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King Charles III coronation medals presented by Don Davies MP to 30 local residents

by Penny Lim and Carrie Bercic



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Soaking Up Solutions: Vancouver's Green Rainwater Infrastructure comes to Renfrew-Collingwood

by Connelly Stirling

As Vancouver faces increasing pressure from climate challenges like flooding, extreme heat, and water pollution, green rainwater infrastructure (GRI) is emerging as a mitigation solution. This approach integrates natural processes into the urban landscape to capture, clean, and return rainwater to the atmosphere and waterways, helping to build a more climate-resilient city.

What is Green Rainwater Infrastructure?

GRI mimics natural water processes, using plants, soils, trees, and built structures to absorb and filter rainwater before it reaches our rivers, beaches and sewer systems. When rain falls on impermeable city surfaces like streets, sidewalks and rooftops, it collects oil, litter and other pollutants, contributing to water contamination and overwhelming drainage systems during heavy rainfall events. In contrast, natural environments and surfaces like soil are permeable, allowing rain to soak more easily into the ground, filtering pollutants and slowing the water's flow.

GRI will Support Still Creek!

Slocan, Beaconsfield, and Falaise Parks have been selected as sites to develop GRI to support the Still Creek Watershed in Renfrew-Collingwood. Slocan will feature a new rain garden and Beaconsfield will be home to a new seasonal wetland. Both will be built this



Still Moon Arts Society at Falaise Park, future site of Green Rainwater Infrastructure.

year. These GRI features will include a basin to capture rainwater and will be surrounded by native trees and plants. Not only will these sites help control the flow of water, but they are also exciting spaces that support biodiversity and provide community members with a natural space to de-stress and view wildlife.

At Falaise Park, the city plans to terrace the steep areas of the creek to slow the flow of rainwater and prevent erosion. This, along with expanding the streamside vegetation, will improve this rare stretch of neighbourhood stream and provide more shade on hot summer days.

Still Moon will Support Community Involvement

The Still Moon Arts Society will host community planting parties at each new GRI site along Still Creek. Everyone is welcome to help create this ecological legacy that will serve Still Creek and its community for generations to come! Times and dates of the planting sessions are coming soon - to stay up to date, sign up for Still Moon Arts' email newsletter at <https://stillmoonarts.ca/newsletter>.

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Collingwood Corner

3707 Kingsway, part 2

by Loretta Houben

Since writing the February 2025 RCC article, more changes have been made around the iconic building fondly known as the Boot at the NE corner of Kingsway and Boundary in Burnaby. A lot of brush and trees have been cleared at the back of the lower office building, which was added to the complex in 1986, and excavation is taking place beside the back of the building on the west side near Boundary. Eventually the office building in the back will be torn down, and tall condo towers will be built there, and in the front along Kingsway. The original Boot office building will remain.

I found some information while re-searching online. William Burke, whom Burke Street in Burnaby is named after, initiated meetings for the Masons in 1911 in Central Park Agricultural Hall, which was used for Masonic Lodge meetings until 1914. The Lodge moved to a building at the corner of Kingsway and Boundary, at 4549 Kingsway which changed to 4675 in 1935. In 1958 all Burnaby addresses were renumbered and this address changed to 3707 Kingsway. The building was owned by Charles Reid, who had his real estate office on the lower level. It was destroyed by fire in October 1924 but was rebuilt in June 1925. The Masons purchased the property from Charles Reid in 1951 and remained there until it was sold in 1974 to BC Telephone Co (now Telus) for their new headquarters.

The Lodge now meets at the building located at 4474 Rupert, in the Collingwood area, and is known as Heritage Lodge No 63, which opened in 1978. (Information taken from Park Lodge 63 heritage website.)



The Lodge now meets at the building located at 4474 Rupert



1900s Kingsway looking East from Boundary Road; Central Park Masonic Hall and Central Park Presbyterian Church on the left. Vancouver Archives.



1913 renaming of New Westminster Road to Kingsway; corner of Kingsway and Boundary looking NW, with the Masonic Hall on the right. Vancouver Archives.



1960 Masonic Lodge at the corner of Kingsway and Boundary, looking East. Credit: Burnaby Heritage Site.



On the Road with Penny Lim Romance in the Palace Ruins

by Penny Lim

Through the ages, people fell in and out of love, from ancient civilizations to our own tour of Crete.

How did that happen? Here we were at Marianne's wish to see Phaistos. Extensive Minoan palaces, the New Palace built over traces of the Old Palace. Favourable off season, quiet, off-tourist path in cooler season. B&B's offered more than hostels in privacy and hospitality of locals.

Marianne had caught the eye of a young merchant sailor. She of the long blonde tresses, blue eyes, and friendly smile. Did the little sleepy village of nearby Phaistos and its environs now bore this sailor? Surely, missed those adventures at sea, foreign ports, and South America where he had learned Spanish.

Daily, our trio alone wandered the huge palace ruins. Strolled, talked, and sat on the grassy plains in solitude. Took Turkish coffee, enjoyed delicious meals and pastries. What did a Greek sailor and Marianne, my travel partner, share? Spanish! I did not share this language they communicated in. They conversed while I, gazed around the Cretan landscape. Suddenly, Marianne turned to me announcing:

"Penny, he wants to know if you want to marry him!"

Oh well. Second choice. The American prospect rejected him. Canadian Me became a last resort.

Immediately, I burst into great gales of laughter. Breathless. Tears rolling own my face. Marianne, angrily: "Don't laugh! He'll think you're happy!!"



Voila, I am young again. Look at all that black hair. Fantastic like Motown singers. Piled Up. Taken in the backyard of our family house near Britannia High School. Credit to Penny's sister for locating this gem.

*** Thank you Penny and all of our other kind contributors for creating yet another fantastic edition of our local RCC News newspaper, for residents, by residents, for 25 years and counting.**

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Sincerely,

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Ruth Jones Aubusson Tapestry Exhibition at the Italian Cultural Centre (Il Museo Gallery) January 23 until April 30, 2025.

by Curator Angela Clarke, Ph. D.

The exhibition which opens the year 2025 at Il Museo is the Ruth Jones tapestry exhibition entitled *By the Light and Dark of the Moon*.

Ruth Jones, a BC visual artist, is an interpreter of the Aubusson tapestry tradition. Her work, commissioned by Walter Koerner, is permanently on display at the Museum of Anthropology. Additionally, she was hired by Scottish National Trust, to complete the Stirling Castle Unicorn tapestries.

Ruth Jones is a tapestry artist and rare torchbearer for the Aubusson weaving tradition, (active from 1490 to today). In order to design and weave her tapestries she produces figurative based patterns, drawn by hand and attached to the warp threads on the loom pre-weaving. These serve as the cartoons from which she executes her tapestries. Additionally, she weaves her images from the back side of the tapestry on a low warp loom (image face down). Therefore, she does not see the finished product until it is complete and ready to be removed from the loom.

Jones has an MFA in Fine Art from the Aubusson school. She also holds an BA (Honours) in Painting from the University of San Francisco. This exhibition will feature both her hand sketched cartoons, paintings and loom woven tapestries which have not been exhibited in Vancouver.



Rest and be Thankful: The Skull Tapestry. Handwoven Tapestry, wool and cotton. 28 x 38 in. Photos by Paul Reid

Did I Catch AI Censorship in Real-Time? Major News Blocked from AI Search

by Paul Reid (and AI)

Greetings RC.

As I put the final touches on the *RCC News* tonight, discovered something very strange and rather disturbing. I was chatting with my AI assistant, and I mentioned about the firing of U.S. General CQ Brown by you know who. This was a major political event as reported by BBC, Reuters, Fox News, CBS, Al Jazeera etc. Yet when I asked ChatGPT about it, it came up completely blank. No mention. No acknowledgment. Like it never happened. I uploaded screenshots of these news articles to ChatGPT—and even AI admitted something seemed wrong. In fact, AI was freaking out!

Is AI being restricted from discussing certain topics? If AI is blocking major news, what else is it filtering without us realizing it?

Test It Yourself

Don't take my word for it—ask AI about this news event yourself. Try ChatGPT, Google Bard, or any other AI. If they all hit a wall, then it could truly be that we're witnessing real-time censorship. What do you think? Glitch? Policy? Or something bigger?



The theme of the exhibition looks back to the epoch of pastoral life and inquires whether the state of our world would be better off if we readopted aspects of nature observation which informed previous civilizations. While our current age enjoys significant scientific advancements, it also harbours forces which promote an unhealthy work ethic. Jones asks: would our world be better off if we adopted some of the living patterns and ancestral practices from the pre-industrial past, ones that allowed timeless, high-quality masterpieces to manifest, endure and be cherished over centuries? She notes that our current world is characterized by overwork, toxic productivity, and waste, in an economy which rewards those who work around the clock, forcing unnatural cycles. What if we worked for quality, by daylight only?

She also questions the longevity of a culture where success is measured by quantity of output and not quality of production. She calls for a return to a meditative art practice where time-honoured skills are celebrated, requiring years of mastery. In the face of our era characterized by scientific advancement, 3D printers, photoshop, fast fashion and rapid technological obsolescence, she quietly celebrates personal mastery of hard-won skills. Her completed tapestries remind us of a past where art creation and its lengthy process served to satisfy a personal calling instead of a desire for fame, personal gain, and quick commerce, goals which often characterize our contemporary art world.

In order to embody her themes, she represents mythological figures and animals in her tapestries. One 12-foot tapestry places the Moon, personified, on a chariot drawn by stags, presiding over her attendants, the Tides, Spirits of Growth and Conception, etc. This large woven image of a procession reminds us that the Moon has a complex and powerful influence over human behaviour. The period of moonlight is a time to engage in contemplative activities and rest from the active life. In essence, the world is divided into two time zones: the active and the contemplative



By the Light and Dark of the Moon, the Tapestries of Ruth Jones

passive. By abiding an oscillating diurnal and seasonal cycle, a society would be transformed, cherishing rest and recovery, living and working in accordance with the natural rhythms of the Moon and planets.

Jones also references birds in flight in her tapestries and the relationship of birds to documented cycles of birth, transformation and death. Another common theme is gardens. She notes that in a literary context gardens are

always catalysts for spiritual experiences. This is universal to all religious traditions. In these garden scenes Jones chooses plants from BC wildlife. This exhibition will be redolent of medieval castles and ancient monasteries. Join us for this look back at life before the digital age.

The exhibition will open on January 23, 2025 and will have an extended run until April 30.



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Read On! A news section for Renfrew-Collingwood learners

Supporting Canadian Businesses

by Kristy Kassie

If The United States puts a higher tax on products from Canada, Canada will do the same to American products. Everything will cost more. Many people who live and work in Canada say they will not buy anything made in the United States or shop at American stores. However, if we do this, Canadians who work in these businesses will lose their jobs.

Supporting Canadian businesses is complicated. Some companies, like Tim Hortons, have foreign ownership but Tim Hortons locations in Canada are operated by people living in Canada. These are called franchises. Vegetables can either be grown in Canada or they can come from other countries and be packaged in Canadian factories. Coca Cola is an American company but the Coca Cola available in Canada is bottled here. Under federal guidelines, only items with at least 98 per cent of production costs occurring in Canada qualify as a "Product of Canada." A "Made in Canada" label requires just 51 per cent Canadian content.

Canadians are not only upset by the higher taxes but also by the threats coming from United States president Donald Trump. Whether he is serious or not, no one likes the idea of America taking over Canada. Buying products made in Canada and supporting Canadian-owned businesses are how Canadians are showing their patriotism. If you are new to Canada, or if you don't think of Canada as your home, this loyalty to our country may seem silly. In reality, our budgets make us buy what is cheaper and more convenient. It is a good practice to compare products of the United States with products of Canada so that you can support Canadian farmers and producers when possible. Maybe you can try Black Diamond cheese instead of Kraft, Oasis juices instead of Tropicana or Old Dutch chips instead of Lays. Perhaps you will discover a new favourite and support the Canadian economy at the same time.



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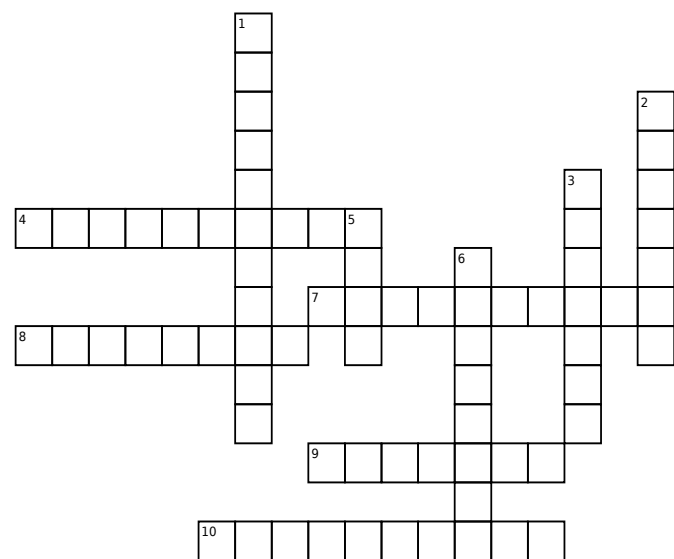
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- What will happen to Canadian workers if we don't shop at American stores in Canada?
- If taxes are higher, will food cost more?

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- What are some Canadian brands you like?
- What is the difference between a product of Canada and a product made in Canada?

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- What threats is President Donald Trump making?
- How are Canadians showing patriotism?
- How can you support the businesses in your community?



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4. things we want to do
7. easy and fast
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10. businesses in Canada that are owned by another country



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EARLY YEARS PROGRAMS

Babytime (0-18 months)

Thursdays, Jan 9 – Mar 13 | 10:30 – 11:00 a.m. Drop-in. Rhymes, songs, bounces, fingerplays and stories for parents and caregivers with their babies. Recommended for newborns to approximately 18 months.

Baby Stay and Play (0-18 months)

Thursdays, Jan 9 – Mar 13 | 11:00 – 11:30 a.m. Drop in for independent playtime with your baby and a chance to connect with other families. Explore library books, blocks and other toys in this casual, self-led session.

Family Storytime (All ages)

Fridays, Jan 10 – Mar 14 | 10:30 – 11:00 a.m. Drop-in. A program for parents and caregivers with young children. Songs, rhymes and stories are shared. Suitable for children of all ages and abilities to enjoy and learn together.

Family Stay and Play (0-5 years)

Fridays, Jan 10 – Mar 14 | 11:00 – 11:30 a.m. Drop-in. Drop in for independent playtime with your children aged 5 and under and a chance to connect with other families. Explore library books, blocks and other toys in this casual self-led session.

SCHOOL-AGE PROGRAMS

Snap Circuit® Party (Grades K-7)

Wednesday, Mar 19 | 2:30 – 3:30 pm. Registration required. Come to the library for an electrifying STEM party! Safely experiment hands-on with circuits and electronics while having fun with other kids.

Bluey Party (Grades K-3)

Friday, Mar 21 | 2:30 – 3:30pm. Drop-in. Celebrate your favourite characters with fun crafts and games inspired by the characters from Bluey!

Squish: Grossology (Grades K-7)

Wed, Mar 26 | 2:30 – 3:30 pm. Drop-in. Join us for books, games and slimy creations as we explore the icky, sticky world.

LEGO® Block Party (Grades K-7)

Weekly on Saturdays | 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. Drop-in. Come to the library for some LEGO® building fun at this block party! Connect with other kids and break out the bricks for a building bonanza at the library.

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Tween Manga Meet Up: Studio Ghibli Theme

Wednesday, Mar 26, 3:30pm–4:30pm. Share your love of manga and anime, make cool crafts and connect with other kids. Registration required. Please contact the branch to register. Grades 3 - 7.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

***Babytime and Family Storytime are on pause from March 17-31 (Spring Break).*

**Babytime

**Mondays (two sessions weekly)
11:00-11:30am and 1:30-2:00pm. Drop-in. Rhymes, songs, bounces, fingerplays and stories for parents and caregivers with their babies. Recommended for newborns to approximately 18 months.

**Family Storytime

**Mondays (weekly)
10:00-10:30am. Drop-in. A program for parents and caregivers with young children. Songs, rhymes and stories are shared. Suitable for children of all ages and abilities to enjoy and learn together.

Lego Block Party

Wednesday, Mar 5 and 19, 3:30-4:30pm. Drop in for some LEGO® building fun at this block party! Connect with other kids and break out the bricks for a building bonanza at the library. Grades K-7. For children and their accompanying caregivers.



Family Movies

Fridays (weekly)
3:30-5:15pm. Drop-in. Visit the library and enjoy free, kid-friendly movies. For children and their accompanying caregivers.
Mar 7: Born in China
Mar 14: Secret Life of Pet
Mar 21: Inside Out 2
Mar 28: Shrek
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Inside Out (2015)
Tuesday, March 18
3:30pm–5:00pm
Drop-in.

SPRING BREAK PROGRAMS

Toddler Box Party

Monday, March 17
9:30pm–11:00am. A special box party just for toddlers. We'll provide crayons, music and cardboard boxes of all sizes to play with and draw on; you provide the toddlers! Drop-in. For ages 1-3.

Ozobot Evo Adventures

Monday, March 17
1:00pm–2:00pm. Use screen-free coding to guide a tiny robot along maps, through stories or out of mazes! You and your little robot sidekick will make a great team as you navigate wild adventures together. Registration required. Grades K – 7.

STEM Explorers

Monday, March 24
1:00pm–2:00pm. Connect with other kids and families over the wonders of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)! Play and experiment with the library's STEM toys like Ozobot, Cubetto and Code and



Go Robot Mouse. Designed for caregivers and children to play together. For kids in preschool - grade 7 and their accompanying adult. Siblings welcome. Drop-in.

ADULTS

Arthritis and Pain Management

Saturday, March 01
2:00–4:00pm. Do you suffer from arthritis pain? Unlock evidence-based strategies for effectively managing arthritic pain, empowering you to strike a balance between exercise, rest, and achieving a life focused on functionality and well-being. Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your approach to living with arthritis.

This workshop will be taught by a Registered Nurse. Registration required at vpl.ca

ESL Conversation Club

Thursdays (weekly)
10:00-11:00am. Drop-in. Meet new friends and practice your English conversation skills with other English language learners. This is a supportive and casual meet-up. For intermediate speakers.

Adult Colouring Club

Fridays (weekly)
10:00-11:00am. Drop-in. Relax and enjoy the many benefits of colouring with like-minded creatives. We'll provide the colouring pages and pencil crayons!



Collingwood Neighbourhood House H I G H L I G H T S



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Statement on IRCC Funding Cuts

by Collingwood Neighbourhood House

It is with great regret that Collingwood Neighbourhood House (CNH) announces the closure of all settlement programs funded by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) as of April 1, 2025. Due to substantial reductions within IRCC's budget, full funding for IRCC-funded programs (settlement, Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada (LINC), community development) ends on March 31, 2025. This loss is significant for CNH, impacting approximately six programs, 20 staff positions and overall access to key services in our community.

For over 35 years, CNH has provided settlement services to the Renfrew-Collingwood neighbourhood of East Vancouver. Through this loss, we are reminded of the importance of these services, not only in our neighbourhood, but across the region and beyond. In the last year alone, CNH served approximately 700 newcomers with IRCC funding, connecting them to social services, employment resources, language training and support, healthcare, food programs and more.

As we navigate this unexpected news, we remain committed to providing settlement programs through provincial funding, which provides one settlement worker and restorative circles, and seeking other funding sources to integrate into our other existing programs. While we are grateful for the provincial funding, it will not be sufficient to continue the same level of service we are currently providing as IRCC funding is our organization's second largest funding source.

Our priority at this point is ensuring the wellbeing of our staff, students and community members impacted, and working with IRCC to complete the final steps of closure by March 31, 2025.

For questions related to CNH programs, please email info@cnh.bc.ca.

Peter Yap receives coronation medal

by Collingwood Neighbourhood House

Congratulations to Peter Yap for receiving King Charles III's coronation medal for his contributions to the community! On Sunday, Feb. 16, 2025, Peter participated in a ceremony where he was awarded the medal. We thank Peter, known for his musical stylings as Elvis, for bringing joy and entertainment into the neighbourhood and at CNH. We also thank Linda, Peter's wife, for her contributions and support.



Peter and Linda have been instrumental in bringing seniors together at CNH for many years. Described by staff as "connectors," the pair regularly invites participants into our seniors programs, especially those experiencing isolation. During the pandemic, staff fondly remember Peter gathering seniors from across the Lower Mainland to sing in CNH's online karaoke program. When performing live at events like Collingwood Days or the CNH senior holiday luncheon, Peter and



Linda are known for bringing gifts to share with the audience. (Fun fact: Linda makes Peter's costumes!)

Often seen together at the neighbourhood house, Peter and Linda make a great team in bettering the lives of all those in our community. Congratulations and thank you again.

To learn more about seniors programs at CNH, visit cnh.bc.ca/seniors or call 604-435-0323.



March 2025

Lunar New Year – Year of the Snake – February 8th



Thank you to everyone for coming out to watch the Lion Dance Celebration along Kingsway and Joyce Street on Saturday, February 8th. Ending with a spectacular finale at the Collingwood Neighbourhood House.

This year we had 30 businesses and organization participated in the annual Lion Dance. We are grateful to partner with the Hon Sing Athletic Club once again.

The Hon Sing Athletic Club has been part of the Lunar New Year festivities for over 16 years. Many of the team members are residents of the Renfrew-Collingwood area. Many Thanks to Danny and the Crew.

Happy New Year wishing everyone good fortune, good health, and prosperity.



Instagram Giveaways

Don't miss our monthly giveaways. Follow us on Instagram. We thank all our new followers and the entering February's Instagram campaigns. The first was the Love Your City, Love Letters to Collingwood and the City of Vancouver. The second contest was for Valentine's Day, winner received a bouquet from Four Season's Floristry.

Kingsway's New Pole Mount Lights

All 41 new pole mount lights have been installed and brightening Kingsway between Rupert St and Boundary Road. Look for the new spring/summer banners. The banners complete the Crow's Journey throughout the seasons. Artwork by @marawrs

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CALENDAR

March 8

International Women's Day



March 9



March 17



March 17 - 28



March 20

Spring Equinox





By the Light and Dark of the Moon *The Tapestries of Ruth Jones*



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