

False Creek South Neighbourhood Association President's Report January 4, 2012

Delegates to the False Creek South Neighbourhood Association have had a very busy and exciting year.

We welcomed new delegates from Creek Village: **Jo-Ann Hilton**; from Discovery Quay: **Eva Swartz** and **Norah Hartman**; and from Fountain Terrace: **Martes Farrugia**. Our new members have already made a substantial contribution to the discussion and work of the association.

We also said goodbye to one enclave, City Gate. While outside the boundaries of southwest False Creek, City Gate joined our association some years ago when they found themselves isolated at the far end of the Creek. We would like to thank **Patsy McMillan** for the contributions she has made to our association over the past years and wish her all the best in the upcoming years as North East False Creek evolves. We also adopted a motion to withdraw from False Creek Residents' Association as they turn their attention to issues concerning North East False Creek.

Highlights of 2011

1. Number 50 Bus—Route Change

In March **Gordon Watson**, delegate from Creekview Co-op, reported that Translink was proposing a major change to the #50 Bus route. We coordinated a meeting of residents with Translink representatives. Approximately 140 people concerned about the route changes attended the meeting at the False Creek Co-op meeting room. Many thanks to the False Creek Co-op for hosting the meeting and assisting with the planning and advertising. While we were not successful in getting Translink to reverse its decision, they did offer to review the changes during the upcoming year and include us in that review.

2. Community Gardens

Creek Community Garden, located next to the Neighbourhood Energy Utility, was built after receiving the go-ahead from the City. All 40 plots were quickly spoken for, with a very long waiting list throughout the summer and fall. Many thanks to **Yolanda Bienz**, Newport Quay resident who spearheaded this project. We celebrated the first harvest by starting our September meeting in the garden.

3. Keep Vancouver Spectacular May 28, 2011

Very capably organized by **John Saville**, FCSNA delegate from Newport Quay, 38 individuals and 4 children turned out to undertake the neighbourhood cleanup. We received a *Certificate of Appreciation* from the Mayor. Subsequently, following a survey, 19 residents volunteered to participate in mini-clean-ups during the year. The first was held on November 12, 2011.

4. False Creek South Neighbourhood Planning Committee – Lease Extensions

The committee is seeking greater certainty from the City of Vancouver about what will happen after the expiry of the 60-year leases in False Creek, leases that were initiated in the mid 1970s. The committee meets weekly and has already had one meeting with the City August 4, 2011. FCSNA delegates: **Wendy Herdin** of Alder Bay Co-op, **Gillian Willis** of Harbour Terrace, **Richard Evans** of False Creek Co-op and **Dave Osborne** of Marine Mews. In addition Creek residents, **Jerry Roy, David Martin, Richard Vallee, Graham McGarva, Jim Taggart** and **Monty Wood** are on this committee. We are blessed to have such dedicated and intelligent residents in the Creek working on behalf of the residents living on leased property.

5. We supported other neighbourhood Associations:

North West Point Grey Homeowners' Association in their concern about noise on the Creek from party boats.

Fairview residents in their attempt to gain a moratorium on the closing of their neighbourhood grocery store,

Northeast False Creek in their efforts to realize Creekside Park and to stop an expanded Casino next to BC Place and to stop the expanded casino next to B.C. Place.

6. Extending Recycling Options Within our Buildings

Fountain Terrace residents **Martes Farrugia** and **Diane Darch**, from Fountain Terrace's Environmental Committee were invited to our April meeting to outline their building's environmental initiatives. Martes and Diane generously offered their personal support and a written outline to assist us in extending recycling efforts in our own buildings.

7. Granville Island Playground

Martes Farrugia, delegate from Fountain Terrace, reported on the renewal of the playground located by the G.I. Waterpark and the FC Community Centre. It is expected to be completed by May 2012.

8. Jade Memorial Fountain

Landscaping around the Jade Fountain was completed this spring with planting slated for 2012. Many thanks to everyone who assisted with the landscaping and to **Dave Osborne** for taking the lead on this project.

9. Association Website

We would like to express our continued appreciation to **Dalia Maziar**, resident in Henley Court, for diligently attending to FCSNA's website: **falsecreeksouth.org**

10. Finally a heartfelt thanks to the FCSNA Executive: **Dave Osborne** (Marine Mews), Vice President, **Keith Freer** (666 Leg-in Boot Square), Treasurer and **Wes Knapp** (The Regatta), Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

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