



Community News

Adrian Dix, MLA Working For You

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Dear Neighbours:

Last month we celebrated the end of multi-cultural week with a play, “The Lioness Can Also Roar” written and directed by Comfort Adesewa Ero. It was sponsored by the Renfrew Park Community Centre and Collingwood Neighbourhood House. I would like to send a special thank you to Comfort and the very talented cast who through this extraordinary piece exemplified the diversity that exists in the riding of Vancouver-Kingsway.

Budget Speech

On March 2, 2006, I was able to respond to the budget introduced by the government on February 21, 2006. As the critic for Children and Family Development, I have brought forward countless examples of how British Columbians have been affected by the restructuring and cuts to the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD). After enormous pressure, this government restored almost 300 million promised over the next 4 years.

British Columbia has the highest child poverty rate in Canada and homelessness rates in our communities have doubled since 2001. The province has an obligation to support children, to protect children and to make choices with respect to children and families incorporated in the range of broader economic, educational, housing, health and social-welfare policies. I will continue stand up in the legislature to raise the real challenges facing ordinary, working people throughout BC and in our riding of Vancouver-Kingsway.

You can find my speech at my website <http://www.opposition.bc.ca>

Community PAC Forum

On February 28, 2006, representatives from 7 local schools in my constituency came together for a very thoughtful and engaging discussion on education. Many PAC members found it helpful to meet other members from neighbouring schools to share ideas. I wish to continue these forums on a regular basis and hope that more parents will be able to come out. A copy of the minutes of the meeting can be found at my website <http://www.opposition.bc.ca>.

Child Care

In 2005, the federal government negotiated an agreement with our province to transfer almost 633 million to BC. The loss of this agreement will mean hardship for many parents and child care centres in my riding. On March 29, 2006, I hosted a Community Forum on Child Care, bringing out parents, front line workers and child care advocates. I will continue to speak out on growing wait lists, higher fees, and the lack of quality care for our children. These are issues that are of vital importance to ordinary families in BC.

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