



# Community News

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Dear Neighbours:

## **Update on the Joyce Street Liquor Store Application**

I would like to thank all those who have voiced their opposition to the development application for a private beer and wine liquor store at 5033 Joyce Street. So far, there have over 2000 letters and petitions collected. A decision has not been made by the city so far, and due to the recent municipal labour dispute, there is an expected delay to this process. During that time, I would like to assure you that I will continue on to keep pressure on the city to listen to the concerns of our community.

## **Under 15 Provincial All Star Soccer Team**

I would like to congratulate Vishal Sharma who is a member of the BC under 15 Provincial All-Star Team. Vishal has been playing soccer in our community as a very young child. He was a graduate of Carleton Elementary School and will be attending Windermere Secondary School in the fall of September. The BC All Star Provincial team will be playing in the Western Canadian Games in Edmonton, Alberta from August 3 to 7. I would like to wish Vishal and his team great success.

## **Raise the Minimum Wage**

One thing that we all experience is the rising cost of living, but for those living on the minimum wage it is even more of a challenge. Fewer than 110,000 B.C. workers earn minimum wage or less. After a six year freeze, it's time the government of BC give our province's lowest paid workers a raise.

B.C. is now the only province that has not raised its minimum wage in the past two years, leaving BC workers below the Low Income Cut-Off, the generally accepted standard for poverty. In recent months, I have been hearing from workers in my community who are living on minimum wage and from various concerned groups, including small businesses.

My colleagues and I are continuing to work to increase the pressure on the Campbell government to move on this basic element of economic justice. If you see someone in the community passing around a petition calling for an increase in the minimum wage, I urge you to sign the petition, and join with me in calling on your local municipal council to vote to demand that the provincial government raise the minimum wage. Petitions are also available at my office at 5022 Joyce Street.

Stop by my Community Office:

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