



Community News

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Dear Neighbours:

Canada Day 2007

I would like to congratulate the dedicated volunteers of the Youth Celebrate Canada Day Celebration on another successful year. This annual event is hosted at Renfrew Park Community Centre on July 1, 2007. I would like to invite everyone to join me at this event this Saturday, beginning at 1:00 pm. Bring your loonies and toonies to enjoy great food from local vendors. Free games and entertainment will be provided by our local youth. For more information contact Renfrew Park Community Centre at 604-258-8388.

5033 Joyce Street Wine & Beer Store development permit application

It has been brought to my attention that there is a developmental permit application DE411277 for a Wine and Beer Store at the address of 5033 Joyce Street. The proposed liquor store has a total area of 2648 sq. ft. with 1425 sq. ft. of retail area. The proposed hours of operation will be from 9 am to 11 pm, 7 days a week and plan to sell unlimited types of wine, coolers and beer products. I have heard many concerns about this application from residents in the community.

The city welcomes written comments (letter or e-mail) on any aspects of the proposal to be considered as part of the applicant's review. Written comments will be accepted from interested parties up to the date of decision. In reviewing this application, the director of planning will need to consider City by-law regulations, and Council adopted policies and guidelines. If you have concerns about this application, I would encourage you to send in your written comments to the city. For more information on this developmental application, please contact Troy Tenney, Project Coordinator at 604-871-6022 or email troy.tenney@vancouver.ca.

Bill 29- Health and Social Services Delivery Improvement Act

In recent months, the Supreme Court of Canada has ruled that three sections of Bill 29 – the Health and Social Services Delivery Improvement Act – violate the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Bill 29, which was introduced by Gordon Campbell in 2001, allowed the government to tear down the health care contracts lawfully. The unconstitutional Bill 29 added more chaos into our health care system as more health care workers were laid off; as a result, senior services were disrupted, waitlist have increased, and public frustration has mounted.

We are still waiting to hear from the Campbell government about how they intend to restore health care services affected by Bill 29. The Court has given the Campbell government one year to bring Bill 29 into compliance with the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

For more information on the Supreme Court's decision on Bill 29 you can find it on the website at: <http://scc.lexum.umontreal.ca/en/2007/2007scc27/2007scc27.pdf>. If you are a health care worker and want to know what this ruling means to you, you can visit the Hospital Employees' Union website at: www.heu.org.

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