/uploadedFiles/Parks_and_Environment/Stewardship/September%202011%20LPPS%20Newsletter.pdf

o Gingerbread House Decorating with Mrs. Claus

On Sat, Dec 10th and Sat, Dec 17th Mrs. Claus will be coming to host Gingerbread House Decorating at Park Royal South, Centre Court. Stop by between 11am and 2pm, and each child under 12 will receive a gingerbread house, a bag of candy and a delicious

Rogers' Chocolates lollipop. Each seating will be 20 minutes so that all children have a chance to decorate. There are no reservations, all sittings will be first come, first served. There are 300 houses available each day, so arrive early and have fun!

++ ONGOING.....

+ VANCOUVER CHRISTMAS MARKET Nov 24 to Dec 24 at QET Plaza

German-Style outdoor Christmas Village; entertainment, food, drinks, and gifts

+ FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS * DUNDARAVE * Sunday November 27 to Saturday January 7

West Vancouver's luminous celebration of the true spirit of the season, returns for its 18th year. The Dundarave Festival of Lights brings the light and life of Christmas to the heart of our community, lighting up Dundarave Village and Dundarave Beach with a forest of festive trees. The Festival raises money for the North Shore Shelter to feed the hungry and combat homelessness on the North Shore. See www.dundaravefestival.com

+ District of West Van Holiday Happenings ~ December 1 – January 3

From a Santa Skate to a "Great Stuff" gift and art sale to holiday break camps for kids -- it's all here! Check out the District's Holiday Happenings Guide online and discover what's going on in your community. [View the guide online](#) GET#

+ The Peak of Christmas -- 980 9311

Santa will be in his workshop at Grouse Mountain with live entertainment until Dec 24.

+ Santa's Here!

Santa has arrived at Park Royal! Each child who visits Santa receives a delicious cookie, candy cane, and reindeer antlers. While you wait in line, enjoy our holiday movies playing all the way through Santa's home. You can **visit us every day until December 24**, when Santa needs to prepare for his deliveries.

Dec 1 to 23: Mon to Sat ~ 11am – 3pm, 4 – 8pm; Sun 12 – 5pm; Dec 24 from 10am – 4pm**

**line up may close at 3pm so Santa can get started on his deliveries.

Don't forget about our colouring contest too. You can pick up your colouring sheet when you visit Santa or at Guest Services, starting Nov. 26th.

+ PARK ROYAL -- Extended Hours Start December 3rd

We know you're busy, so we're staying open late starting December 3rd. **Monday to Saturday we will be open until 9pm, and Sundays from 11am to 6pm.** Christmas Eve we will be open until 5pm. Come in on Monday and Tuesday evenings for your free limited edition Park Royal cookie cutter. We have three adorable varieties, released weekly throughout December until Christmas. There are limited quantities so be sure to get in early to avoid disappointment. Maximum one cookie cutter per customer, per day.

***** CHRISTMAS CAROL SHIPS *****

Dec 2 – 23 (in WestVan Dec 4 and 18) details: www.carolships.org

=== Saturday December 10

Member of Parliament John Weston hosts Veterans' Affairs * Parliamentary Secretary MP Eve Adams (December 9, 2011 – West Vancouver, BC) – Tomorrow, **Saturday December 10th**, MP Eve Adams, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Veterans Affairs, will join local MP John Weston at the WV Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 60, to mark the apology issued this week by the Government of Japan concerning the treatment by Japan of Canadian prisoners of war during World War II.

"It's a great honour to welcome the Parliamentary Secretary to our Legion," said Joan Thibault, President of Legion Branch 60. "Our members come together regularly to mark the service of our brave men and women in uniform around the world. This visit will be a great early Christmas gift for them."

"This apology was a long time coming," said Ms. Adams. "Our Government stands with veterans of all conflicts in which Canada has been engaged. For the heroic Canadians who stood for freedom in World War II and their families, we welcome this acknowledgement issued by the Japanese Government."

"My father Stanley Weston was known as 'Gunner Stanley Weston', of the Federated Malay States Volunteer Forces," said MP Weston. "He was captured in the Fall of Singapore and spent 3 ½ years as a Japanese prisoner. He worked as a slave labourer in Japan's attempt to build the railway made famous by the movie, *The Bridge over the River Kwai*. He suffered greatly at the hands of the Japanese of his time; I wish he and my late mother could be here to learn of the Japanese Government's announcement."

Our veterans, already distinguished for their selfless service to others, are hosting this Christmas Dinner at the Legion Branch 60 as a Food Bank Fundraiser, in partnership with the Salvation Army. The price of admission for the informal dinner is a donation to the food bank. All are welcome to the Legion at 6:30pm and to enjoy the band that will entertain everyone at 7:30pm. **The Parliamentary Secretary will address the gathering at 7pm.**

=== Sunday December 11

~ 2pm ~ Handel's **MESSIAH** at WV United Church (details in CULTUREWATCH, Music)

~ 1 - 5pm ~ **Open House** at Joy Kogawa House, courtesy of TLC (see details in HERITAGEWATCH)

=== Tuesday December 13

~ 7pm ~ Parks Master Plan WG

=== Wednesday December 14 ~ 9am ~ Special Council Mtg ===

=== Thursday December 15

Lessons in Urban Wayfinding

A lunch and learn featuring Craig Berger, Exhibition Design Program, Fashion Institute of Technology (NYC), and Adrian Bell of Applied_

11:30am to 2:00pm (Lunch is included) -- The Ironworks Studios // 235 Alexander Street, Vancouver
SEGD Mbrs: \$20 // SEGD Non-Mbrs: \$25 // Students: \$10 Limited Seating - [Register Now!](#)

As cities become denser and more complex, there is a growing need for cities to be livable, accessible, efficient, and optimized to reduce carbon. Benchmark projects like "Legible London" have demonstrated how wayfinding design can effectively contribute to these goals through multidisciplinary collaboration and innovative partnerships.

In this lunch hour session, Craig Berger will share his experiences leading successful projects from design to execution using strategies to enable, finance, and deploy large scale public projects. Adrian Bell of Applied will discuss how wayfinding is becoming a strategic issue for cities helping them become more accessible and inclusive to active forms of travel like walking and cycling. As **a transportation planner and engineer**, Adrian brings a unique perspective on establishing and implementing major wayfinding projects in the public sector.

Learn how a holistic approach to identity, brand and wayfinding can contribute to a [city's] competitive edge. Project innovations will include dynamic technologies, landscape, gateways, public art, and placemaking. The lecture will also include **how interior designers, architects, landscape architects, and exhibition designers can also engage in the urban realm**. Don't miss this opportunity to hear first hand from two of the leading practitioners in urban wayfinding design.

Information/Details: <http://www.eventbrite.com/event/1814682765>

== Friday December 16

~ 7 - 8:30pm ~ **Vanishing of the Bees** at the Cmnty Ctr

Join us for a screening of Vanishing of the Bees. This is our fourth in a series of Environmental Documentary Nights at the Community Centre. Once a month, we gather and watch a documentary with varying themes. We hope to see you there!

== Monday December 19

Townhall Event **1:15 - 3pm** with Minister Ed Fast at the WV Recreation Centre Atrium

Minister Ed Fast, Minister of International Trade and Minister for the Asia-Pacific Gateway, and Member of Parliament for Abbotsford, will attend a townhall hosted by MP John Weston with Minister Ed Fast speaking at 1:30pm.

+++ **WV MEMORIAL LIBRARY** +++ <http://www.westvanlibrary.ca>

o ENGLISH CORNER

Come practise English conversation -- develop skills, learn vocabulary, participate in interesting discussions, and make new friends. **Fridays; next is Dec 16 from 10 - 11:30am**. Free, no registration required.

For more info, pls call Nadia Vargha Majzub, 922 5152. English Corner is facilitated by the Bahai Community of WV in partnership with the Library.

o Piano Music in the Main Hall

7 - 7:30pm Wed Dec 14; 11 - 11:30am Tues Dec 20; and 2 - 2:30pm Thurs Dec 22

Join us for festive music on the piano, performed by pianist Jerri Mercer and enjoy a pastry and hot chocolate, compliments of the Information Services Department!

o PHILOSOPHERS' CAFE -- December 16 - Canada's Gift

In this season of giving, if you could give (share) something special that Canada has with the other country that needed it most, what would the gift be and what country would be the recipient? Join Moderator Randall MacKinnon on the third Friday of each month, from September through June for a discussion at a Philosophers' Cafe, part of SFU's Continuing Studies. Cafes are from 10:30am to noon. Admission \$5.

o HOLIDAY HOURS

Tues Dec 27 to Sat 31st from 1 to 5pm

+++ **WV MUSEUM** +++ http://westvancouvermuseum.ca/exhibitions/current_exhibition

John Fulker

IMAGES of ARCHITECTURE November 15 to January 14

John Fulker's compelling architectural photographs first appeared in publications featuring modern design in the early 1960s. In subsequent decades, Fulker became a leading Canadian photographer through his intuitive approach to image-making. In North America, a burgeoning post-war building boom saw a flourishing period of innovative modernist architecture, particularly on the West Coast, and demand for photographers grew alongside it.

In 1958, while studying photojournalism at the New York Institute of Photography, Fulker realized that he could make a living photographing architecture and studied the work of prominent American architectural photographers, Julius Schulman and Ezra Stoller. Fulker's images of iconic homes and buildings designed by Arthur Erickson, Barclay McLeod, Dan White, Clifford Wiens, Douglas Cardinal, and Barry Downs among numerous others promoted innovative Canadian design to local and international audiences.

From the late 1960s until the late 1990s Fulker worked on international assignments photographing contemporary homes and historic buildings from around the world. Today in a time of rapid redevelopment and demolition, Fulker's work is a

lasting record of an important architectural legacy. This is the first exhibition of John Fulker's original photographs in over thirty years.

+++ **FERRY BUILDING GALLERY** +++ <http://ferrybuildinggallery.com> ~ 925 7290

November 18 - December 17 ~ GREAT STUFF ~

Unique Affordable and Giftable Art by 35 local artisans, jewellers, and craft artists Late night shopping Fridays until 8pm.

+++ **SILK PURSE** +++ <http://www.silkpurse.ca/gallery2.html>

December 6 - 18 ~ "Taking the Higher Ground" ~

Former pilot and architect, Steve Rayner, now applies his keen eye for composition and his globe trotting experiences to the art of nature and landscape painting. Working in acrylics, Steve captures the clarity and majesty of the highest mountain top to the calm woodland river.

[NB: Closed December 20 to January 9]

+++ **KAY MEEK CENTRE** +++

Complete list of events: Electronic newsletter: http://kaymeekcentre.com/on_stage/events_calendar

Simplest way to get on email list, call 913 3634 (also for tix) or email tickets@kaymeekcentre.com

THE CASCADIA SOCIETY AND VWS HIGH SCHOOL PRESENT A...

Tuesday, December 13 at 11am, 1:30pm, and 8pm

WVSS CHRISTMAS CONCERT -- 7pm Thurs Dec 15

VSO TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS -- 4pm and 7:30pm Sat Dec 17

+++ **ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH 60, West Vancouver** +++

<http://www.westvan60.com> ~ ofc 922 3587; lounge 922 1920

Where Volunteers make the difference. Chartered November 17th, 1926

The newsletter is available to any non-member who is interested. To sign up, please fill in the form at the bottom of the webpage, <http://www.westvan60.com/newsletter.html> MEMBERSITE [westvan60.com/membersite](http://www.westvan60.com/membersite) For those of you who use Twitter, you can follow us, Tweet us, and keep up to date with our events. Follow us: @westvan60 -- Reid Anderson, Branch Secretary

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

o **FOOD BANK FUNDRAISER AND CHRISTMAS DINNER**

Saturday December 10th, 6:30pm [Update: MP Weston to attend]

The Diehards are playing in the lounge. Admission: NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS

See bar staff when bringing donations into the branch to be entered into a draw.

o **Meat Draws: Saturday Dec 17th Turkeys & Hams AND Friday Dec 23 at 5:30pm**

Followed by Christmas Music with the "JOHN SHIELDS" Band (John Shields, Graham Fidler, and Mike Goodsell)

o **HAPPY NEW YEAR Saturday, December 31st**

With the DIEHARDS 8pm * light snacks & champagne * admission by donation * dress code in effect after 7:30pm

+++ **WV CHAMBER of COMMERCE + 926 6614 + <http://www.westvanchamber.com>**

sold out Christmas Dinner Dec 8!

=== CULTUREWATCH ===

* **CBC in Vancouver!**

Stuart McLean's Vinyl Cafe Christmas tour; guest Hawksley Workman and the Vinyl Cafe Orchestra and Singers.

Orpheum, Wed and Thurs Dec 14th and 15th; www.vinylcafe.com

* **THEATRE IN PROGRESS: Pi Theatre**

Reading of Sean Devine's new play set in a world where war and waste are necessary and authoritarian power is the binding force of society, *Except in the Unlikely Event of War* is scathing satire on the politicization of art and media and the instability of truth. On **December 15th at 8pm** at **CBC Studio 700** (700 Hamilton Street), there will be a workshop of this play in progress by playwright-in-residence Sean Devine. Although admittance to the reading is free of charge, if you would like to reserve your seats ahead of time, please RSVP to Becky at info@pitheatre.com or by calling 872 1861. Include your first and last names, and the number of tickets you require. Seating will also be available at the door.

Except in the Unlikely Event of War

Written by Sean Devine, directed by Richard Wolfe, featuring Todd Thompson | Kathleen Duborg | Vincent Gale After the reading, there will be an opportunity to speak with the artistic team about the work in progress.

+ **ARTS CLUB 687 1644** <http://www.artsclub.com>

~ Granville Island Stage - *Blood Brothers*, 8pm Nov 17 - Dec 31

~ Revue Stage - *The Patron Saint of Stanley Park*, Dec 1 - 24

~ Stanley Industrial Alliance Stage - Irving Berlin's *White Christmas*, the musical, 8pm Dec 2 - 28

- + **Waterfront Theatre 669 3410** -- *Wizard of Oz* to Dec 31
- + **Vancouver Playhouse 873 3311** -- *La Cage aux Folles*, Nov 26 - Dec 24
- + **Jericho Arts Centre 224 8007** -- *Christmas Crackers*, Dec 7 - 23
- + **Metro Theatre 604 266 7191** www.metrotheatre.org
 - Ali Baba*, a holiday pantomime; Dec 17 to Jan 7; check website for schedule (eves and matinees)
- + **The Cultch** (in VanCity Culture Lab) 604 251 1363 thecultch.com
 - *Penny Plain*, created and performed by Ronnie Burkett; Nov 17 to Dec 17
 - *The Christmas Carol Project*: what happens when Dickens's tale becomes a musical Dec 18 - 20
 - *Waiting for Godot*, Blackbird Theatre at Vancouver East Cultural Ctr, Dec 27 to Jan 21
- + **Hendry Hall 983 2633**
 - Aladdin*, Christmas Pantomime Dec 2 - 18 at 7pm plus matinees
- + **Centennial Theatre** ~~ Many! Call 984 4484 or visit www.centennialtheatre.com
- + **Presentation House 604 990 3474** phtheatre.org
 - Old Love* by Norm Foster (Canada's most popular playwright and w/ Jay Brazeau!) {can't wait to see it!}
Dec 1 to 18; 8pm Tu - Sat with a 2pm matinee on Sundays
- + **The Chan Centre at UBC** (Theatre Dept) 822 2678 theatre.ubc.ca -- Check for schedule of events
- + **SFU Woodward 873 3311**
 - Bah! Humbug!*, a staged reading of an eastside adaptation of *A Christmas Carol* starring Jay Brazeau; Dec 14 - 17
- + **Hotel Bethlehem**
 - World Premiere Production by Drew McCreadie*

This holiday season it's time to consider that the history we know may not be the real story. In Ruby Slippers Theatre's *Hotel Bethlehem*, we playfully invite the audience to consider another interpretation of what happened that fateful night. Farce meets satire meets holiday fare in this world premiere.

This raucous new play, produced in association with The Shadbolt Centre for the Arts, will feature 11 of Vancouver's finest performers! As you remember, the incorrigible Drew McCreadie also penned Ruby Slippers Theatre's landmark production of *The Cat Who Ate Her Husband* which went on to be nominated for a record-setting ten Jessie Richardson Theatre Awards including Outstanding Production!

Have you ever wondered why The Inn was full? Who would turn away a VERY pregnant woman? What kind of characters and shenanigans were they up to that this could happen? Surprisingly, no one has asked these questions UNTIL NOW. Award-winning playwright Drew McCreadie takes an inside look at what was going on at the inn that infamous silent night.

From the shepherds who first saw the star, Sam (*Scott Bellis*) and Ezekial (*Alex Diakun*), to the Inn's owner, Joshua (*John Murphy*), confusion abounds when the three Kings -- Melchior (*Dustin Freeland*), Caspar (*Stephen Beaver*) and Balthazar (*Noah Rosenbaum*) -- try to hide their true selves from the Roman soldiers Lewdious (*Byron Noble*) and Hepion (*Sean McQuillan*). Adding to the confusion are the blind census-taker Addius Miopicus (*Bernard Cuffling*) and the Inn's staff, Mary (*Jennifer Mawhinney*), not to be confused with *THE* Mary who is in the stables waiting for Joseph (*Kris Novak*) to give her birthing guidance.

Hotel Bethlehem is directed by Ruby Slippers Theatre's Artistic Director **Diane Brown** with set design by **David Roberts**, sound design by **Jordan Watkins**, lighting design by **Jonathan Ryder**, and costume design by **Drew Facey**. Stage Manager **Allison Spearin** is joined by Apprentice Stage Manager **Stephanie Elgersma**.

December 7 - 10 at Studio 16, 1545 West 7th Ave | Tix: \$15/22 at 629 8849 or www.vancouvertix.com

Dec 14 - 17 @ 8pm, Dec 17 & 18 @ 2pm at The Shadbolt Centre for the Arts, 6450 Deer Lake Avenue

Tix: \$15/27/32 at 604 205-3000 or www.shadboltcentre.com

* ART

- + **VANCOUVER ART GALLERY** http://www.vanartgallery.bc.ca/events_and_programs/calendar_of_events.html

~ **AUDAIN COLLECTION** ~ **Out for Lunch** -- *Eine Kleine Lunch Musik* -- **Select Fridays, 12:10 - 1pm** Concerts are free with Vancouver Art Gallery admission. Programs are subject to change and seating is limited. Presented and co-sponsored by Gene Ramsbottom, Karen Lee-Morlang, Arioso Strings/Ian Hampton, UBC School of Music and the Vancouver Art Gallery

Dec 16 -- Marcus Mosely Chorale "A Gospel Christmas"

[Award for Out for Lunch](#)

In the spring of 2011 the Vancouver Heritage Foundation in conjunction with the City of Vancouver's 125th Anniversary celebrations asked the general public for wide-ranging nominations of a place, person, thing, or event which, to them, made Vancouver a unique and special place to live. The OUT FOR LUNCH Friday noonhour concert series was one of 200 nominations in a city proud of its major tourist attractions. After the close of online voting on April 6, 2011 it emerged that the OUT FOR LUNCH series topped the list of nominations in votes cast, the Vancouver Art Gallery placed second. Representatives from the Vancouver Heritage Foundation will award a commemorative plaque to Mr. Ramsbottom at the outset of the OUT FOR LUNCH concert on Dec. 16th, 2011 at Friday 12:10 noon at the Vancouver Art Gallery.

* MUSIC

+ WV United Church (21st & Esq)

- Pacific Baroque Orchestra's *The Real Italian Baroque Christmas*, 7:30pm Sat Dec 10
- Handel's MESSIAH ~ 2pm ~ Sunday Dec 11 -- Tix \$30/\$25. Call 922 9171

with the Pacific Spirit Choir and Orchestra and outstanding soloists under Conductor, Gerald van Wyck. Enjoy the sounds of over 80 of Vancouver's finest musicians as they give a spirited and polished performance of this Christmas masterwork.

- Chor Leoni Men's Choir [www.chorleoni.org] "Rejoice"; 7:30pm Tues Dec 20

+ WINTER HARP -- North Vancouver -- Wednesday Dec 14 and Thursday Dec 15 ~ 7:30pm

North Shore Credit Union Centre for the Performing Arts at Capilano University (formerly called Capilano University Theatre); \$37 & \$34 www2.capilano.ca/news-events/nscucentre/season/special-events.html

+ City Opera Vancouver www.cityoperavancouver.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/pages/City-Opera-Vancouver/297764267658 Blog: <http://cityoperavancouver.com/blog/>

+ Opera Pro Cantanti 604 340 8545

I Capuleti e I Montecchi, Bellini's rendition of the Romeo and Juliet legend; Cambrian Hall; **Sunday Dec 11**

+ Vancouver Symphony Orchestra -- <http://www.vancouversymphony.ca/> 876 3434

- *A Traditional Christmas*, Christopher Gaze, host; an evening of heart-warming Christmas music and carols Dec 8 - 10 St Andrew's Wesley; then on tour including Centennial Theatre Dec 16, **KMC Dec 17**
- *Sing Along Messiah*, West Point Grey United Church, 2:30pm **Sunday Dec 11**, 872 8789
- *Vivaldi's Four Seasons*, Chan Ctr (UBC): 8pm **Fri Dec 16 Sat Dec 17**; Henning Kragerud, violin/leader
ALSO: Bach's Violin Concerto No. 1 and Corelli's Concerto grosso, **Christmas Concerto**

+ Canadian Music Centre (837 Davie St) ~ Dec 8, 12

Arne Shalen, pianist; romantic, ragtime, and Canadian recitals for Cambodia [www.cambodiaccsg.org], 734 4622

+ EARLY MUSIC VANCOUVER

Celebrate the Christmas season with extraordinary ensembles during our Christmas at the Chan Centre series:

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* **BALLET**

- **The Nutcracker**; Goh Ballet, Ctr for Performing Arts; Dec 15 to 18
- **The Nutcracker**; Alberta Ballet, Queen Elizabeth Theatre, Dec 28 - 31; www.balletbc.com

* **PHOTOGRAPHY**

- + **Stanley Park Historical Photographs [Exhibition]** -- noon to 3pm Sat Dec 17

Stanley Park Ecology Society presents an archival photo exhibit[ion] with local historian, Jolene Cumming. Stanley Park Nature House, Lost Lagoon

- + **Caroun Art Gallery (CAG)** ArtGallery@Caroun.com

For more info, pls check www.Caroun.net. Caroun Photo Club: Meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month, 7 - 9pm at the Silk Purse Arts Ctr. Visitors are welcome. Info: www.carounphotoclub.com.

* **MARITIME MUSEUM -- 604 257 8300 until May 21st**

EXHIBITION: Chatwilh, the Craft and Culture of the Squamish Canoe

A look back at ancient crafts and traditions into the Squamish Nation's uniquely adapted watercraft.

=== INAUGURAL COUNCIL MTG NOTES Monday Dec 5th ===

NEW: MAB = Mary-Ann Booth; CC = Craig Cameron; NG = Nora Gambioli

{NB: Obviously this is 'best efforts' since I type while ppl speak. If unfamiliar with the abbreviations, acronyms, and initialisms, pls refer to www.westvan.org/glossary and if you want to check something or listen to the whole comment/speech/remarks being made, use the timestamp to find that place on the videotape of the ccl mtg (wch is on the DWV website).}

7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. SWEARING IN OF DULY ELECTED AND RE-ELECTED MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Madam Justice J.R. Dillon will swear in duly elected and re-elected Council Members.

Mayor, then [7:02] Booth Cameron Gambioli Lewis Panz Sop

3. SWEARING IN OF MAYOR AS CHAIR OF THE WEST VANCOUVER POLICE BOARD

The Honourable Madam Justice J.R. Dillon will swear in Mayor Smith as the Chair of the West Vancouver Police Board.

[7:13]

Dennis Joseph of the Squamish Nation gave the blessing; words of greeting; done two mayors in one day, Mayor Robertson as well; shared with Musqueam and Tsleil Waututh Uncle Byron; when Captain Vancouver came they went out and met him, laid eagle-down in front of him, a high honour

esp newbies, say goodbye to your friends

been serving since 1989 also to those who put their name in the hat

want to continue as family, work together as family from our hearts to you, and returning mbrs

a new day; that's Sally's song [?]

[drumming]

wish you well in your endeavours, brothers and sisters Deborah Baker for standing with me

[drumming, singing]

Mayor: guess shd hv called the mtg to order before we started

4. APPOINTMENT OF ACTING MAYORS FOR 2011/2012

MOVED by Soprovich, seconded by Panz:

THAT the Acting Mayor Schedule for 2012, as follows, be approved:

December 2011/January 2012 Councillor Soprovich

February/March Councillor Cameron

April/May Councillor Gambioli

June/July Councillor Lewis

August/September Councillor Booth

August 25 -- September 1 Councillor Soprovich

October/November Councillor Panz.

CARRIED

5. METRO VANCOUVER APPOINTMENT FOR 2011/2012 (File: 0185~01)

MOVED by Lewis, seconded by Panz: THAT the following appointment for 2011/2012 be approved:

Metro Vancouver Board of Directors — Mayor Michael Smith.

CARRIED

6. AUTHORIZATION FOR USE OF CHEQUE PRINTING SOFTWARE AND ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE REPRODUCTION (File: 0800-04)

RECOMMENDED: THAT

As a means of expediting the transactions of the business of The Corporation of the District of West Vancouver, it is hereby [sic] resolved that Mayor Michael Smith and the Chief Financial Officer Nina Leemhuis of The Corporation, who have been authorized to sign the Corporation's cheques in any capacity may and are hereby [sic] authorized to adopt and use Cheque Printing Software and Electronic Signature Reproduction for the purpose of affixing their signatures to cheques drawn upon the depositories of the funds of The Corporation of the District of West Vancouver; and,

The bank is hereby [sic] authorized and directed to honour, pay and charge to the account of The Corporation of the District of West Vancouver, any and all cheques signed and completed in the manner herein before described with the electronic signature, of which specimens or impressions are furnished to it with a certified copy of this resolution, regardless of howsoever or by whomsoever the said electronic signature for impressions are affixed.

[7:23]

7. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS BY MAYOR SMITH

Mayor: Cclr Sop has advised me all remarks kept to 60 seconds

INAUGURAL ADDRESS:

I would like to say a few words; I don't really feel comfortable setting what the priorities of this group is going to be for the next three years because I really believe it should be based on the collective wisdom and priorities of the seven members of this Council. We haven't had the time yet to frame our specific goals. I can though, speak about projects that are currently underway that we will continue to address. **The planned development of the 1300 block Marine will soon be in front of our citizens for their input. This project will breathe fresh air into Ambleside and will be followed by other projects bringing more people and more life into our village. The plans for a new located public safety building will soon come forward and residents will have the opportunity to provide input.** I am pleased to have heard during the election campaign that all members of this Council are committed to the effective stewardship of the funds we receive from our citizens. We will certainly take this responsibility very seriously. It should be noted that our Chief Administrative Officer and our Director of Finance, as well as all our executive team are committed and in fact have started the process to review every municipal department assessing the level and quality of the services that we are providing. Large projects are one thing, but the smaller details of how we operate cannot be overlooked. Traffic and parking, clean and safe neighbourhoods, and an efficient Municipal Hall for the public to conduct business in – these are all important, and I'm very confident that the seven of us, working with our staff both at the director level and at the field level with those providing the programs and services, will serve our community well over the next three years.

MAB: looking forward to new challenges

new colleagues on Ccl

honoured serving them

ML: Mayor Smith, welcome looking forward to working with them

my pleasure serving citizens for last three years, look forward to next three years

TP: wd like to wish new... always a privilege to be on Ccl;

one of the interesting things for me, having three years under my belt, will add to this Ccl;

this Ccl will be as respectful as the last

dive in with vigour respect I've seen is xxxx

so looking forward to working with ev... and challenges along the way too

CC: on behalf of new, like to thank xxxxxx

encouraged how received so far

thank the residents of WV, giving me the honour of serving

look forward to working with M&Ccl, trust

NG: guess I'd better say something too
thankful to be here

[chn] some here, two stuck out in the hallway
to volunteers who worked on my campaign and all who voted for me
looking forward to next three years,
... making decisions in xxx for M and the future of our M;
so tyvm

Sop: my first decision to decide what to call you. I've been used to Madam Mayor and I don't think you'll like that

xxx some projects underway and Mr Mayor or

{Bill, the official term is Your Worship -- but maybe many quail at saying 'worship'. :-)}

Mayor: on behalf of our new Ccl
[thanks] to Justice Dillon and to Squamish Nation Councillors Dennis Joseph and Deborah Baker
lesson, really appreciate that
my pleasure to ask for a motion to adjourn the first ccl mtg

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Panz, seconded by Booth:

THAT the first Meeting of this Council held December 5, 2011 be adjourned.

[7:31] CARRIED

Mayor Smith invited everyone to join Council at the inaugural Reception being held at the Museum in the Gertrude Lawson House.

REGULAR COUNCIL Mtg Agenda Monday, December 12

6pm in M HALL MAIN FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM; 7pm in M HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER

6:00 PM

1. Call to Order.

2. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RECOMMENDED: THAT in the public interest, members of the public be excluded from part of the December 12 regular Council Meeting on the basis of matters to be considered under the following section of the Community Charter:

90. (1) A part of a council meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following:

(a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee, or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality;

(e) the acquisition, disposition, or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality; and

(k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public.

3. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

7:00 PM

4. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES -- [November 28, 2011 Regular Council Mtg](#); and [December 5, 2011 Inaugural Council Mtg](#).

REPORTS

7. Reports from Mayor and Councillors on Boards, Committees, and Working Groups

8. [Approval of Temporary Signage for Pacific Arbour Retirement Communities](#) (File: 1010-01)

RECOMMENDED: THAT the temporary signage for 'The Westerleigh' by Pacific Arbour Retirement Communities for property located at the northwest corner of Marine Drive and 22nd Street as attached as Appendix A to the report dated December 1, 2011 by the Senior Community Planner and the Manager of Community Planning be approved.

9. [Approval of Temporary Signage for Evelyn by Onni](#) (File: 1010-01)

RECOMMENDED: THAT the temporary signage for 'Evelyn by Onni' by Onni Group of Companies for property located at the southwest corner of Keith Road and Taylor Way as attached as Appendix A to the report dated December 1, 2011 by the Senior Community Planner and the Manager of Community Planning be approved.

10. [Water Utility Fees for 2012; Waterworks Regulation Bylaw No. 4490, 2006, Amendment Bylaw No. 4706, 2011](#) (File: 1610-20-4706/1815-19)

RECOMMENDED: THAT

1. **Water Utility fees be increased for 2012 to the amounts set out in Schedule A of Waterworks Regulation Amendment Bylaw as attached to the report dated November 24; and**

2. **"Waterworks Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 4706, 2011" be read a first, second, and third time.**

11. Sewer Utility Fees for 2012; Sewer and Drainage Utility Fee Bylaw No. 4538, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 4705, 2011 (File: 1610-20-4705/1765-01)

RECOMMENDED: THAT

Sewer Utility fees be increased for 2012 to the amounts set out in Schedule A as attached to the report dated November 24, 2011 regarding Sewer Utility Fees for 2012; and

“Sewer and Drainage Utility Fee, Amendment Bylaw” be read a first, second, and third time.

12. Solid Waste Utility Fees for 2012; Solid Waste Utility Bylaw No. 4118, 1998, Amendment Bylaw No. 4707, 2011 (File: 1610-20-4707/1775-01)

RECOMMENDED: THAT

1. **Solid Waste utility fees be increased for 2012 to the amounts set out in Schedule A as attached to the report dated November 24, 2011; and**

2. **“Solid Waste Utility Bylaw Amendment Bylaw” be read a first, second, and third time.**

13. Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 4414, 2005, Amendment Bylaw No. 4708, 2011 (Rate increases, eliminations, new categories) (File: 1610-20-4708)

RECOMMENDED: read a first, second, and third time.

14. Zoning Bylaw No. 4662, 2010, Amendment Bylaw No. 4710, 2011 (secondary suite parking) (File: 1610-20-4710)

RECOMMENDED: THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw (as attached to the report from the Director of Planning, Lands, and Permits dated November 30, 2011) **be read a first time.**

RECOMMENDED: THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw be presented at a **Public Hearing scheduled for Monday, January 16** at 7pm.

RECOMMENDED: THAT the M Clerk give statutory notice...

15. 2011 Youth Competition and Leadership Fund Grant Applications (File: 0920-03)

RECOMMENDED: THAT the Community Grants Committee recommendations for Youth Competition and Leadership Funds be approved as follows:

Individuals

Alison Komlos	Speedo Junior Nationals Diving, Montreal QC	\$200
Samuel Braun	Speedo Junior Nationals Diving, Montreal QC and Western Finals Gymnastics, Grand Prairie AB	\$200
Cindy Gu	International Youth Philanthropy Conference, Vancouver BC	\$50
Dohee Kim	International Youth Philanthropy Conference, Vancouver BC	\$50
Monica Taeidi	International Youth Philanthropy Conference, Vancouver BC	\$50
Jenelle Weldner	International Youth Philanthropy Conference, Vancouver BC	\$50
Jimin Park	International Youth Philanthropy Conference, Vancouver BC	\$50
Hilary Rejto	International Youth Philanthropy Conference, Vancouver BC	\$50
Chaeri Lee	International Youth Philanthropy Conference, Vancouver BC	\$50
Jimena Perez	International Youth Philanthropy Conference, Vancouver BC	\$50
Reid Watkins	International Youth Philanthropy Conference, Vancouver BC	\$50
Scott Brownlie	BC Track and Field Championships, Coquitlam BC	\$160
Carla Scaldaferrri	BC Track and Field Championships, Coquitlam BC	\$160
Kenny Schultze	BC Track and Field Championships, Coquitlam BC	\$160
Alec Cumming	Glencoe Junior Badminton Tournament, Calgary AB	\$200
Emma Cunningham	United Soccer League Super Y Finals, Tampa FL	\$200
Kyryll Kryvchun	American Tennis Cup, Miami FL	\$200
Chris Wilson	Canadian Yachting Association Championships, Halifax NS & Winnipeg MB	\$200
Emma Little	American Dance Competition, Orlando FL	\$200
Emilio Hernandez	Junior Tennis Provincial Championships, Lower Mainland BC	\$200

16. Proposed 2012 Council Meeting Schedule (File: 0120-01)

RECOMMENDED: THAT The proposed 2012 Council Meeting Schedule as attached to the report dated December 2, 2011 from the Manager of Legislative Services be approved.

A special Ccl Mtg be scheduled for Wednesday, December 14 at 9am in the M Hall Council Chamber.

17. Appointment of Council Representatives to Boards and Committees for 2012 (File: 0115-01)

RECOMMENDED: THAT the following appointments of Council representatives to boards and cmtes for 2012 be approved:
Community Centres Services Society Board -- Councillor Bill Soprovich

Memorial Library Board -- Councillor Trish Panz
Seniors' Activity Centre Advisory Board -- Councillor Craig Cameron; Councillor Nora Gambioli as Alternate
Ambleside Revitalization Commission -- Councillor Craig Cameron and Mayor Michael Smith\
Audit Committee -- all Council members, Mayor Michael Smith as Chair
Awards Committee -- Councillor Nora Gambioli
Community Grants Committee -- Councillor Nora Gambioli
Design Review Committee -- Councillor Bill Soprovich; Councillor Craig Cameron as Alternate
Finance Committee -- all Council mbrs, Cclr Michael Lewis as Chair and Cclr Mary-Ann Booth as Vice-Chair
Lower Caulfeild Advisory Committee -- Councillor Nora Gambioli
Gleneagles Advisory Committee (non-Council committee) -- Councillor Michael Lewis
School Traffic Safety Committee (non-Council committee) -- Councillor Mary-Ann Booth
Field Sports Forum Working Group -- Councillor Mary-Ann Booth
Parks Master Plan Working Group -- Councillor Trish Panz
Centennial Planning Group -- Councillor Bill Soprovich
Youth Services Review Implementation Group -- Cclr Mary-Ann Booth; Cclr Craig Cameron as Alternate
Coho Festival Society -- Councillor Bill Soprovich
West Vancouver Chamber of Commerce -- Councillor Michael Lewis
North Shore Advisory Committee on Disability Issues -- Councillor Michael Lewis
North Shore Emergency Management Office -- Councillor Craig Cameron; Councillor Trish Panz as Alternate
North Shore Family Court and Youth Justice Committee -- Cclr Nora Gambioli; Cclr Craig Cameron as Alternate
North Shore Substance Abuse Task Force -- Councillor Michael Lewis.

18. Appointments to Metro Vancouver Board and Labour Relations Bureau for 2011/2012 (File: 0185-01)

RECOMMENDED: THAT the following Metro Vancouver appointments for 2011/2012 be approved:

Metro Vancouver Board of Directors - Alternate: Councillor Trish Panz
Metro Vancouver Labour Relations Board: Councillor Mary-Ann Booth
Metro Vancouver Labour Relations Board - Alternate: Councillor Craig Cameron.

19. Appointments to Metro Vancouver Committees for 2011/2012 (File: 0185-01)

RECOMMENDED: THAT the following recommended appointments be forwarded to the Chair of the Metro Vancouver Board of Directors for consideration:

Metro Vancouver Finance Committee: Councillor Michael Lewis
Metro Vancouver Housing Committee: Councillor Craig Cameron
Metro Vancouver Waste Committee: Councillor Trish Panz
Metro Vancouver Environment and Energy Committee: Councillor Nora Gambioli
Metro Vancouver Parks Committee: Councillor Bill Soprovich
Metro Vancouver Regional Planning Committee: Councillor Craig Cameron
Metro Vancouver Water Committee: Councillor Nora Gambioli
Metro Vancouver Aboriginal Committee: Councillor Mary-Ann Booth.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

20. Consent Agenda Items

RECOMMENDED: THAT the Consent Agenda items as follows be approved:

Item 20.1 - Appointment to E-Comm Board for 2011/2012;
Item 20.2 - Appointments to Memorial Library Board;
Item 20.3 - Development Variance Permit Application No. 11-014 (981 Kings Avenue);
Item 20.4 - TransLink Customer Service Performance Report for Quarter 3, 2011;
Item 20.5 - Development Applications Status List (to December 2, 2011);
Item 20.6 - Public Tennis Courts at Civic Site - Parking; and
Item 20.7 - Correspondence List.

20.1. Appointment to E-Comm Board for 2011/2012 (File: 2715-07)

RECOMMENDED: THAT the appointment of Mayor Darrell Mussato of CNV, to the Board of Directors of E-Comm as the NSH designate for 2011/2012, be approved.

20.2. Appointments to Memorial Library Board (File: 1905-04)

Information to be provided.

20.3. Development Variance Permit Application No. 11-014 (981 Kings Avenue) (File: 1010-20-11-014)

RECOMMENDED: THAT the M Clerk give notice that the DVP Application for **981 Kings Ave to allow an existing two-storey addition, with attached deck and stairs, to the existing dwelling to be retained**, will be considered by Council at its meeting on January 16.

{Is this another case of built WITHOUT permits and now wanting them to be kept? Keep in mind similar

permission Nov 28 for 5255 Gulf Place.}

20.4. TransLink Customer Service Performance Report for Quarter 3, 2011 (File: 1305-05)

RECOMMENDED: THAT the report dated Nov 30 from the Transit [Manager] be received for information.

20.5. Development Applications Status List (to December 2, 2011) (File: 1010-01)

RECOMMENDED: be received for information.

20.6. Public Tennis Courts at Civic Site – Parking (File: 2125-01)

RECOMMENDED: THAT report dated Dec 2 from the Dir/Parks and Cmnty Services be received for info

20.7. Correspondence List (see link on electronic agenda) (File: 0120-24)

RECOMMENDED: THAT the correspondence list be received for information.

Council Correspondence Update to November 25, 2011 (Noon)

Referred for Action

(1) A. Laird, Nov 19, regarding Street Light at Haywood between 15th and 16th

(Referred to Director of Engineering and Transportation for consideration and response)

(2) C. Reynolds, West Van Matters, November 23, 2011, regarding Missing Public Correspondence

(Referred to Chief Administrative Officer for consideration and response)

{Email sent by a resident in August to all mbrs of Ccl but did not appear on the Correspondence List (according to policy re Mayor and Ccl). It was commenting on another resident's letter wch did not receive a satisfactory reply (from the CAO).

For details, this topic was in WVM 23 in Nov 7 PQP and in WVM 24 in Correspondence.}

Received for Information

(3) M. Charette, November 18, 2011, regarding Bus Shelters

(4) H. Babalos, November 20, 2011, regarding Parking Ticket

(5) L. Anderson, November 21, 2011, regarding West Vancouver Driving

(6) **Union of BC Municipalities, Nov 24, re Provincial Legislation 2011: Auditor General for Local Government Act (Bill 20, 2011) Introduced**

Council Correspondence Update to November 29, 2011 (4:30 pm)

Received for Information

(1) N. Cabot, November 7, 2011, regarding Shell Gas Station: 1305 Marine Drive

(2) Hollyburn Ridge Assn, Nov 29, re Letter of Thanks to Mayor and Council for Heritage Award (presented on Nov 28)

Council Correspondence Update to December 2, 2011 (Noon)

Referred for Action

(1) N. Thompson, November 23, 2011, regarding Towed Vehicle

(Referred to Director of Planning, Lands, and Permits for consideration and response)

Received for Information

(2) J. McIntyre, MLA, November 25, 2011, regarding Congratulations on 2011 Local Government Elections

(3) Hon. T. Lake, Minister of Environment, Nov 15, regarding Inclusion of Milk and Milk-Substitute Containers in Deposit Refund System

Council Correspondence Update to December 6, 2011 (4:30 pm)

Received for Information

(1) Committee and Board Meeting Minutes – Board of Variance – September 21, 2011

(2) TransLink, November 23, 2011, regarding Moving Forward 2012 Supplemental Business Plan and Outlook

(3) City of North Vancouver, November 30, 2011, regarding Family Court and Youth Justice Committee

(4) BC Communities in Bloom, December 1, 2011, regarding Communities in Bloom Evaluation Program.

21. OTHER ITEMS -- No items. 22. PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS 23. ADJOURNMENT

=== ANIMALWATCH === GAY PENGUINS

You've heard about Pedro and Buddy in Toronto -- quite an int'l kerfuffle when the zookeepers wanted to part them to breed. Well, I understand they're back together now.

And the latest is that there's also a gay pair of penguins in Australia. The zoo noticed one day they actually had eggs! Turns out they were taking eggs from other couples' nests!

=== INFObit === SENIORS

A new report by United Way of the Lower Mainland identifies concentrated populations of vulnerable seniors in acute need throughout the region. A detailed profile of vulnerable seniors in your community is available to you upon request.

Did you know that: ·

In 2006, 23% of West Vancouver's population consisted of seniors, the second highest percentage of any Metro Vancouver municipality.

In 2006, 3.8% of West Vancouver's population consisted of people 85-plus years of age, the second highest proportion of any regional municipality.

In 2006, 29.2% of seniors were living alone in West Vancouver, versus a 26.6% average for Metro Vancouver.

In 2006, 6.8% of senior-led households were in INALH (in core housing need and spending at least half of income on housing costs) in West Vancouver, versus a 6.6% average for Metro Vancouver.

A major demographic shift is under way. **About 44 per cent of people in British Columbia are now either boomers or their parents. The oldest baby boomers turn 65 this year. By 2036, Metro Vancouver's 65-plus population is expected to more than double – with one in four people qualifying as a senior.**

=== FISHWATCH ===

+ DOLPHINS

On Nov 14, received a report that a **huge gathering of dolphins was sighted in the PamRock basin, between the west end of Anvil to west end Gambier and Bowyer. Well over hundreds (hundred with an "s"!!!) of dolphins were feeding and jumping as far as the eye cd see.... amazed at the size of the gathering today... been in the area for over a week and also astonished by it todaywith the sun shining, the white sided were truly shining....**

+ MENHADEN

http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/menhaden-harvest-limit-sharply-cut-by-fisheries-commission/2011/11/09/gIQA7Twg6M_story.html

by Darryl Fears, published: November 9

... Tiny, oily menhaden are called the ocean's most important fish by environmentalists because they provide food for essential fish such as striped bass and for birds such as osprey, bald eagles and brown pelicans. Without menhaden, environmentalists say, the Atlantic Ocean and Chesapeake Bay ecosystems would come crashing down....

Menhaden stocks are in steep decline: 50 years ago, about 90 billion were a year old or less, according to commission estimates. Twenty-five years ago, there were 70 billion. Now only 18 billion menhaden that age remain.

"the most important fish in the ocean"

http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/as-an-essential-atlantic-fish-declines-experts-debate-course/2011/07/29/gIQAC3vNml_story.html

=== TREEWATCH === International Deforestation

+ World deforestation rate 'accelerating': U.N.

by Agence France-Presse Wednesday, November 30, 2011

The world's deforestation rate has accelerated to 6.4 million hectares a year, a new UN survey showed on Wednesday, but Asia showed net gains in forest land-use largely due to extensive planting in China.

""Deforestation is depriving millions of people of forest goods and services that are crucial to food security, economic well-being and environmental health," said Eduardo Rojas-Briales, FAO's assistant director-general.

The UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) used satellite technology for the first time to map forests, finding there was a **net loss of 4.1 million hectares a year between 1990 and 2000 and 6.4 million between 2000 and 2005.**

The figures showed that the world has lost 10 hectares (25 acres) of forest per minute over the 15-year period, mainly because of the conversion of tropical forests to agricultural land in South America and Africa.

The survey however found that the net global loss of forests over the whole period was 72.9 million hectares — 32 percentage points lower than previously thought — and that deforestation in Africa was lower than past estimates.

The survey showed forests now cover 30 per cent of the world's landmass.

<http://www.rawstory.com/rs/2011/11/30/world-deforestation-rate-accelerating-u-n/>

+ Forest Code in Brazil from The Economist 10 december 2011

Brazil's Senate approved a reform of the country's **Forest Code**, reducing the amount of forest cover farmers are obliged to maintain, but requiring them over 20 years to replant areas illegally deforested. This came as the government announced that deforestation in the year to July had fallen to the lowest level since satellite monitoring began 23 years ago.

=== FOODWATCH ===

+ Drop by the New City Market booth at the Winter Farmers' Market at Nat Bailey. www.newcitymarket.org – **Dec 10 & 17**

+ Holiday Market: **Dec 17, 10am – 5pm, Croatian Cultural Centre**

Our annual Holiday Market comes around for its 16th year on December 17th and it's a show not to be missed!

Find everything for the foodie and locavore in your life as well as the finest fixin's for holiday entertaining. Our artisans always bring their best to this show and you can be sure to find a great selection of jewellery, textiles, bodycare and soap, woodcraft, pottery, and more! All craft at our markets is juried by a panel of craft professionals and we pride ourselves on high quality artisan work.

=== SALMAGUNDI === the semi-silly section

+ Digital Christmas Story

Times do change <http://www.flixxy.com/digital-christmas-story.htm>

+ **Carmina Burana** in Calgary

Words changed to tweets and reflecting the cold in Calgary, how to stay warm.

<http://ca.news.yahoo.com/blogs/dailybrew/calgary-chorus-turns-tweets-beautiful-music-204336523.html##>+

All + **I Want For Christmas – HMS OCEAN**

The crew hams in front of the camera about what they want when they get home.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SDZcGz4vmjc>

+ **Drink Beer, Save Land!**

{from The Land Conservancy's newsletter} by dstenberg; published: Nov 16; Article by Jill Patterson, Outreach and Devt Officer}

Crack a bottle of Driftwood Brewery's Sartori IPA and help create the B.C. you want to see! TLC's Be the Change Campaign has inspired dozens of individuals and local businesses to support our conservation efforts throughout the province. We have seen many innovative ways in which people are 'stepping up' to save B.C.'s special places including a unique promotion from Victoria's Driftwood Brewery.

"At Driftwood, we are trying to promote local farming by using local ingredients. With the Sartori IPA you'll find malts from the Saanich Peninsula, hops from Chilliwack, and water from the Sooke Hills, it is as close to a true B.C. harvest as you can get. By donating a portion of the proceeds from every bottle, we are playing an active role in the stewardship of the lands which we depend on. We are investing in a sustainable future," says Driftwood's Purveyor of Precious Liquids, Gary Lindsay. Who knew conservation could taste so good and be music to our ears!

from <http://blog.conservancy.bc.ca/2011/11/drink-beer-save-land/>

=== **HERITAGEWATCH** === HV, VHF, HWV, TLC, etc

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SEE award given to Gene Ramsbottom's "Out for Lunch"; presentation Dec 16 at VAG (see Culturewatch)

o VHF: Corridors – a podplay

Friday afternoons until December 30 at the Chalmers Heritage Building @ 12th + Hemlock, Vancouver. A unique opportunity for people to don a set of headphones, walk through a heritage building, and overhear re-imagined scenarios from the past on this hour-long walking tour run by Quiet Hum Theatre Co.

Find out more here: <http://quiethumtheatre.com/2011/10/12/the-poster-ta-da/>

+ **HERITAGE VANCOUVER**

All upcoming events at www.heritagevancouver.org

Bulletins: Sign-up to receive, or view all previous bulletins at: www.heritagevancouver.org/bulletins.html

AND FINALLY, DID YOU KNOW...

The first neon sign on Granville Street flickered on in 1925. The street was ablaze by the 1950s, when Vancouver had more neon footage than any city in the world outside of Shanghai - more than 18,000 signs! Visit the MOV Neon Vancouver, Ugly Vancouver exhibit on now.

Excerpt from 'Vancouver Then & Now' by Chuck Davis, 2001, Magic Light Publishing

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+ **THE LAND CONSERVANCY Open House Sunday Dec 11**

Join TLC in celebrating the season.

TLC and the Historic Joy Kogawa House Society are hosting a joint festive event to celebrate the season. Join us for some seasonal treats and browse our selection of crafts for sale. This is also the last chance to meet writer-in-residence Susan Crean before the end of her residency.

Sunday December 11 from 1 – 5pm -- 1450 W 64th Ave, Vancouver

Stop by to say hello, enjoy some seasonal treats, browse the selection of crafts for sale and see the [latest renovations](#) to the Historic Joy Kogawa House. This is a free event. Carpooling and public transportation are encouraged as parking is limited. If you miss this events, don't dismay, you can still order your [Wild Gift](#) or [Save an Acres](#) online today.

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=== BOOKWATCH ===

+ Never too late to start!

[The Paper Garden: An Artist Begins her Life's Work at 72.](#)

by Molly Peacock. *Bloomsbury*; 397 pages; \$30 and £20

How Mary Delaney — aristocrat, gardener, woman of fashion, and friend to Jonathan Swift and King George — created the "Flora Delanica". Less a biography, more an extended prose poem.

+ The New York Times Review of Books

HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE -- The 10 Best Books of 2011 -- Todd St. John, published: November 30, 2011

Choosing our 10 Best Books of the Year was not an arbitrary process, but neither was it a scientific one. How could it be, when the editors here, like all readers, respond subjectively to any work of fiction or nonfiction? The one guideline for the ten was that they had to have been reviewed in our pages sometime in the past 12 months.

Our [100 Notable Books of the Year](#) were narrowed down to this final list, which contains a contingent of four first novels, Stephen King's 52nd novel (by our count), and nonfiction books that are models of their various forms — biography, memoir, history, argument, and scientific analysis.

http://www.nytimes.com/2011/12/11/books/10-best-books-of2011.html_r=1&nl=books&emc=booksupdateema1

=== WORDWATCH === tabby -- from AWAD (A Word A Day) www.wordsmith.org

MEANING: *noun*:

1. A domestic cat with a striped or brindled coat.
2. A domestic cat, especially a female one.
3. A spinster.
4. A spiteful or gossipy woman.
5. A fabric of plain weave.
6. A watered silk fabric.
7. A building material made of lime, oyster shells, and gravel.

ETYMOLOGY:

For 1–6: From French tabis, from Medieval Latin attabi, from Arabic attabi, from al-Attabiya, a suburb of Baghdad, Iraq, where silk was made, from the name of Prince Attab. Cats got the name tabby after similarity of their coats to the cloth; the derivations of words for females are probably from shortening of the name Tabitha.

For 7: From Gullah tabi, ultimately from Spanish tapia (wall).

=== MAIKU === 2011 December

music, green trees, colours, lights / songs, family, friends, / Christmas warmth and joy

=== QUOTATIONS / THOUGHTS / PUNS ===

Men occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of them pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing had happened.
-- Sir Winston Churchill, British statesman (1874 – 1965)

How is it possible to expect that mankind will take advice, when they will not so much as take warning?

-- Jonathan Swift, Anglo-Irish satirist, essayist, and political pamphleteer (1667 – 1745)

It's b/c humanity didn't know where it was going that it managed to find its path. -- Oscar Wilde

Never hit anyone below the belt, particularly a black one earned in karate. -- P J O'Rourke, American satirist (b 1947)

The political animal is a different breed? or another species? -- Carolanne Reynolds, writer

A man threatened to jump off the side of a building -- alledgedly.

It's raining cats and dogs. Well, as long as it doesn't reindeer.

Seven days without a pun makes one weak.

DINNER PARTY WITH GRANDCHILDREN

To all of you with kids or grandchildren -- can't you just see this happening?

A friend hosted a dinner party for people from work and everyone was encouraged to bring their children.

All during the sit-down dinner one co-worker's four-year-old girl stared at the man sitting across from her. The girl could hardly eat her food for staring.

The man checked his tie, felt his face for food, patted his hair in place but nothing stopped her from staring at him.

He tried his best to just ignore her but finally it was too much for him. He asked her "Why are you staring at me?"

Everyone at the table had noticed her behaviour and the table went quiet for her response.

The little girl said "I just want to see how you drink like a fish."

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