

# Between The Bridges

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We've had great community feedback to our Special COVID-19 Bulletins. As the COVID-specific news has slowed down, **Between The Bridges** is shifting its format. Expect frequent bulletins with local news, as well as one longer, in-depth piece in each issue (see this week's article about **False Creek Residence** on page 2).

Your story ideas and news items are always welcome at [newsletter@falsecreeksouth.org](mailto:newsletter@falsecreeksouth.org). Find this issue and all previous stories at [falsecreeksouth.org/betweenthebridges](https://falsecreeksouth.org/betweenthebridges).

## Early Closing at Granville Island Market

Don't be like FCSNA president Wendy Herdin, who showed up at the Granville Island Market with grandkids in tow only to find that it now closes at 5 pm and not 7, as it did in the Before Times. It could have been worse; she could have promised the kids ice cream and cake that they would be too late for instead of just ice cream that they would be too late for. Fortunately, being fleet of foot and with little kids flying horizontal to the ground as kids do when clutching the hand of a panicky, racing grownup, Wendy made it to the outside gelato window behind the Market before it slammed down. Close call. Take note.

## You Can't Compost Plastic

Recycling committees in enclaves throughout False Creek South are expressing increasing frustration with residents' apparent lack of understanding about what is organic and recyclable and what isn't. And manufacturers and retailers aren't making it any easier.

Near the top of the problem list is plastic bags. In a recent mail out, the City of Vancouver specifically identified plastic bags "even those labeled or described as compostable, biodegradable, oxodegradable or photodegradable" as materials that will not break down at the City's composting facility. This is because they are NOT compostable, biodegradable, oxodegradable or photodegradable. In fact, they're garbage and will be treated as such, including all those organics you put inside them.

You might wonder why such products are allowed to be labeled as something they absolutely are not. While you're pondering that, take note that the only acceptable packaging materials for organics are either paper bags or newspapers. You can take other plastic bags (clean only) to numerous places, including major grocery and drug stores. The planet and your recycling committee will love you for it.

## RePlan Update

As mentioned in last week's Bulletin, RePlan will be speaking to Vancouver City Councillors and Staff on July 6, regarding the urgency for real action on lease negotiations in False Creek South. To find out how to have your say and get involved email [replan@falsecreeksouth.org](mailto:replan@falsecreeksouth.org) for more information.

## Enterprising Animals Move In

While we've been inside following Dr. Bonnie's social distancing orders, some sneaky creatures have been taking advantage of the extra space.

Henley Court resident Charlie Richmond observed two river otters running in and around the beaver lodge in Hinge Park. He noted that the beavers have not been seen since earlier in the Spring. Could the elusive Chinatown Otter have found a new home?

A familiar face has also popped up around the Charleson Community Garden. A yellow marmot has returned, and apparently made a permanent home near the school. It has been emerging to ravage the fruits and veggies garden at the exact moment of ripeness. Many gardeners are trying to cover their crops with netting in the hope that they're smarter than the marmot. (Last year, they weren't.)

## Back Now: Maritime Museum

The **Vancouver Maritime Museum** in nearby Vanier Park is again open to the public as of June 11, with Covid-19 safety measures in place: Thursdays to Sundays only, 10 to 5, with online booking for specified entry times recommended, and several other special arrangements for safety's sake. More at [www.vanmaritime.com](http://www.vanmaritime.com).

### This is False Creek South:

## A Unique and Caring Home

Tucked away at the northwest corner of Sitka Square is an unassuming, one-storey building that houses a unique care facility. Starting up in the 70's, not long after the launching of the False Creek South community itself, **False Creek Residence** is home to 24 men and women living with a range of disabilities. Operated by the Residences for Independent Living Society – RILS for short – it encourages choice, independence and community inclusion. And for many residents, it's been home for most of their lives.

### Full story online:

<http://www.falsecreeksouth.org/2020/06/this-is-false-creek-south-a-unique-and-caring-home/>