



# Community News

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## Vancouver-Kingsway Community Update

### Vancouver Capital Plan - Feedback Needed

At each civic election, a referendum is held on a Capital Plan to provide funding for civic infrastructure ranging from community centres to park improvements to sewer replacements. The Capital Plan guides the city's spending decisions for a three-year cycle, and it's always important that our input is included. For example, funding for the renewal of Trout Lake Community Centre was excluded from the first draft of this year's capital plan, and it's up to us to make sure that important projects for our communities are put into the plan.

September 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for feedback for the 2009-2011 Capital Plan. On that day, City Council will be holding a public meeting at City Hall to get feedback on what projects should be funded over the next three years and what should be delayed.

This September 13<sup>th</sup> marks the sixth annual Renfrew Ravine Moon Festival. The festivities start at 4 pm at Slocan Park, next to the 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue SkyTrain Station with a Harvest Fair. At 7.30 pm a lantern procession will wind through Renfrew Ravine to the evening's festivities at Renfrew Park to the north. The Moon Festival is a wonderful combination of Asian and western harvest celebrations, and also an excellent opportunity to reflect on the Renfrew Ravine's place in our environment. I look forward to seeing you there! For more information, visit [www.moonfestival.net](http://www.moonfestival.net) or call 604.533.4380.

If you want to learn how to make a lantern to join in the lantern walk, Renfrew Park Community Centre (at Renfrew and 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave.) will be holding lantern making workshops every day from September 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> and September 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> between 4pm and 8pm.

### New Restrictions on Support for Developmentally Disabled Adults

On July 18<sup>th</sup>, the Campbell government moved to place new restrictions on the supports offered to adults in British Columbia with developmental disabilities. Individuals will now be required to have an IQ of less than 70 and meet standard criteria for developmental disability in order to qualify. My Official Opposition colleagues and I have argued against this change. The government is penny-pinching at the expense of some of our most vulnerable citizens, rather than providing the necessary support to keep our entire society safe and healthy. Arbitrary cutoffs for support chronically fail to address the unique needs of individual people, and this is yet another example of Campbell's arrogance.

## Community Events

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## Community in Action

Make sure your voice is heard in City Hall

Come to the September 15<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting to give your input on the Capital Plan. You can send an email to [capitalplan@vancouver.ca](mailto:capitalplan@vancouver.ca), fill out an online survey at [www.vancouver.ca](http://www.vancouver.ca), or leave a message at 604.871.6004. You can also contact my office, and we can pass on your suggestions and ideas to City Council.