



# Community News

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## **"U got the Rhythm, We got the Rhyme"**

Take your skill to number one at this Hip Hop Writing Workshop hosted by the Youth Advisory Committee for Youth At-Risk. A lot of youth know they have talent, and putting the pen to the paper separates the ones that make it and those who don't. This workshop is for like-minded youth ages 12 to 25 that work together to make their talent heard.

This workshop will take place on Friday, September 14, 2007 at Collingwood Neighbourhood House in the Gym. The event will begin at 6 pm starting with ice breakers, dinner, hip hop workshops, hip hop performances and breakdancing. If you are interested in more information, please contact Easter Tocol at 604-660-0314. Hope to see you there.

## **Berry Trail**

The Community Spirit mural west of Joyce beside the SkyTrain is almost complete, and at its base the Collingwood Community Gardeners have planted the new Berry Trail -- nearly 100 native shrubs and perennials traditionally used by local First Nations. I'm pleased to help support this project, which provides access to fruit for passersby, highlights our neighbourhood's human history, beautifies the SkyTrain corridor, and contributes to community safety by attracting positive attention to the area. To learn more about the Berry Trail or to volunteer to help maintain the plantings, please contact Maja Grip ([majagrip@shaw.ca](mailto:majagrip@shaw.ca)).

## **Proposed Changes to Electoral Boundaries**

Every 8 years, the *Electoral Boundaries Commission Act* requires the new electoral boundaries commission be established based on recent population changes. At the moment, the Legislative Assembly consists of 79 MLAs each representing a single member electoral district. On August 15, 2007, the Electoral Boundaries Commission preliminary report came out.

This report is not final and there will be months of public hearings to come, however, it does present a preliminary map for both the current electoral system and Single Transferable Vote (STV). This would leave us with the fourth biggest riding in BC in terms of population.

Vancouver will gain a seat from 10 to 11, with the northwest quadrant now having smaller seats in terms of residents and the two Southeast seats (Kingsway and Fraserview) the biggest. The STV riding splits Vancouver in half down Main Street. The west side of Vancouver will get 6 seats and the east will get 5 seats.

If you have any questions and comments about the new boundary changes, please feel free to give me a call at my office at 604-660-0314. I look forward to hearing from many of you about all these proposed changes. More information can be found at: <http://www.bc-ebc.ca/>

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