

The 2400 Motel: What We Stand to Lose



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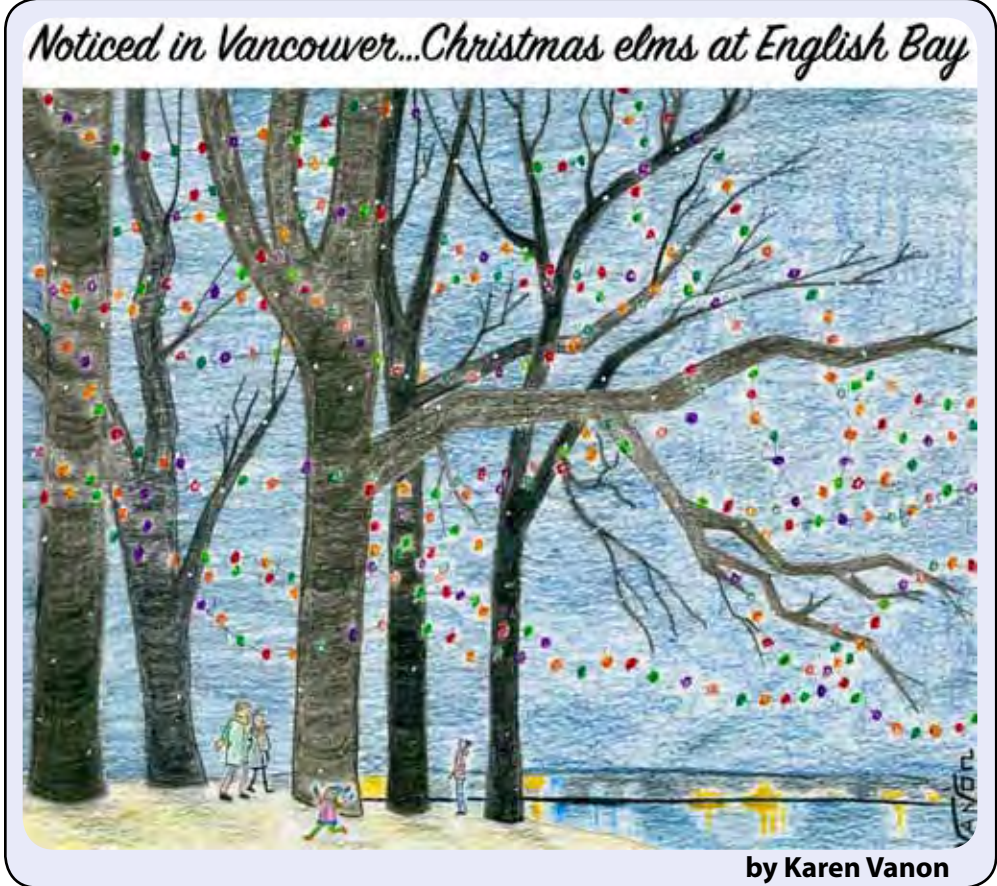
by Paul Reid

Most people in Renfrew-Collingwood know the 2400 Motel, even if only from the neon sign glowing over Kingsway. Built in 1946, it's the last intact post-war motor court left in Vancouver — and one of the very few surviving examples of its kind anywhere in North America!

Now the city is proposing four rental towers on the site: 18, 25, 26 and 28 storeys, with more than 860 rental homes, child care, shops and a public plaza. In a housing crisis, that's nothing to dismiss. The community needs rentals, family-sized units and new gathering spaces.

But there's a risk we're not talking about loudly enough. If the 2400 disappears now, during this delicate transition period, we may be throwing away one of the things that gives our neighbourhood a unique identity. Motor courts like this don't get rebuilt.

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They don't come back. And once it's gone, it's gone for good.

Imagine this:

When the *Leaning Tower of Pisa* first began to tilt, authorities considered tearing it down. If they had done it — if they'd acted quickly before anyone realized its future value — they would have erased one of the world's great wonders. Today, Pisa wouldn't even be on the map.

And that's the moment Renfrew-Collingwood finds itself in now. No one will travel miles to see four rental towers. But people might one day come to see the last surviving Kingsway motor court — if we give it a chance to evolve into something meaningful rather than removing it prematurely.

The city bought the 2400 in 1989. Since then it has housed travellers, refugees and unhoused residents. Its cabins, neon sign and sweeping driveway are all original. It is "virtually unchanged," according to heritage experts, and stands as a pristine time capsule of mid-

century roadside culture across the Pacific Northwest.

Yes, we need housing. Yes, we need community space. But before we rush, we need to ask: Can we build the future without erasing the past? Perhaps the 2400's iconic neon sign, a row of cabins and part of the original courtyard could be preserved so that the new development has a heart instead of just height.

If the 2400 can make it through this moment — if it survives the next few years — it could become the landmark that finally puts Collingwood on the map. The kind of place visitors seek out. The kind of place kids grow up remembering. The kind of place that makes a neighbourhood feel like itself.

Progress and memory don't have to be enemies. But once a place like the 2400 is gone, the opportunity is gone forever.

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Your neighbours at the **2400 Motel** want to wish you the very best of the season — and a joyful, healthy New Year ahead!

As we look toward celebrating **80 years in 2026**, we're feeling especially grateful for the community that has supported this little local landmark for so long. If you haven't stopped by recently, we'd love to welcome you for a stroll through the property. We've been busy with upgrades and care all year, and we think the place is shining brighter than ever.

Thank you for being part of our story. We look forward to continuing to host you, your family, and your friends in the year to come.

Warmest holiday wishes from all of us at the 2400 Motel.

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Christmas Message 2025 Renfrew Collingwood Community

Artwork and message from Ricardo Cerna

Dear Renfrew Collingwood Community,

At this time of year, when the lights begin to shine and families gather, it is inevitable to look back and reflect on all that we have experienced together. It has not been an easy time — social, economic, and emotional challenges have touched every corner of our community. Yet, in the midst of uncertainty, we have also witnessed the emergence of what is most valuable within us: solidarity, empathy, and the genuine desire to build a better future.

Christmas invites us to do just that — to believe again. To believe in the power of small acts, in the kindness that still beats within people's hearts, and in the real possibility of joining hands for the common good. Because when we work together, when we listen and seek to understand one another, we discover that our differences do not divide us — they enrich us.

This is the moment to renew our hope. To look ahead with optimism, trusting that the bonds that unite us are stronger than any difficulty. May respect, cooperation, and compassion continue to guide our steps as a community.

May this Christmas find us with open hearts, grateful for what we have, and ready to share with those who need it most. And may the coming year bless us with new opportunities to grow, to



heal, and to keep dreaming together. Thank you for reading Our Little Newsletter of Renfrew Collingwood and for being an essential part of our community.

With affection and hope,
Ricardo Cerna

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!

The following is a paid advertisement by Adrian Dix, MLA for Vancouver/Renfrew

Dear Neighbours,



Happy holidays and best wishes in the new year to you and your loved ones. We've accomplished a lot together this year and I'm grateful for each one of you for your support. I'll be taking time to reflect on 2025 and all the changes and successes that have come our way.

Collingwood Winter Carnival

This year's Winter Carnival was again a wonderful success. I hope everyone stayed warm and toasty with lots of hot cocoa and holiday treats. I want to express how grateful I am to the organizers, and all of the volunteers, performers and artists who contribute to such a magical event.

Prepare for winter weather

People can plan ahead by making sure homes, vehicles and emergency supplies are ready for winter conditions. PreparedBC's Severe Winter Weather and Storm Preparedness Guide provides tips to stay safe and warm during extreme weather. These include:

- preparing a home emergency plan and well-stocked emergency kit;
- considering home winterizing steps, such as insulation and weather stripping, and taking steps to prevent pipes from freezing;
- checking that heating systems, smoke alarms and carbon-monoxide detectors are working properly;
- keeping extra blankets, flashlights and batteries on hand in case of a power outage;
- checking the Environment and Climate Change Canada website or app for weather alerts and updates;
- knowing the symptoms of cold-related illnesses and checking on family, friends and neighbours who may be at risk; and
- wearing several layers of warm clothing and covering exposed skin when going outside.

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The mission of this non-profit publication is to provide the residents, businesses and organizations of Renfrew/Collingwood with a medium for community communication.

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Collingwood Corner

The First Postmaster, James Mortimer MacGregor

by Loretta Houben

I've always enjoyed living in the Collingwood area for the past 60 years and have really enjoyed researching local history and discovering fascinating stories of the people who lived here over 100 years ago. I discovered a photo of an elderly couple in the Vancouver Archives. The description stated that the couple, Mr. and Mrs. James MacGregor, were pioneers of East Collingwood, but it didn't state what their occupation was.

I've joined many nostalgic Vancouver themed Face Book groups online, and recently I read about James MacGregor in one of the groups, with the identical photo of him and his wife I'd found in the archives. The information stated that he was the first postmaster in Collingwood, and the post office was located at 406 Joyce.

406 Joyce was James MacGregor's 5 room wooden house which he owned. The post office was located at 412 Joyce. The BC Directories confirmed this, and I traced this information from 1914 all the way to 1922.

On the 1921 Canadian Census from Ancestry, it states James and his wife were living at 406 Joyce, and he was the postmaster, age 76, earning \$1,520 per year. He was born in Scotland, and he immigrated to Canada around age 4. The 1922 BC Directories shows that 412 Joyce is vacant, as the post office moved to 398 Joyce. In 1930 it was renumbered as 5104 Joyce and the building was shared with Chambers Drug Store. James MacGregor died in August 1926, age 81.

I discovered that if you check under Vancouver names in the BC Directories, there is a list of post offices, and the Sub PO 26 location remained at 5104 Joyce



Mr & Mrs James Mortimer MacGregor, first postmaster of Collingwood in 1910. Vancouver Archives.



402 Joyce was the grocery store, at Vanness near the BCER tracks. 412 Joyce was the PO, one of those buildings just past the grocery store.

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412	Collingwood E Post Office
413	Robertson James baker
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418	Pioneer Transfer
428	Brown Geo

1915 BC Directories showing the addresses for James MacGregor's house, and for the Collingwood PO.

until 1955. The online directories ended in 1955, so I don't know when the post office moved to Kingsway.

Currently, as of November 2025, London Drugs Wessex at 3328 Kingsway has a post office in the back of the store, which I've used quite often. But on February 2, 2026, both London Drugs and the post office will be closed permanently. I haven't heard any news to date of another post office opening in Collingwood, so I'm devastated. Times have changed a great deal since 1914, but I think we still need a post office in our area. What do you think?

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Stanley Park! our gem in the heart of Vancouver. Where to go? What to discover?



by Penny N. Lim,
Scribe who loves research still

For me, I love to see the bronze art. *Girl in Wet Suit*. A *Vancouver Courier* photo of two joggers whizzing by her, one hopefully: “Ned, did she notice me?” Yes, I did. Is she a Mona Lisa of our West Coast?

Absolutely not! Privately funded, lawyer Douglas Brown left a legacy to both Vancouverites and tourists.

A replica of Copenhagen’s *Little Mermaid* rejected by Elek Imredy, Hungarian sculptor, who came to Vancouver in 1957. “It was a new idea,” Imredy searched the world to ensure no similar sculpture existed. In 1960’s scuba diving had become very popular in Vancouver.

No other form of sculpture is as arduous as bronze. Each of many steps must be perfect. Finally, his lifesize - fiberglass scuba diver figure flown to Rome to be cast in bronze. Both the lawyer and sculptor wanted the scuba diver on a (granite) boulder North side of Stanley Park.

“The sculpture (is) a symbolic figure of the future exploration of the continental shelf.” “Represents Vancouver dependent on the sea and the necessity to use the sea for the benefit of all.” — *Peggy Imredy (Elek’s wife)*.

Who has ever seen a high tide reaching *Girl in Wet Suit*? Not me, ever.



Girl in Wet Suit. Photos by Penny Lim



Right: Penny will be at *EveryBODY Market Fair 2025* on December 3. You can find Artist Penny N. Lim at booth #28. Bring your cash and pick up some Christmas gifts.



Vancouver Rise FC make history

by Paul Reid

A big congratulations to *Vancouver Rise FC*, our city’s new professional women’s soccer team, on winning the inaugural *Northern Super League (NSL)* championship.

In their very first season, *Rise FC* capped off a remarkable campaign by lifting the *Diana B. Matheson Cup*, coming from behind to defeat *AFC Toronto* 2–1 in the first-ever NSL final.

The *Northern Super League* is Canada’s new top-flight professional women’s soccer league, and *Vancouver Rise FC* is one of its six founding clubs. Even better for local fans, they play their home matches right in our backyard at Swangard Stadium, bringing top-level women’s soccer back to a historic Lower Mainland venue.



Vancouver Rise fans celebrating the historic victory in Toronto on Saturday, November 15, 2025. Photos by Paul Reid



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Where the word “soccer” actually comes from

It wasn’t invented in America.
It wasn’t a marketing term.
It wasn’t modern slang.

It came from England, in the 1800s.

The official name of the sport was Association Football (to distinguish it from Rugby Football)

British students shortened words by adding -er (a fad back then)

“Association” > “Assoc.” > “Soc.” > “Soccer”

Literally invented by Brits. Used exclusively by Brits for decades. Americans only adopted it later to avoid confusion with American football. So “soccer” is not some “wrong” or “Americanized” version —it’s British slang.



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 Thursdays, September 18 – December 11
 10:30 – 11:00am
 Rhymes, songs, bounces, fingerplays and stories for parents and caregivers with their babies. Recommended for newborns to approximately 18 months.

Baby Stay and Play
 Thursdays, September 18 – December 11
 11:00 – 11:30am
 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
 Fridays, September 19 – December 12
 10:30 – 11:00am
 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
 Fridays, September 19 – December 12
 11:00 – 11:30am
 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.

Happy Noon Year Celebration
 Wednesday, December 31
 11:30 am – 12:00 pm
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 Wednesday, Dec 3, 3:30pm–4:30pm
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LEGO Block Party
 Wednesday, Dec 10, 3:30pm–4:30pm
 Drop in for some LEGO building fun! Grades K-7.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

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 Mondays, December 1 & 8
 11:00-11:30am and 1:30-2:00pm. Drop-in.
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Family Storytime
 Mondays, December 1 & 8
 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.

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.
 December 5: *Abominable*
 December 12: *Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs*
 December 19: *Olaf's Frozen Adventure plus 6 Disney Tales*

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 Thursdays, 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, 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!

Story Circle
 Wednesday, December 10, 10:00-11:00am
 This monthly program is for adults with developmental disabilities and their families, friends and caregivers. Join us in an accessible, relaxed and fun community setting for stories, music and more!

Vancouver Life Salon
 Tuesday, December 23, 2:30-4:00pm.
 In this salon we explore various aspects of life in Vancouver: socio-cultural, political, economic, environmental, leisure and wellness. Each month we select a theme for open discussion, creating an exclusive, diverse and respectful space for conversation and sharing.

The language of the event will depend on the guest speaker of the session, and could be either Mandarin or Cantonese.

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CNH milestones

Celebrating over 25 years with Ram Dhatt, Paul Reid, and Lucinda Donaldson

by Collingwood Neighbourhood House

Collingwood Neighbourhood House (CNH) proudly recognizes its long-serving staff members. At this year's Annual General Meeting (AGM), CNH staff and contractors who have reached the milestones of 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, and 30 years of service and dedication to the neighbourhood house, were thanked by the Board of Directors.

This year, we recognize and celebrate Ram Dhatt, Paul Reid, and Lucinda Donaldson for over 25 years of service.

Ram Dhatt



"For the few months I have worked with Ram, she has been nothing but supportive to the team and amazing with the children and families, especially at Grenfell," said Ram's supervisor, Demi Clemente. "The 25-year journey Ram has accomplished at CNH has not only helped her build incred-

ible connections with families but also with the local community."

Ram was hired at CNH in December 1999 and has since held a role in childcare that has taken her to our *Terry Tayler*, *Grenfell*, *Sara House* and CNH sites.

"For Ram, working with the children at CNH has been the greatest joy of her career," said Demi. "Their excitement, joy and curiosity have given her so much fulfillment and happiness."

In addition, Ram has expressed that her career at CNH has allowed her to build lasting friendships with coworkers over the years, something she is equally grateful for.

Ram said she is truly thankful for everything she has learned from CNH, which has been a big part of her lifelong journey. To Ram, CNH will always be her home away from home, and she looks for-

ward to passing down the knowledge and insights gained from the community to her grandchildren as they grow.

Paul Reid



Most notably, Paul may be recognized for his work as the editor and layout designer of the *RCC News*, but his connection

to CNH goes much further. Over 25 years ago, Paul first walked into CNH to use the facilities, and he was invited to join the board of directors. Soon after, Paul became board treasurer and eventually volunteered on several committees, including the *Renfrew-Collingwood heritage committee*, the *Collingwood Days committee* and the *Communications Committee*.

Throughout Paul's time at CNH, he has volunteered as a *Prevention Education* mentor and with the *Renfrew-Collingwood Music Club*. In addition to working with the *RCC News*, Paul has also worked as an ESL (English Second Language) instructor, where he met his wife of 16 years, Dolores. Paul is passionate about his community at CNH, stating that the reason he has continued to volunteer and work in the neighbourhood is because "helping one's community never gets old."

Paul's fondest memories at CNH include being *Collingwood Days* stage manager for over 10 years, helping create the *Faces of our Neighbourhood* mural that was displayed at CNH for years and, of course, the impact the *RCC News* has had on the local community. In fact, Paul is most proud of using the *RCC News* to "help save and restore *Firehall 15*, the original *Carleton School House*, and the *Collingwood Branch #48* of the *Royal Canadian Legion*."

In his many roles at CNH, Paul has built many relationships at CNH, many of which have inspired his work in the neighbourhood. Reflecting on these relationships, he says we should all feel inspired to connect with those who are most active in our communities.

Lucinda Donaldson



Lucinda's love for gymnastics began as a child, after watching the *Olympics* and quickly discovering it was her dream sport. Even after challenges in her youth, she found a new passion for coaching — and that passion eventually brought her here to CNH.

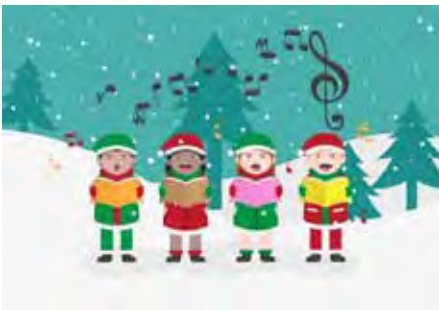
Back in 1999, Lucinda started with just four classes of gymnastics over two days a week through our recreation programs. Today, she leads seven classes across three days, with the same energy and excitement as when she began. What stands out most to her supervisor, having worked with her for 10 years, is that spark — she still lights up at the start of each new gymnastics season.

When asked why she has stayed so long, Lucinda said it's because CNH feels like home. Her best memories are seeing children grow and return year after year, some now young adults, carrying with them the confidence she helped build.

Congratulations to Ram, Paul, and Lucinda on your 25-year milestone!



December 2025



Winter Carnival & Community Tree Lighting – November 29th 3-7pm Safeway Parking lot

Thank you all for joining us at the annual Winter Carnival. The Community Tree will be shining from now until early January.

We would also like to thank our performers, Peter Yap, Lions Gate Choir, Windermere Ensemble and the St. Mary School choir. Our partners, Vancouver Public Library and Collingwood Community Policing Centre. Along with our wonderful sponsors,

HM Tax & Accounting, Safeway, and Yo-Bones BBQ. Music, cookies, cocoa, and the holiday spirit was flowing from the big tent in the Safeway parking lot.

New addition this year, is we included a community Food Drive. We thank the businesses and organizations who had collection boxes for non-perishable food and monetary donations. All donations went to the Collingwood Neighborhood House Food Hub program. Distributing food to families in our community.

12 Days of Gifting December 4-15th

Join us on Instagram for daily prizes from featured businesses in Collingwood. Thank you to the businesses who are participating in the 4th year of the 12 Days of Gifting social media campaign. The staff have been busy collecting prizes and making videos to post. A few of the participating businesses include:

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| Yo-Bones BBQ | Balkan Bakery | Sigma Eyecare | Jambo Grill |
| Pampanga Cuisine | Desi Bazaar Grocery & Meats | Orijin Yoga | |
| HM Tax & Accounting | Jambo Grill | Wings Up | ShareTea |
| | | | Yuki Café |

Like, Share, Tag, Comment to increase your entries. Return daily to learn about these wonderful local business and you will be entered to win daily prizes. To win you need to following us @shopcollingwood

From the Board of Directors and Staff Happy Holidays and Happy New Year

Linda Doan, Mony Sodhi, Jas Parmar, Cleo Yeh, Hardeep Sall, Wendy Yeh, Angel Zandlviet, Mathai Nooranal, Angela Evans, Mihai Aneculaesei and Bia Caixeta.



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Winter Solstice

December 24

Christmas Eve

December 25

Christmas Day



December 26

Boxing Day

December 31

New Years Eve

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&
Happy New Year!



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Collingwood for your support over the last
30 years!

We are proud to call this community home!