



# Community News

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Dear Neighbours:

## Happy Canada Day!

I congratulate the Youth Celebrate Canada Day (YCCA) committee on the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of hosting Canada Day Celebrations in our community. Winning the 2005 award for “Volunteer of the Year” from the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation and nominated for the first annual City of Vancouver Youth Awards, this dedicated group of youth has been a remarkable example of youth contributions to the community. I would like to thank all the youth, volunteers and sponsors for coming out every year to make this event a success.

## Graduating Students of 2006

Congratulations to the 2006 Graduates of Windermere Secondary and Gladstone Secondary Schools. Last month, I was delighted to attend the commencement ceremonies and present two Academic Scholarships Awards to two wonderful students that have shown exceptional qualities in academics, leadership and contributions to the community: Patricia Sun from Windermere Secondary and Ravi Patel from Gladstone Secondary.

## 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Sunny Hill Health Centre for Children

Sunny Hill Health Centre has been providing services for children with disabilities since 1931. A wonderful team of health professionals at Sunny Hill provides assessment, diagnosis, consultation, referral and in select cases, treatment. In 2006, Sunny Hill launched the Complex Developmental Behaviour Conditions program, working with health authority partners throughout BC to expand diagnostic and assessment services for children with complex developmental conditions, including those with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.

Every year, about 2700 children are assessed at Sunny Hill, a provincial resource meeting the unique needs of BC’s children with disabilities. About 80% of patients and their families live outside Vancouver so Sunny Hill serves them in their own communities across B.C. through traveling clinics, Telehealth or partnerships with regional health authorities.

I would like to congratulate Sunny Hill Health Centre for Children on their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and wish you many more years of good work in improving and enhancing health for children.

## Joyce Collingwood Skytrain Community Garden

Many of you will have read in this paper about our new thriving community garden, located under the Skytrain at Joyce Station. The garden is expanding and welcomes new members. In just one year this garden has grown and is a beautiful addition to the Joyce Collingwood area. My partner, Renée, and I have just joined and we’re impressed by the dedication, hard work, and commitment many members of our community have brought to this green space: local community member Maja Grip and Renfrew Collingwood Food Security Institute Coordinator, Heidi Braun bring a wealth of knowledge and gardening passion that’s shared by many members. I encourage you to read about the garden in this paper and why not come out and join us? Learn about local plants, get quality heirloom seeds, and plant your own vegetables, herbs and flowers together with your neighbours.

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