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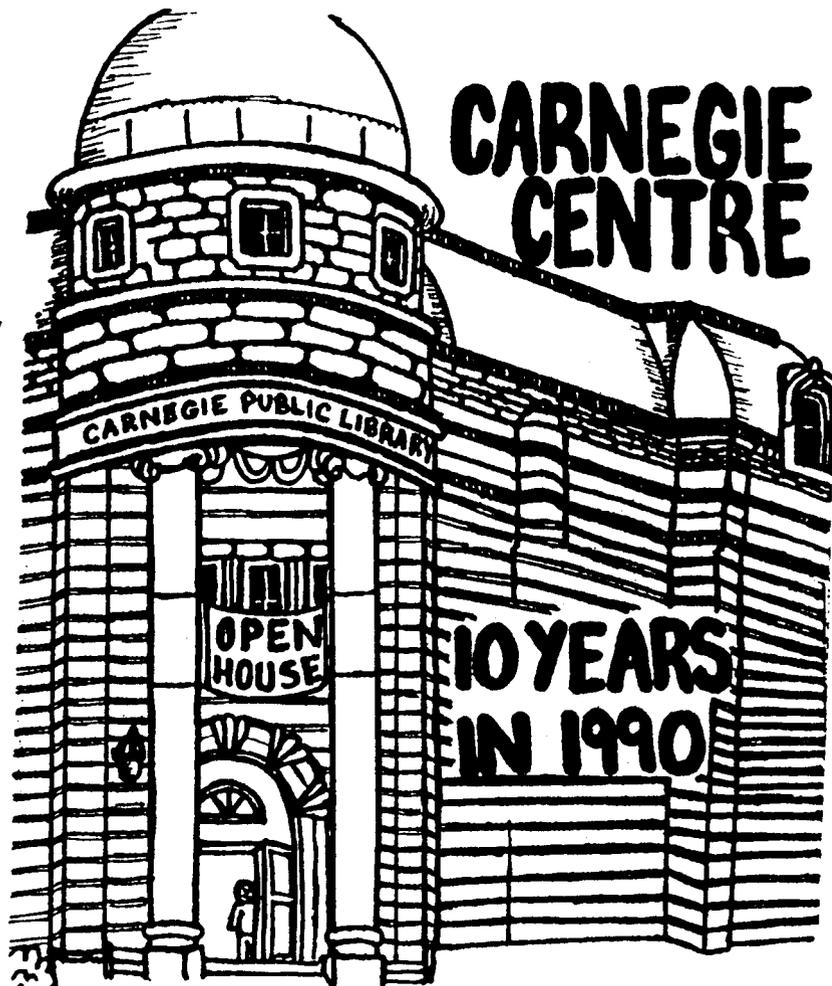


NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 15, 1990.

401 Main St., Vancouver, B.C. (604) 665-2289

**You're
Invited** 



Come join the Board, staff and patrons of the Carnegie Community Centre as we celebrate our 10th anniversary on Saturday, January 20, 1:00 - 4:00.

pull-out supplement inside...

DIRTY BUSINESS IN
VANCOUVER -(Centre)

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Dear Folks,

A lot has happened in ten years in our community. Carnegie itself first opened its doors as a community centre on January 20, 1980 and, as Tora says in his immortal poem, it "didn't just happen along like a girl in a bar, smiling and selling teddy-bears."

Every spark of an idea to improve our neighbourhood has been fanned into a flame with years of hard work.

Since that ancient day a few (and by no means all) of the successes include:

- CARNEGIE
- DERA HOUSING SOCIETY
- FIRST UNITED CHURCH HOUSING
- D.E.Y.A.S.
- FOUR SISTERS Co-op
- CO-OP RADIO
- CRAB PARK
- TELLIER TOWER
- D.E. WOMEN'S CENTRE
- EVELYNE SALLER CENTRE (Alex/44)
- END LEGISLATED POVERTY
- F.L.A.W.
- LEARNING FRONT
- CRABTREE CORNER
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Politics often seems like a boring waste, a lost cause leaving little but the residue of fatalistic cynicism that only gets worse. As the Downtown Eastside Duck once remarked: "Why can't they ever get it right?" As the above short list may indicate, if all the ideas and dreams were left to those gray "them", the Downtown Eastside might have ended up as a giant parking lot.

You're invited on Saturday the 20th to celebrate Carnegie. "May we always have our livingroom in the Downtown Eastside."

By PAULR TAYLOR

AMERICA - the world's best horse trader..and her Canadian trade partner (puppet).

Of course there are many Canadians who want to come under the American government...seems they neither trust nor respect their own people...but this type of rationalism isn't too popular anymore.

The whole world should have International Law that all agree on, but even between two countries like the USA and Canada they can't agree to an arrangement that is mutually beneficial. The Free Trade deal advocates that Canada should trust America too much..that we should work for the convenience of the other side. It's nice of Canadians to tolerate any inconvenience for the sake of being the 'good neighbour', but even the best neighbour will stop when all the giving is one-way.

Any sort of trade involves the profit of one party or the other; it is rare that both parties to trade will profit. In many cases, when one party profits, the other party loses. The profit-motivated usually try to lie, cheat and steal as long as they can get away with it. As soon as one party to any trade agreement breaks any part of the arrangement - even though both may try to remain honest - thr trust is gone and the resulting dishonesty grows like a malignant cancer.

It is not easy to be honest because there are too many who try to exploit the honest. To be honest is to be willing to be alone. If a person wants to be honest, he or she will have to be very careful not to be tricked into being a victim of exploitation. Share and be generous with courage..to share is beautiful.. but be aware of those who are happy to share only yours.

By ARCHIE MIASHITA

newsletter *Mail*

To the Editor:

27/12

I was recently in Toronto. One evening, reading a local Toronto daily, I was struck by an article on housing problems in that city.

I could have been reading any local Vancouver paper. The distress, the problems, the assault on affordable housing, citizens crying out in outrage against demolitions of perfectly good homes... Surely I was reading a Vancouver paper? But no, it was TO.

The point becomes clear. This is a national problem: It is the assault of big business profiteering and speculation on real estate at the expense of dwelling places for what are called "the poor", but who are in fact the victims of an economic system of extortion of the rights of ordinary people to security, shelter and sane living conditions.

To me it calls for expanding unity among all community organizations, particularly those of active, productive labour..the trade unions.. and all who respect human beings and cherish a decent lifestyle for all Canadians.

Beatrice Ferneyhaugh



Dear Editor:

Recently I was reading the book East of Main, which is an anthology of poems from East Vancouver. I really enjoyed reading the poems and like the idea of poets living in East Vancouver getting published.

My problem with this book lies in the back pages, where the poets have a chance to talk about their work and themselves. As a resident of the Downtown Eastside for four years, I took great offense to the comments made about my neighbourhood.. "one of the last skid rows in North America" and "one of the last traditional skid row areas". Two of the poets stated this as their reason for living here.

Many people and organizations that make this neighbourhood their home have fought long and hard to rid the neighbourhood of the image of "Skid Road." It makes me furious when I see people glamorizing the poverty and the social problems that are a part of our daily lives. The Downtown Eastside has enough battles to fight; we do not need people choosing to live in "Skid Road" fighting to keep the poverty, the sub-standard living conditions and the pain alive. We need people who care about the quality of life, people who will fight to make a better quality of life accessible to everyone.

The Downtown Eastside is a strong neighbourhood and we do not need people who want to live on "Skid Road." I do not think that anyone would choose to live in poverty and in sub-standard living conditions. Poverty is not a choice! It is people who perpetuate the idea that poverty is a choice that keeps people in poverty. Stop glamorizing poverty.. it is not fun to be poor.

By SHELLY SCHNEE

4 CARNEGIE

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To staff & people of Carnegie:

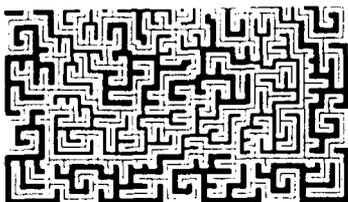
This is a small note to say thank-you for letting me help out during the festive season for the year 1989. I had made plans to go away but at the last minute I had a change of mind. You see I would not have had as much fun somewhere else as I did here because I seemed to make people smile while putting up all the decorations and the trees.

Thanks to all the fellows who helped me in accomplishing the task.

I had lots of good days this last festive season. Thanks to John and Harold for letting me help prepare Christmas dinner. That night was a riot in the kitchen; some of you people should have been there.

I cannot remember when my last Christmas was so full for me. It made my fifty-five years of life all worth it. My one resolution for 1990 is that all the people at Carnegie pull together and make 1990 the best year for the community as a whole and not fight with each other. We have to love one another and not hate for any reason. I send everybody my love and hope this New Year brings to all the riches of the Heart and Soul.

George
(The One-Armed Bandit)



Literacy is something to occupy the mind from mental bugbears that wrestle with worrisome mysteries:

Reading is the acquired Skill to view the collective subjective mind of human thought;

Writing is the potential power to affect the collective mind of human thought.

A person who doesn't possess such literacy skills lives a life of secrecy, but at some point he or she must trust someone to read or write a letter, document, etc., for them.

If you know such a person, you probably sense their frustration and wish you could do something for them. Well, you can!

The Carnegie Learning Centre has a program to teach basic reading and writing skills by volunteer tutors.

Please contact Lex or Claude at 665-3013 for more information.



CARNEGIE LEARNING CENTRE

NOTICE

Our regular resume writer is out of town for awhile. Please arrange to have resumes done elsewhere.

If you can help type resumes - please inform the Learning Centre!

- Claude or Lex

YOU SAID IT

Editor, Carnegie Newsletter:

After 5 or 6 letters from DERA supporters criticizing me for my stand on the standards of maintenance by-laws, I was about ready to give it a rest - then Paul Taylor decided to editorialize &, I guess, slip in the last word (something editors are notorious for)... He says: "To blame DERA for giving landlords an excuse to raise rents, evict, shut down and/or sell out is puerile & short-sighted." I looked "puerile" up in the dictionary, & it means "childish"...well, nobody's perfect, just as no organization is perfect, except DERA - at least in the minds of its supporters. (I was once 100% a DERA supporter myself, so I know what it's like.)

But, in Eastern Europe, socialist organizations are applying the philosophy of "Glasnost & Perestroika" to their actions - this means "Openness & Restructuring"... If you apply a little openness & restructuring to a socialist agency here, however, you seem to get nothing but defensive reactions, denials, & accusations.

I find it interesting, to say the least, that democratic socialism (which I tend to support, but will not fail to criticize if necessary) is less open to change in the Downtown Eastside than in the so-called authoritarian systems of Soviet Russia.

Restructuring (perestroika) is not a bad idea...& that's all I'm suggesting: a restructuring of standards of maintenance by-laws so that they can't be used to justify rent increases... what's wrong with that?

TORA

Tora,
Something seems to have gotten lost in here. The 1st time, you por-

trayed the people who work full-time at the Downtown Eastside Residents' Association (DERA) as being almost solely responsible for a landlord-scam that's gone on all over the world for centuries; the same people responded in kind saying you were off-the-wall.

The 2nd letter said much the same as the 1st..DERA was to blame. Nobody disputes that it's an imperfect world but if you wanted to say that standards' by-laws needed revising, that's a beginning point. Others of like mind will join right in and work on it but your letters read like you used the by-law thing as a way to attack and degrade community workers. As a "last word", maybe filtering the potshots of the person who shoots with a scatter gun over his shoulder while admiring himself in his 'aiming' mirror...maybe a little more thought would make your common sense show you what you're saying.

Editor



Editor,

I now expect to hear a blast from Tora against city hall if he listened to council and particularly Rankin yesterday.

Terry Terhune

(the above letter was handed in the day after council closed the Veille Hotel for its decrepit conditions, filed charges against the owner, & gave the Columbia and one other cockroach hotel 60 days to comply with maintenance standards by-laws. The huge rent increases at the Columbia were disallowed and the owner told that they could serve notice of a future rent increase only after the required maintenance was done.)

GAIN TRIBUNAL TRAINING
FEBRUARY 8TH & 22ND, 1990

6:30-9:30 P.M.

PEOPLES LAW SCHOOL
900 HOWE ST.

The Frontline Advocate Workers (F.L.A.W.) organization, in connection with the Ministry of Social Services & Housing, invite you to participate in a training workshop for those interested in becoming involved in the Tribunal process. We are currently seeking to expand our numbers of "experienced" resources, and believe that these two workshops will give you the working knowledge you need to comfortably participate as Ministry or appellant nominee or chairperson.

Assistance for transportation and childcare costs are available given prior notification.

Advance registration is requested by February 1st to give us a sense of the number of participants.

For registration, childcare and transportation costs or any further questions, please contact Karen Howe at First United Church: 681-8365.

We are grateful to the People's Law School who have donated the use of their facilities for this event.

PUBLIC NOTICE: Environment

It's an issue that concerns us all. N.G.R. is a reforestation company, whose rep dropped off this notice and asked that it be circulated. Companies involved in mining, oil exploitation & lumber are required to replace or restore Canadian soil to its original state. The notice implies that taxes pay for it. Also contained in the notice is a call for people interested in working with N.G.R. to contact them at: (403) 462-7738. (403) is Alberta.

FREE LEGAL ADVICE

The Law Students' Legal Advice Program (LSLAP) offers free legal advice to people who cannot afford a lawyer. Students, working under the supervision of a lawyer, can give advice on a range of legal issues including areas such as small claims, landlord/tenant disputes, family law and employer/employee relations. Students can also assist in the preparation of wills and can handle uncontested divorces. Where we are unable to be of assistance, we provide referrals to the appropriate legal or social service. The Law Students invite anyone with a legal problem or question to drop our clinic.

LSLAP clinics will be held every other Tuesday evening on the 3rd floor of Carnegie starting Jan. 9; then Jan. 23, Feb. 6, Feb. 20 and Mar. 6...from 7:00 to 8:30. Clients may simply drop by the clinic - no appointments needed. For further information and other clinic locations, phone LSLAP at 228-5791.

DOWNTOWN EASTSIDE WOMEN'S CENTRE

We need a Drop-In/Volunteer Co-ordinator to begin February 21, 1990. The successful applicant will have experience working with women, knowledge of the Downtown east side and a feminist perspective. Valuable skills include advocacy & self-help background, program planning, crisis intervention & cross cultural experience. The ideal person will be self motivated, flexible, eager to tackle new experiences & able to relate to an elected board. The salary is \$1650 per month + benefits. Applications:

Downtown Eastside Women's Centre
 44 E. Cordova St.,
 Vancouver, B.C. V6A 1K2
 (by January 22, 1990.)



The USEFUL and The USELESS
CANADA'S USELESS - (Part One)

1. SENATE Horrendously expensive archaic political patronage welfare bums living in luxury off the backs of Canada's workers. Should be abolished completely and put on old age pension just like war veterans.
2. LAWYERS Semi-parasitical group of money-grubbers thriving on the misery of others and self-glorifying omnipotents under the ruse of mental superiority.
3. PSYCHOLOGISTS Professionals so-called skilled in the expertise of complicating common horse sense.
4. PSYCHIATRISTS Masters of quackery and dangerous to the feeble and mentally disabled.
5. ECONOMISTS Experts at juggling statistics yet which no two of them ever arrive at any sort of conclusive similarity.
6. POLITICAL SCIENTISTS (so-called) -
Can anyone prove to me where in hell does actual science fit into the picture here? Bah!
7. POLITICS 75% half-truths...25% damn lies.

CANADA'S USEFUL - (Part Two)

1. MEDICAL PROFESSION: Top priority in toto.
2. PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS: They build - do not destroy.
3. POLICE SERVICEMEN & WOMEN: They protect us all.
4. FARMERS: The most useful non-professionals on the face of this earth without whom no one can survive.
5. TEACHERS: Dedicated to inculcation of basics paramount to the pursuit of healthy happy productive life.
6. TRADESMEN & WOMEN: Carpenters, Plumbers, Electricians, Barbers, etc.
7. 50% of Federal, Provincial and Municipal bureaucracy for what it's worth.

By Guess Whoooo?

(Editor's Note: It seems too easy to find fault with an entire profession on the basis of individual experiences. Additions, subtractions, comments...)

Why do you give me
 such a warm, backward glance?
 And then -
 Treat me if I were a casual acquaintance?
 Why do you stand apart
 indifferent
 And yet
 expect, when the mood is on
 that I'll come running
 breathless with delight
 innocent in anticipation?

Am I so contemptible?

You can reject - absolutely.
 I stand stunned;
 Later to experience shatter
 and twisting agony
 so that I clutch at my gut
 gasping.

Recovering - I turn out to nature
 Walk by the sea..brood..
 And grow calm.
 But you clamour -
 pursuing me
 Demanding understanding?
 Of what?
 Your need for agony?
 Solace yourself - as I must.

Perhaps it is
 that we live in two worlds
 Far apart; continents indeed.
 I am alone - a solitary traveller
 But you!
 How many close ties you have;
 To me all foreign!
 Inside a boundary I shall
 never -
 I cannot ever cross.

Bea F.



RULERS OF THE PEN

Come all you rulers of the pen
 And hear my frightening sound;
 The words that you teach are as crooked
 As the Devil below the ground -
 You say I'm a rat 'cause I'm honest
 You brand me yellow and say I hide;
 Even Lord Jesus would never forgive ye
 For all those suicides.

You sit behind your etiquette desks
 Smug in the bottoms of your seats;
 Wearing million dollar vests
 Even though you know you cheat -
 You pull in fifty grand for dough
 To preach 'bout Hitler's word;
 As you stand deep in death row
 Alongside that vermin dirt.

You rulers of the pen deceive
 So much that it makes me sick;
 I'd rather shoot myself than believe
 The sharp words that you pick -
 You're as morbid as a snake
 Alongside an inkwell;
 You're just a band of fakes
 May you all rot in hell.

Joe Ringer

CONRAD

Conrad was a friend of mine
But not my friend alone
He was a friend to one and all
And even tho he's gone
He will not be forgotten
In days and months to come
He'd be welcomed anywhere
In anybody's home

The days and months and years will come
And they will also go
And those of us who knew him best
Will surely, surely know
The precious moments that we spent
With Conrad near the end
Were precious moments, truly
And say, "Conrad was my friend."

Gerry Bee



DEAR ABBY,

You're getting old when:

You know all the answers but no-body asks you any questions.

You get winded playing checkers.

You order Geritol on the rocks.

You sink your teeth into a thick steak and they stay there.

You feel like the morning after and you haven't been anywhere.

You stop to think and sometimes forget to start again.

You sit down in a rocking chair and can't get it started.

You don't need an alarm clock to get up with the chickens.

Your pacemaker opens the garage door whenever a cute gal goes by.

The only whistles you get are from a tea kettle.

A fortune-teller wants to read your face.

You finally get it all together but can't remember where you put it.

You pray for a good prune-juice harvest.

OLD-TIMER



Do You Need Help Writing Letters?

Are there people you need to keep in touch with; forms that need to be filled out; correspondence with agencies, businesses, for jobs, etc....

My name is Matthew. I have done some studying in journalism, but more importantly I enjoy writing letters to family and friends..to keep contact with them.

So if you feel that I can be of some help, let's get together in the Learning Centre of the Carnegie. I'll be there each Monday & Wednesday from 2-4 pm. Messages can also be left with Claude or Lex at the Learning Centre.

BIRTH TRILOGY

Shelly Schnee

I. Modern Society

Back labour
 Intense pain
 Knife turning
 Pain relief
 Guilt

Epidural, routine hospital interventions
 Intervenes - A needle in your arm that pulls and gets in the way
 Fetal monitor - something long shoved up inside you, screwed to the
 baby's head that monitors his heart rate but the machine doesn't
 even work that well
 A contraction monitor - this belt strapped to your swollen belly tied
 too tight

A prisoner in the bed surrounded by the walls
 Tiny room closing in

Primeval screams take me back hundreds of years beyond
 modern society

Where a woman had the magic of her midwife to travel beside her
 with dignity and with joy

In her environment safe from the knives of the future
 Where have all the midwives gone
 Gone into hiding

II. The Conflict of Love

After 31 hours my baby taken from me
 After the head crowns and the baby is pushed out
 After birth

After the emotion of realizing, "I had a baby," pours out to
 fill the room

After being told I can not hold my baby
 After 24 hours in an incubator being fed by a tube

Compelled
 Driven
 To go
 To see
 My baby



After
Finally to take my baby home
Love, oozing out
Soft skin, toothless smile
The most beautiful baby in the world

Discovering feelings
That only parents know
Excruciating pain forgotten for the moment
Emotions high, bonds developing

I want my body back and to sleep through the night
I miss work, lack of privacy
Conflict, the clash, and how they fit together
The conflict of love

III. The Loneliness of Motherhood

Not employed
Working at home
Raise the baby
Struggle between the joy
And the longing

Trying to believe that other people respect the work that mothers do
Trying to convince myself that I respect the work that mothers do
I was able to make the choice
Looking at my baby knowing I made the right choice
Consider, the loneliness of motherhood is not my fault

Isolate
Divide and conquer
The realism
Of giving birth
Into Capitalism
The politics of motherhood



Women's pay making little headway, survey shows

By Maria-Elena Alvarez

Financial Post

CANADIAN WOMEN earned 65.3% as much as men during 1988, according to a new survey by Statistics Canada that shows women made an average \$21,918 while men earned \$33,558.

Women's earnings as a percentage of those of men have shown little movement during the 1980s. The percentage rose to 65.6% in 1984, from 64.2% in 1980. But it has remained almost unchanged for the past three years, between 65.3% and 65.9%. The 1988 figure has grown only 6.9 percentage points from 58.4% in 1967, when the survey began.

The earnings figures were drawn from the Survey of Consumer Finances conducted in April 1989.

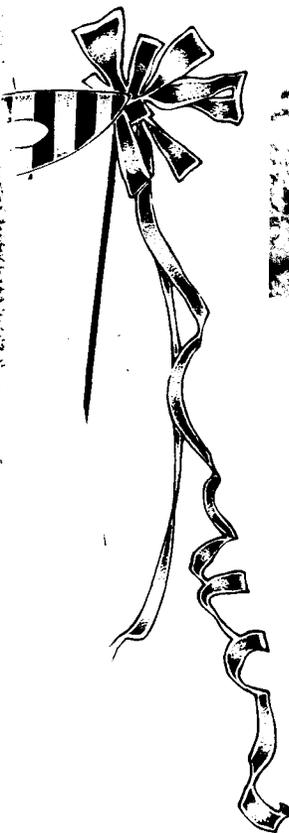
Kevin Bishop, survey statistician with StatCan, said the trend between 1967 and 1988 is more significant than the annual changes. He noted the percentage has increased "quite significantly" in the past 20 years.

Because this is a sample survey rather than a census, it is considered to have a 95% confidence level. But Bishop warned the data could be subject to sampling error.

Younger women have a better chance than their mothers to have salaries close to those of male counterparts. The female-to-male earnings ratio ranged from 83.7% in the 15-to-19 age group to 59.4% in the 55 to 64 group.

Women who have never married earned 89.8% of single men's average wages. This compares with 60.8% for married women and 67.5% for other categories.

Women with Grade 8 education or less earned 57.1% of what men with similar education made. Women with university degrees earned 72.3% as much as male university graduates, the federal agency said.



THE GODS MUST BE CRAZY.
FOR THEY KNOW SHE'S NOT LAZY,
DOWNTRODDEN IN HER LATER YEARS,
NEVER THINKING OF HER PEERS.

THE CLOTHES SHE WEARS
SHOW NOTHING OF DESPAIR;
HER BAG SHE DOES NOT DRAG.
THE ROUGE ON HER FACE
INSINUATES NO DISGRACE.
LOST IN TIME, THIS LOVE OF MINE,
THE INSPIRATION OF HER DESTINATION
NO DIFFERENT THAN YOURS OR MINE.

I LOVE HER FOR THE SECOND
THE MINUTE
THE HOUR
HER LOVE - IT DOES SHOWER.

- in admiration

DON'T GIVE US THAT GARBAGE --

150,000 TONS OF IT
IN YOUR BACKYARD --

The mayor and the majority of aldermen on City Council are proceeding with plans to put a garbage processing plant in the railway flats between Main Street and Clarke Drive, the Mount Pleasant Slope and Strathcona.

If this plant goes ahead, up to 60,000 residents living in the West End, Downtown Eastside, South False Creek/Fairview Slopes and parts of Mount Pleasant will be excluded from participating in the city's

curbside blue box recycling programme.

The plant will be located within walking distance of four residential neighbourhoods -- Grandview, Starthcona, Mount Pleasant and Downtown Eastside -- as well as parks and public schools in those neighbourhoods.

Neighbourhood groups in Grandview, Strathcona, Mount Pleasant, the Downtown

**PUBLIC MEETING ON THE RESOURCE
RECOVERY PLANT**
sponsored by City Engineering
**BRITANNIA SECONDARY SCHOOL
AUDITORIUM**
AT COMMERCIAL AND NAPIER ST.
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24TH AT 7:00 PM

Eastside and the West End have all expressed concern about the garbage plant's location and the process through which civic politicians decided to approve a garbage plant, rather than implement an at source recycling programme in the urban core.

Environmental and recycling groups, as well as unions, are also very concerned about this garbage plant, and the impact it will have on the way Vancouver processes its garbage in the future.

Political supporters of this plant claim it is a temporary solution to the garbage crisis. However, they can't explain why a private business would spend upwards of \$5 million to construct a temporary plant, especially when markets for recycled materials are weak at this time?

The city's own Engineering Department recommended delaying the decision on this plant until the curbside recycling programme is fully in place. They want to see what lessons can be learned from this that can be applied to recycling in the urban core.

The only way this plant makes sense is if the City (that means you and I) subsidizes it or if the operator is in it for the long haul -- or both.

CN Rail has asked City Council to consider swapping the original site for the plant (near Main Street) for a larger site (700 block Evans Ave.) that is only 600 feet from Strathcona Park and 1300 hundred feet from residences in Grandview Woodlands.

Although neighbourhood groups asked City Council for an open public debate on this garbage plant, it looks as though what we are getting is a simple question and answer information session with someone from the City Engineering Department.

That means its up to us to ask the important questions and to let the politicians know if we're not satisfied with the answers. Here are some things to remember when you go to the public meeting on January 24th:

* The garbage plant will take all garbage from apartment offices, and businesses in the

area north of 16th Ave. Residents who live in multiple unit buildings, or workers and employers in this area do not even have the choice to participate in the at-source recycling programme.

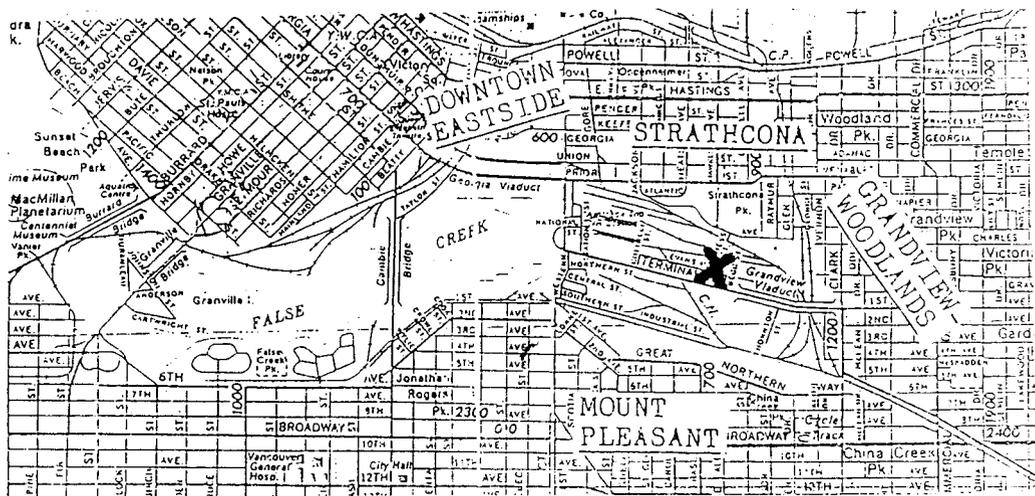
* The system of waste collection in the downtown core already has many problems. This plant will lock the downtown into this system for a good many years to come.

* The garbage plant will process 150,000 tonnes of garbage per year, but only a portion of that will be recycled. City estimates of the amount of garbage that can actually be recycled through

the plant range from 15% to 40%.

* To reach that 40% maximum, the plant will be required to manufacture Refuse Derived Fuel (RDF). This is a potentially toxic mix of garbage that must be incinerated to be of any use. The Burnaby incinerator has already proved to be a dangerous and costly boondoggle.

* Political supporters of this garbage plant claim it is necessary to reduce the flow of waste to the Burns Bog landfill. But even at the plant's maximum recovery rate of 40%, the plant will reduce the overall flow of garbage to Burns Bog by only 6%.



* The garbage going to this plant will not be separated. Wet and dry garbage will be mixed together. This kind of garbage decays rapidly and smells badly.

* Resource recovery plants use heavy machinery and are not noted for their quiet operation.

* Up to 35 garbage trucks per hour will be required to fill

this plant with enough garbage to keep it profitable.

* This means 35 trucks per hour travelling through or near residential neighbourhoods. They will bring with them added dust and noise.

* Resource Recovery Plants are proven failures in Ontario and the United States. Why do we need one here?

WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT THIS GARBAGE PLANT?

CALL MAYOR GORDON CAMPBELL, AT 873-7621 OR 873-7622,
OR THE ALDERMEN, AT 873-7273

* TELL THEM YOU'RE CONCERNED ABOUT THE IMPACT OF THIS GARBAGE PLANT ON YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD AND THE FUTURE OF RECYCLING IN THE URBAN CORE

* MAKE SURE THAT YOU WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE CITY'S BLUE-BOX RECYCLING PROGRAMME

ATTEND THE PUBLIC MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24TH, 7PM
AT BRITANNIA CENTRE, COMMERCIAL DRIVE AND NAPIER STREET.
LET THE POLITICIANS KNOW THAT YOU CARE ABOUT WHAT THE CITY DOES WITH OUR GARBAGE

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:

- * THE GRANDVIEW WOODLANDS AREA COUNCIL: 251-1491
 - * IN STRATHCONA/DOWNTOWN EASTSIDE/
WEST END - JEFF SOMMERS: 665-2220
 - * IN MOUNT PLEASANT - DALE EDWARDS: 876-3371
- * IN FALSE CREEK/FAIRVIEW SLOPES - BERYL WILSON: 734-3369
 - * THE CITIZENS ACTION NETWORK - 732-6952



Office of the Mayor
CITY OF VANCOUVER
BRITISH COLUMBIA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS Evelyne Saller has dedicated more than two decades of her life to serving the downtown core community;
- AND WHEREAS She has managed, with competence, humour and compassion, the old "44", then the Alex Centre;
- AND WHEREAS Her strength and kindness have softened people's poverty and pain;
- AND WHEREAS She has sought neither attention nor rewards for her significant contributions;
- AND WHEREAS Everyone whose life she has touched will miss her as much as they respect her;
- AND WHEREAS The Vancouver City Council appreciates Evelyne's service to the management of the Alex Centre:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gordon Campbell, Mayor of the City of Vancouver, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM on Wednesday, November 29th, 1989 that the Alex Centre will hereafter be named

"THE EVELYNE SALLER CENTRE"

in recognition of her outstanding service to the people of Vancouver.

Gordon Campbell,
MAYOR



To the Mayor & Members of Council:

Radio news reported this morning (5 January 1990) that Victoria City Council has imposed a six-month moratorium on demolitions in their municipality. The reasoning was virtually identical to that of North Vancouver's" to stop the demolition of affordable housing and its replacement with luxury condominiums.

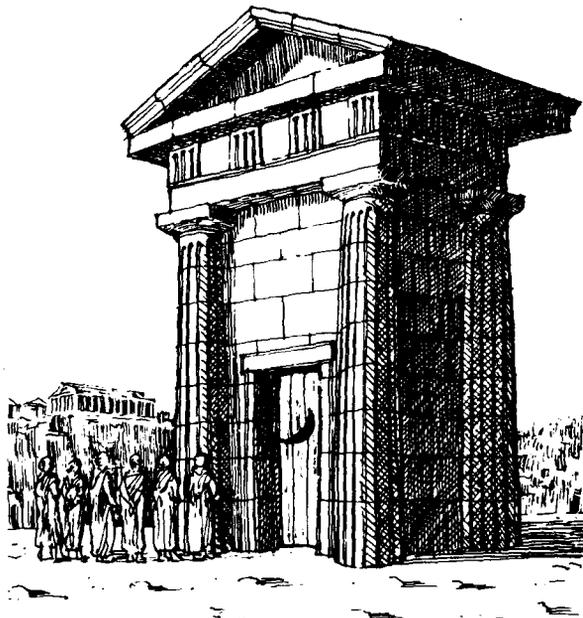
The reasoning presented by Mayor Campbell and the other NPA members of Vancouver City Council against imposing such a moratorium in our city is a sad excuse. By leaving low-cost and affordable rental housing unprotected, thousands of citizens, many of whom have lived most of their lives in Vancouver, are being forced out of their homes. There is nowhere to go for housing as the vacancy rates become smaller and the accommodations sought disappear in piles of rubble.

When hundreds of Vancouver's citizens came to City Hall on December 19th to show their concern with this same majority's indifference and demanded solutions - including a moratorium on demolitions and a neighbourhood protection program - the response was vague and consciously directed to divert attention from your lack of political will to solve this crisis to the satisfaction of the thousands of people whom the hundreds in attendance at Council Chambers on the 19th represented.

Mayor Campbell, to cite the megaprojects as the City's answer to the pressing need for affordable housing is a chimera. Virtually none of those demanding an immediate plan of action will be able to afford even the least expensive suite in these megaprojects if they were to open tomorrow. With the projected first day being at least two years in the future these peoples' chances shrink to virtually zero.

The plan seems to be to force a vast majority of Vancouver's present citizens out of their city; to make way for only well-to-do people migrating here from elsewhere. This is reprehensible. Vancouver's City Council members must see the writing on the wall and declare a moratorium on any further demolitions immediately and spare us any more of your stupid rhetoric. Anger has disturbing consequences.

PAULR TAYLOR



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SHIFTLESS

The people who were better than us were comfortable.
They lived in painted houses with flush toilets.
Drove cars whose year and make were recognizable.
The ones worse off were sorry and didn't work.
Their strange cars sat on blocks in dusty yards.
The years go by and everything and everyone
gets replaced. But this much is still true -
I never liked work. My goal was always
to be shiftless. I saw the merit in that.
I liked the idea of sitting in a chair
in front of your house for hours, doing nothing
but wearing a hat and drinking cola.
What's wrong with that?

Drawing on a cigarette from time to time.
Spitting. Making things out of wood with a knife.
Where's the harm there? Now and then calling
the dogs to hunt rabbits. Try it sometime.
Once in awhile hailing a fat, blond kid like me
and saying, "Don't I know you?"
Not, "What are you going to be when you grow up?"

Raymond Carver
(Submitted by Carl MacDonald)



... WHO NEEDS ENEMIES
Human Nature betrays
the ambitious clowns
who want you to smile
but cause you to frown.

Garry Gust



STATE OF THE ECONOMY
Money talks in masses,
Single "ones" are dumb,
Big Bucks marry Power;
Where loonies come from.
Garry Gust

AGORAMANIA

Stained glass angels
filtering sunrays
upon the smooth marble cliffs.
Steps are taken, paths forsaken,
many travel where we tread.

Fellow fools, I wit you not,
our place is of this world;
a wayward alien nation,
we gather, we disperse.

Leaving half filled coffee cups
to prove we once were here,
we walk back down the marble
cliffs, step out & disappear.

Garry Gust



Re: CACHE CREEK LANDFILL

An Open Letter to the G.V.R.D.

Dear GVRD Directors,

Our family supports any efforts you make to turn around the injustice you have done to the residents of the interior by sending your garbage 200 miles to Cache Creek.

You have taken advantage of a town desperate for revenue. There were no public hearings (required by law in the U.S. for projects of this magnitude) and no environmental impact study. An appeal hearing after the permit was issued is not a public hearing, and a technical report on site design by the proponent's consulting engineers is not an environmental impact study.

Your recycling program is not adequate to solve your problem. Your constituents want to recycle 100% and your previous "burn & bury" approach to waste management is no longer acceptable.

Our best wishes go to you and any creative efforts you make to resolve the situation.

P & M Rubinson
Deadman's Creek

To the Editor,

The clearly unabashed idiocy of big business thinking becomes daily more apparent. Their fundamental & guiding principle is to maximize profit at every step and "Damn the consequences!"

But is this not what we are all engaged more and more in doing? We turn the resources of the earth into increased destructive capacities (for profit); into self-poisoning (for profit); into pollution (for profit); into de-forestation (for profit); into soil erosion (for profit); into demolition of affordable housing (for profit). Yet all of this follows the agenda of big business - the god-head and hero of our society.

May we not give thought to the possibility that putting a lid on profit might give consuming power a break and life a chance..both socially and ecologically?

I ask you.

Beatrice Ferneyhaugh

PS: In light of the above, the idiocy of the Wilson GST becomes apparent: He proposes extracting, from a majority of the people, 9% more of what increasingly isn't there.

Editor:

Stephen Sander's decision to establish a foundation for those hurting in the Third World with money earned from real estate holdings in the Lower Mainland can be seen as both good and bad. Certainly there are people hurting in different nations but Mr. Sander has caused a lot of pain right here in Vancouver with the

massive rental increases he has inflicted on the tenants in his apartment buildings.

Hopefully Revenue Canada will ensure that the kind and caring profile Mr. Sander has developed this Christmas isn't just a "dodge the taxman" ploy. The people Mr. Sander has hurt in the Lower Mainland deserve a break as well.

Darren Lowe

WHY WE WORSHIP GOD

I am but a beggar
Heading down the drain;
I have refused to learn
What other puppets say -
I feel that all money
Is but a fraud;
This is the reason why
I worship God.

Our land was so young
In days of Daniel Boone;
They wiped out our Indians
The Cree, Cheyenne and Sioux -
They burned all their guns
As we sit and applaud;
From the barrels of their 33's
While we worship God.

But man now conquers
The limits of space;
Many millions of dollars
Have now gone to waste -
We could feed our hungry
And forget about lost moon rocks;
That's why the Man-in-the-Moon
Now worships God.

Since ever I was born
I've rebelled against war;
Its traction bodies decay
After two world wars -
I've burned Hitler's body
'n all his mob;
But now we love Hitler too
Because he worshipped God.

Now we've got grenades
To destroy our crowds;
Three Japanese were brave
While at Fort Laude -
You can see the red stains
Smearred in the mud;
That's why the Japanese
Always worship God.

Now - as I hold the pistol
To my crazt head;
I start to cry a little
As I go to bed -
I see a third world war
Is now being fought;
That's why the human race
Did away with God.

Joe Ringer

SLOW ME DOWN LORD

Slow me down, Lord
Ease the pounding of my heart
By the quieting of my mind.
Steady my hurried pace with
A vision of the eternal reach of time
Give me, amid the confusion of
The day, the calmness of the
Everlasting hills.
Break the tensions of my nerves
And muscles with the soothing
Music of the singing streams
That live in my memory.
Help me to know the magical,

Restoring power of sleep.
Teach me the art of taking
Minute vacations - of slowing
Down to look at a flower, to
Chat with a friend, to pat a dog,
To read a few lines
From a good book.
Slow me down, Lord, and inspire
Me to send my roots deep into
The soil of life's enduring
Values that I may grow
Toward the stars of my
Greater destiny.

Joe Ringer

MOUNT ARTABAN SEVEN

The arduous climb hand over hand
squirriling up a log to a moss-covered
craggy loft. Velvet-covered pine forests
a pause for refreshments, a task shared

the Bees are busy at this height collecting
pollen from splotchy lichen, hay-making
in the air and the view -
the sea coast fog enshrouded

Facing a forest extinction at an incredible
rate, depletion of soil, enormous tree trunks
roots of long gone native species
death camps for trees disrupting the eco-
life systems. Eco System Disruption

E c o tourism could save a few lives
Forest tours to tourists for rest,
A Volunteer's trip!

Taum D.

HYDRA

I have been informed of what is
happening.
I must warn you.
The jackboots are marching again
The crowds are being whipped
into madness
They are chanting an old refrain
They tore down the wall and the
world knows of their gladness;
They are counting on another
Chamberlain.
They tell me they will win
this time
A world in ruins from chemical
war
Men in protective suits kicking
down the door
as they roam
Seeking to benefit from the last
bits of a lost civilization.
Stop them now

Elizabeth Thorpe



THE GST



MAKING THE POOR POORER

WHAT IS THE GST?

Starting in 1991, the Tories want a Goods and Services Tax on all goods and services. They haven't decided yet if the tax will be 9% or 7%. Basic groceries, prescription drugs, medical devices, residential rents, most health and dental services and childcare won't be taxed.

But nearly everything else will be taxed: haircuts, stamps, sanitary napkins, children's and adults' clothes, soap, the phone bill, cable TV and Hydro, a cup of coffee or a meal in a restaurant..to name a few.

	New shoes cost	\$20.00
EXAMPLE:	B.C. sales tax	+1.20
	GST	+1.80
	TOTAL	\$23.00

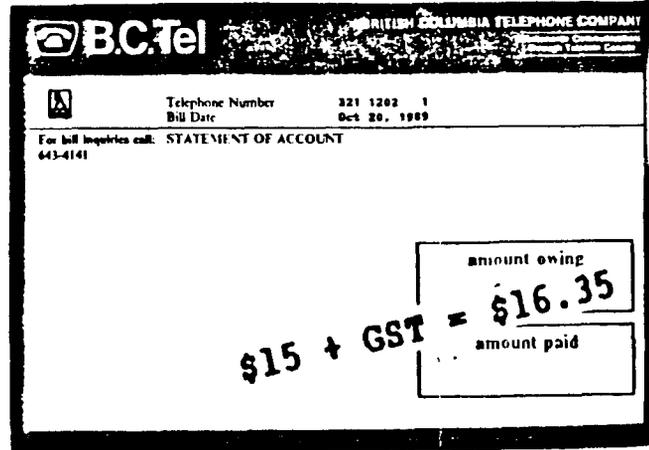
THE FREE TRADE CONNECTION

The GST is related to the free trade deal. Here's how:

When the trade deal passed, the government lost about \$2 Billion a year in taxes that people pay when they bring things across the border. The GST helps make up for these taxes.

Also, the GST will help make Canada's tax system more like the tax system in the U.S. The rich and corporations will pay less and middle and low income people will pay more.

THE GST WILL INCREASE PRICES

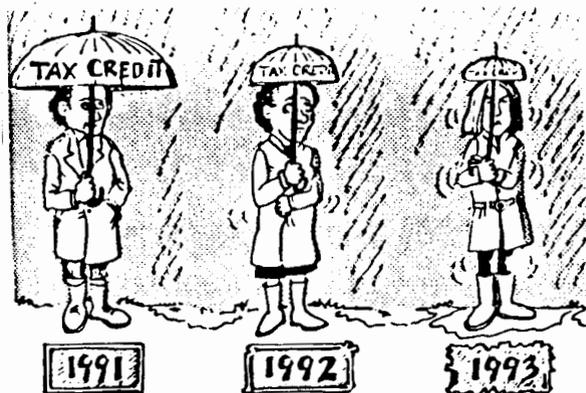


THE GST WILL WIPE OUT JOBS

Economists say that tens of thousands of men and women will lose their jobs because of the GST. These pictures explain how:



THE TAX CREDIT:
AN UMBRELLA THAT SHRINKS
WITH THE RAIN



The government says it will help some low income people pay the sales tax. They say it will give us a sales tax credit like the sales tax credit we get now--only more. But we don't know for sure how much more.

We DO know that the credit is not tied to the cost of living. So every year the credit will be worth less & less. It will be like an umbrella that shrinks in the rain.

Corporations, on the other hand, get a full tax credit so they don't have to pay any extra.

WHO SHOULD PAY?

The government could tax people who can afford more. Canada could have a wealth tax like West Germany, Austria and Norway. Corporations could pay their share. Rich people could pay higher income taxes. The government could create decent jobs and reduce interest rates. You probably have some good ideas yourself.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

1. Show this information to a friend and talk to them about it.
2. Write to your MP and to Brian Mulroney, Parliament Buildings, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6 (no stamp needed). Tell them to stop the GST and tax people who can afford to pay.
3. Get groups that you belong to to hold a meeting or a workshop on the GST. Call End Legislated Poverty at 321-1202 if you want help.
4. Get more leaflets from End Legislated Poverty (call 321-1202) and hand them out to your friends.
5. Don't forget to vote against the GST in April. Watch for more info on the GST referendum in the next while.

COUNCILLOR LIBBY DAVIES EXPLAINS
COPE POSITION ON CONCORD PACIFIC
NORTH SHORE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

Notes

1. Total number of submissions at the public inquiry = 69.
Those opposed = 34
Those in favour = 32
Those who had some objections = 3
2. The public inquiry extended over three evenings from 7 pm to midnight each evening.
3. The final vote was 7 to 3 in favour of the proposal with only the three COPE Councillors opposing.

Councillor Davies emphasized that it was unfortunate that the vote tonight was "predictable" in spite of the fact that a majority of the submissions had been opposed to the proposal. Davies referred to many of the phrases which she had heard in the briefs opposed to the project - "executive city", "sense of despair" "warfare on the environment", "concrete jungle", "two solitudes - the rich and the poor", with reference to density, "a wall of buildings", and to views, "the views from the south shore are unique" for example.

She emphasized that the three COPE councillors recognize the need for development and favour development on the north shore site. Emphasizing that it is a phony issue for the NPA councillors to try to pin the negative label on COPE and deploring the polarization which has occurred, Councillor Davies referred to the two main issues.

1. Form of the Development

"I was concerned about density up to the time of the public hearing. Now I am not concerned, but I do have grave reservations about what the project will look like with 42 towers over 12 stories high and high rises up to 34 stories. I am certain that future citizens will wonder, will question, perhaps even condemn us for approving this proposal," Councillor Davies stated.

2. Housing

"I can't believe that this will be a balanced neighbourhood when 80% of the units will be available only to high income or near high income residents. The commitment for 20% social housing is only on paper as there has been no response from either the provincial or the federal governments. You are simply dumping a future council with a huge problem. Because there is no allocation for rental housing or for moderate income residents, how will this ease our desperate housing shortage?"

3. Two Other Concerns

Libby Davies stated that there should have been integration of the housing projects on both the south and north shores of False Creek in order to preserve for south shore residents unimpeded views of the mountains.

Councillor Davies questioned the process. Even though there had been 150 to 200 meetings, might not the establishment of a Citizens Advisory

Committee have ensured the emergence of a "round table consensus", rather than the current polarization.

4. Conclusion

Councillor Davies posed the rhetorical question, "Is this the best that Vancouver can get?"

Stating that it is a City Council duty to obtain what Vancouverites desire and need, Davies added that five factors in the existing proposal did not meet the criteria of the best for Vancouver. These are:

- (a) 80% of housing units available only for the well-to-do or the nearly well-to-do.
- (b) 42 high rise towers.
- (c) No guarantee of social housing being provided.
- (d) A flawed public process.
- (e) Park space provided, but no guarantee that the public would be allowed to utilize the facilities.

5. Amendments

Councillor Davies proposed six amendments.

- (a) that 50% of the 7650 housing units be set aside for family housing.
- (b) that 33% be set aside for social housing.
- (c) that 33% be set aside for moderate income residents.
- (d) that 25% be rental housing.
- (e) that the official development plan not proceed until such time as social housing is provided.
- (f) that Concord Pacific provide the land for social housing at no cost.

Further notes

1. In spite of the fact that the three COPE Councillors made it abundantly clear that they would support the developer's application provided that the NPA majority Council would approve the foregoing six amendments,

each was defeated by a 7 to 3 majority vote.

2. Councillor Davies spoke eloquently and forcefully in summarizing the COPE positions on the Concord Pacific North Shore Development proposal.

COPE regrets that the mainstream media ignored completely the reasoned position put forward by Libby Davies.



Dear Friends,

Bill Vanderzalm and the Socreds are selling their government as one that's brought economic prosperity to BC. But the glitzy ads can't hide the fact that the good life does not yet exist for all British Columbians - there are real social and legislative barriers to a decent quality of life for many of us.

The fact is the needs of today's families, and particularly the interests of children, are a low priority for Social Credit. At the same time we're seeing more tax cuts for big business. The socreds simply can't be trusted to provide government that is fair to all British Columbians.

What must be ensured is a decent quality of life for seniors, women at home and in the workplace, and handicapped and disabled citizens.

Our province is prosperous when housing is out of reach of working people, when our seniors are hit with unfair taxes and health care fees, or when children are allowed to go to school hungry.

Joan Smallwood, MLA

Carnegie Town Meeting

CARNEGIE TOWN HALL MEETINGS

January 21st - A presentation and open discussion of renovation plans, with large colour drawings and a slide show of what different areas look like now and what they'll become after construction finishes.

Members of the Steering Committee - Andy Ross (civic Buildings), Diane MacKenzie (Carnegie Director), Eunice Mak (Social Planning), Muggs Sigurgeirson (Association President), Donald MacPherson (Programmer Supervisor), James Burton (Architect) and Paul Taylor () invite everybody!

February 11th - Homelessness is a fact for growing numbers of people. Parks, warehouses and abandoned buildings are only some of the places used to spread blankets or just huddle in til morning. Air your ideas on fighting for solutions - both immediate and longterm.

GARBAGE & THE RESOURCE RIP-OFF PLANT

January 24th - The NPA majority on city council ignored the call for a moratorium on the privatization of waste management, but agreed to hold public meetings. This one is it (that is right - this ONE meeting is it). It's scheduled to begin at 7:00 at the Britannia Community Centre's Secondary School Auditorium.

CONFERENCE ON POVERTY

January 25th & 26th - This has been organised by End Legislated Poverty and will start in the evening on Friday and again in the morning on Saturday. Call 321-1202 for more information.



CCCA Board

- January 29th - Community Relations
Monday, 4:45 pm
- January 30th - Program Committee
Tuesday, 4:00 pm
- January 30th - Education Committee
Tuesday, 6:00 pm
- January 31st - Volunteer Committee
Wednesday, 4:00 pm
- January 31st - Finance Committee
Wednesday, 6:00 pm
- February 1st - Board of Directors
Thursday, 7:00 pm
- February 13 - Seniors Committee
Tuesday, 2:00 pm
- February 14 - Finance Workshop
Wednesday, 6:00 pm