

South Jubilee News

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Richmond School Sale

As many of you know, Richmond School at 2780 Richmond Road was closed as a public school several years ago. In May of 2003, Michael McAvoy, then School Board Operation's Committee Chair, now School Board Chair, said "It is almost a certainty the full board will reject any option that includes sale of schools to private sector." The School Board must have forgotten that statement when Fairburn school site was sold for \$4.3 million to Mamic Construction in January 2007.

And now, Richmond School is for sale. The School Board has at least 12 bids for this property. There has been no community consultation about the sale, something that would be expected for such a valuable public asset. The neighbourhoods of North Jubilee and Camosun plus representatives from Friends of Bowker Creek and South Jubilee Neighbourhood Association have been trying to get the School Board to stop the sale of this public asset to allow for neighbourhood consultation but have been unsuccessful. In an attempt to gain some community input, NJNA and CCA held two workshops last week to hear what residents have to say about the sale and their preferred uses for the site. Both workshops were well-attended. Information compiled from this survey will be available on the Camosun Community Association website, <http://www.camosuncommunityassociation.com>.

If you feel the public should be consulted prior to the sale of their schools and lands, please attend this School Board meeting:

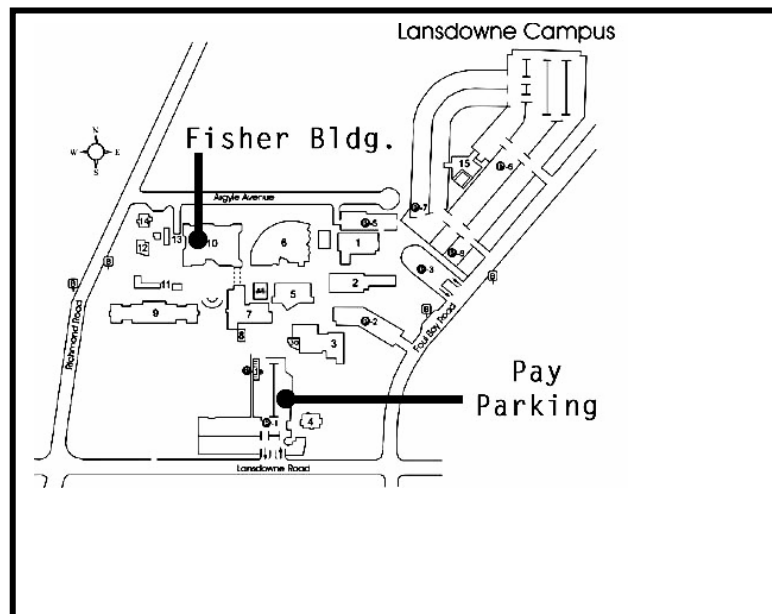
School Board Operations Committee
Thursday, April 12th at 7:00pm
School District 61 Office
556 Boleskin Road (near Douglas)

This may not be the last of the school property sales so we need to make our voices heard now.

Royal Jubilee Construction

Representatives from neighbourhood associations adjacent to the Royal Jubilee Hospital (South Jubilee, North Jubilee, Camosun and Friends of Bowker Creek) and Grant Hollett, Director of Planning and Community Engagement for the Vancouver Island Health Authority had their first meeting March 28th. The committee was formed to provide a forum for discussion of neighbourhood issues surrounding new hospital construction as well as other issues.

Initial plans for the new 10-storey in-patient facility, currently slated for construction on the corner of Bay Street and Richmond will be displayed and discussed at a meeting at the Lansdowne Campus of Camosun College in the Fisher Building, Room 100, on Thursday, April 19th at 7 pm. The map is below. This meeting has been organized by the Camosun Community Association. South Jubilee residents are invited to attend this meeting to see and discuss the proposed plans. Since this building is considerably higher than any building in the area, we urge you to attend this meeting and voice your opinion.



“So, what happens to our recycled plastic?”

Alternative neighbourhood Plastic Recycling has been with us for over eight years, facilitated by Pacific Mobile Depots. Over this period, with the development of better processing technology, there has been a marked improvement in industry’s ability to fulfill the “Reuse” goal of the 3R metric (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle). As can be seen in the following table, and with the processing and distribution help from Esquimalt’s Break Down Recycle and Metro Materials Recovery, all plastic materials now find a new and useful life. Those of us who are helping to reduce the amount of these materials processed at Hartland could be interested to know that each month Pacific Mobile Depots ships 150 cubic metres of Block Styrofoam and Break Down Recycle ships over 300 cubic metres of rigid and soft plastic, all as raw materials for reuse. For more information consult the following website: www.pacificmobiledepots.com

Tips for Living in this Century

Retire your old, polluting lawn equipment. Gasoline powered lawnmowers, and leafblowers are a significant source of smog as well as an irritating and unnecessary noise pollutant. Using an older, inefficient gasoline- powered lawnmower for an hour creates almost as much pollution as a half day of driving a new car. Besides, a push mower doesn't pollute the air, gives us exercise, and at the same time fertilizes the grass if you leave the cuttings.

MATERIAL	PROCESSING	REUSE
Mixed rigid plastic	Separated into six varieties and chipped	Create new bottles, containers and packaging
Soft plastic film	Cleaned, melted down and returned to raw material bead form	Produce new plastic film
Metallic coffee/chip bags, etc.	Shipped to electrical generating plant	Incinerated to steam generate electricity
Block Styrofoam	Bailed and shipped to Canadian Polystyrene Recycling Association, Mississauga, Ontario	Remoulded into new packaging varieties
Styro food and beverage trays and containers	Bailed and shipped to Canadian Polystyrene Recycling Association, Mississauga, Ontario	Remoulded into new food and beverage packaging
Styro packing peanuts	Cleaned	Reused by packing companies
Milk and juice tetrapaks	Separated into plastic and paper	Plastic and paper returned for reuse



After about 4 years of continuous digging and patching, the denizens of Fell Street now have a smooth ride. Bring your roller blades and bicycles and enjoy it while it lasts!

Watch out Criminals....Redfern Street joins the Block Watch program. According to the police, becoming a block watch block does reduce crime in your neighbourhood.....not to mention giving you a home insurance reduction.