

Spring/10 **Connections** ...the voice of Lynn Valley

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In this issue, from your own back yard.

Lynn Valley – On the map with ValleyFest!

OCP – Have a say in how your community runs.

Lynn Valley Day – Party on!

ValleyFest 2010



Canada Wins!



Backstage view

President's Report May 2010

ValleyFest was a tremendous success over the 17 days of the Olympics with rave reviews. Lynn Valley is really on the map now. We have seen weather forecasts recently specifically for Lynn Valley. We have even heard teenagers recently say that Lynn Valley is "cool" now, because of ValleyFest.

I would like to thank all the volunteers and the organizing committee co-chaired by Bob McCormack and Graham Pearce. Thanks to Grant Botto who chaired the Torch Relay Committee. Many others helped a lot to put together this great community event and help to create memories that will last a lifetime. Eric Miura did a great job coordinating installation of the all the flags, banners and signage on site.

To see photos, please go to www.flickr.com and enter the words Valleyfest Lynn Valley.

OCP brainstorming events are being held around North Vancouver which are very important to the future layout and growth of your community. Lynn Valley can be even cooler with your input. Residents need to think about the needs of the community and about how properties redevelop over time.

Lynn Valley Day is May 29th. The **Concert Series** starts up again in the Lynn Valley Village plaza during July and August. Hope to see you there.



John Gilmour
LVCA President,
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You're invited!

THE OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN

Join us at these public workshops on policy direction for the OCP. Remember this is your chance to have a say! Workshops held from 7:00 – 9:00pm (prompt) at the District Hall, 355 West Queens Rd.

These workshops build on work from previous stakeholder workshops. Once policies are discussed it will be time to look at policy options to determine which ones allow us to attain OCP goals and create a healthy and sustainable future for our community. Watch for an invitation to the 'Directions and Choices' forum in June.

Housing – April 27, 2010

What land use and policy directions should we consider to enable a diverse mix of housing types and tenures to accommodate the needs of all people, at all stage of life?

Sense of Place – April 29, 2010

What land use and policy directions should we consider towards creating connected, vibrant, well-designed, mixed-use centres while at the same time preserving and enhancing the character of our existing single family neighbourhoods?

Transportation – May 4, 2010

What strategies should we consider towards providing a safe, efficient and accessible network of pedestrian, bike and road ways that allow people to move around efficiently and without having to rely on cars?

Social Strategies – May 19, 2010

The people in our community contribute to making the District a desirable place to live. What direction should the District consider towards fostering a safe, socially inclusive and supportive community that enhances the health and well-being of all residents?

Please pre-register for these events at identity@dnv.org or call 604 9902421.



My Favourite Place In Lynn Valley

Tim Green

Having lived in Lynn Valley since 1967, there are several places that have special meaning for me. Hunter Park immediately jumps to mind as a great deal of my childhood was spent playing in those woods. Returning there now as an adult always seems surreal.

However, if I had to pick only one it would have to be Pioneer Park at the north-east corner of Lynn Valley Road and Mountain Highway with the Veterans Memorial and the statue of Walter Draycott.

I visit Pioneer Park whenever I can, often with my youngest daughter Olivia who is now 5 years old. We always say "hello" to Walter and we admire the wonderful flower gardens there. I take the time to pick up any litter in that area, and then pay my respects to the veterans who bravely fought for their country in the name of freedom and democracy.

I also take the time to stop and think about all the many pioneers of Lynn Valley. People like Walter Mackay Draycott, Julius Martin Fromme, Alfred and Olive Nye and their daughter Mollie, also James and Bill McIntyre, and many others. I imagine what it would have been like to have lived here then and I give thanks to all those many pioneers whose hard work helped make Lynn Valley what it is today.

So, where is YOUR favourite place in Lynn Valley? Where do you go for peace and inspiration? Which place brings back all those fond memories? Please write or email to the Lynn Valley Community Association (address bottom of page one) and let us know and we'll publish a selection in the next edition of Connections. www.lvca.ca

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Council Corner by Robin Hicks Oct 2009

The Financial Plan 2010-2014 was adopted on March 22nd 2010 with a 3% overall taxation increase. The final residential will vary dependent upon rates developed through discussions on April 19th.

Metro Vancouver's Solid Waste Management Plan and sewerage long range strategies are reaching decision points. On May 1st councils across the lower mainland will be meeting to discuss solid waste strategies. This will be fairly contentious as the two options for disposal of the 30% waste remaining after the 70% diversion goal is reached are landfill and waste to energy –**WTE** (read incineration). The exporting of waste has been banned by the Province and studies and conclusions reached by Metro indicate that **WTE** is now much cheaper than landfill and through the latest technical solutions attain an almost zero rate of harmful emissions and particulate matter. Even though it appears to be the best financial choice I think that **WTE** has little chance of being approved.

The other regional issue which impacts the North Shore directly is the construction of a new sewer treatment facility on the former BC Rail site on West First Street. This now under Federal regulations has to be completed by 2020 and cost upwards of \$600 million. Without Federal and Provincial grants the Metro component of our annual sewer bill (currently \$180 of \$370) could increase to over \$1,000 by 2030!

The cost implications of regional fees such as transit, solid and liquid waste and water will form a major part of property taxation over the next 20 years.

Other issues for Council are new simplified industrial zoning, a green building strategy, finalization of the Spirit Trail route close to Welch Street, Parks Master Plan, Tree preservation Bylaw and a Sports field Assessment.

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May 12th - Mayor Richard Walton

will present his perspective of the Official Community Plan (OCP). Topics to include goals, policies and financial implications.

There will be a question and answer session after the presentation.

Wednesday, May 12, 2010,

7:30 – 9:00pm, please arrive 10 minutes prior.

Light refreshments will be served, admission is free.
Mollie Nye House, 940 Lynn Valley Rd.



Bob McCormack carries the torch for Lynn Valley.

In this issue we are proud to recognize our own "Mr Lynn Valley", Bob McCormack. Born and raised in Lynn Valley, Bob epitomizes the spirit of volunteering. From President of North Shore Neighbourhood House to Recreation Commissioner, from Lynn Valley Seniors to the Community Association, Bob is always there for his community.

All of us who know him were thrilled to hear of the honour bestowed upon him when asked to carry the Olympic Flame during the North Vancouver part of the Torch Relay and how fitting that Mr Lynn Valley should carry it across the Lynn Canyon



Bob McCormack

Suspension Bridge.

Every day during ValleyFest, Bob came up Lynn Valley Village with his torch and winning smile to share his experience with hundreds of people who who posed for photos with him.

Thanks Bob!

Corporate members – With thanks from Lynn Valley Community Association.

VanCity - Delany's Coffee Shop -The Black Bear Pub - North Shore Credit Union

Waves Coffee House - Lynn Valley Centre - Dream Designs - Royal Bank Of Canada- Booster Juice

Red Tulip Gift Shop-Elizabeth Dyer Remax - Grant and Jasmine Botto, Prudential Sussex Realty

Rocky Mountain Flatbread - Lynn Valley Veterinary Clinic.

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What's on in Lynn Valley --- For more details go to www.lvca.ca

Lynn Valley Day - May 29, 2010

Pancake Breakfast: 7:30AM at Lynn Valley Park

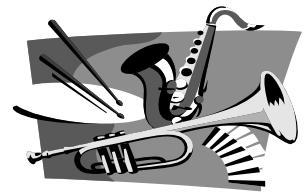
Parade: 10am Lynn Valley Road and Mountain Highway

Festival: at Lynn Valley Park after the parade until 4pm.

See pull out section in the North Shore News on May 23rd

New summer concert schedule

coming soon!



The new Community Garden at the Mollie Nye house was launched at the first annual Spring Fling event earlier this month. Growing our own food and the concept of community gardens are hot trends right now but not too many years ago, everyone did it! The pioneers who settled here in Lynn Valley grew much of their own produce. During the war we were all urged to "Dig for Victory". So it is very appropriate that here at Heritage Mollie Nye House, we are bringing back to life such a traditional idea.



Our Community garden will be grown in containers, tended by volunteers, with the fruits of the garden being donated to the Edible Garden Project. We would like to acknowledge the support of the District of North Vancouver and a partnership with Gardenworks without whom there would be no garden.

Come and visit us soon, and see how "Mollie's garden grows!"

940 Lynn Valley Rd www.mollienye.com

Summer Concerts

Friday nights concerts at Lynn Valley Village Plaza will resume soon!

New schedule out soon!

Lynn Valley Seniors

Garage, Book, Plant and Bake sale Saturday May 8, 9am-1pm

Donations of gently used items and books are accepted from May 3-7, 10am-4pm at Mollie Nye

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Lynn Valley Community Association Membership Application

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City _____ Post Code _____ Home phone _____

Email _____

Annual membership \$20 _____ Donation _____ Cash/cheque (Please circle)

Corporate Members __\$100/yr (1-5 employees) __ \$200/yr (6-10 emps) __ \$300/yr (11+ emps)

Mail or deliver to LVCA, Mollie Nye House, 940 Lynn Valley Rd, N Van, BC, V7J 1Z7

I authorize the above contact information to be published in the LVCA membership directory Yes ___ No ___

Signature of applicant

Date _____