



Community News

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Dear Neighbours:

Gung Hey Fat Choy!

Happy New Year! I would like to wish everyone great health, prosperity and happiness on this year of the pig. Come join me on February 18, 2007 in Chinatown for the annual Chinese New Year Parade starting at 10 am. Bring the whole family and enjoy food, storytelling and crafts.

Violent Purse Snatchings

I would like to thank all the volunteers that came out to bring community awareness to the violent purse snatchings that have been taking place in the neighbourhoods of Joyce-Collingwood and 29th Avenue Skytrain Stations. Shortly after this, the person responsible had been arrested and charged. City Counselor Raymond Louie and I canvassed the neighbourhoods around these skytrain areas and received great feedback on how to create a safer community. We will be following up on these ideas through a community consultation. If you have any further ideas or suggestions on making these neighbourhoods a safer place, please contact my constituency office at 604.660.0314.

Funding Cuts to Child Care

As a result of the announcements from the Provincial government to cut funding in the child care sector, many centres in our community are threatened with closure, while others are forced to raise their fees. Money invested in childcare is money invested in the economy. Quality, accessible and affordable childcare makes it possible for parents to participate in the workforce, and this is especially important at times of high labour shortages, which is occurring in BC as we speak. The government is also cutting funding to Child Care Referral and Resource centres to such an extent that most believe they will have to close. These are the centres which parents rely on to find childcare and get help with subsidies and that also support all forms of childcare programs; provide training for childcare workers, organize resource libraries, and perform the important role of monitoring childcare provisions.

Investing in child care is not a luxury. If we want to have the healthiest, most literate and educated province we need to make sure that BC's children get a good start and as all the research shows, quality, affordable and accessible childcare is a key component in ensuring that strong start. If we want to have a healthy economy, we need to make sure quality childcare is in place.

If you have any concerns about these recent announcements, please feel free to call my office at 604.660.0314.

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