

# Between The Bridges

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## Remembering Gary

Many local residents knew Gary Yoell only as Gary, the regular bottle collector who plied his trade along the streets and pathways of False Creek South for several years. Trudging along behind his big shopping cart, Gary sometimes seemed unapproachable, but was usually happy to stop and chat with anyone who chose to. He had regular stops along his route for people who put out their empties just for him, and clearly appreciated the friendliness of this community. A fixture of the neighbourhood, Gary stayed at it even while often complaining about the growing competition. Yet he hasn't been around for a while, and we learned that he has recently succumbed to his long struggle with cancer.

A gathering in Gary's memory is being planned for **Saturday, June 27 at 3 pm** outside the Convivial Café, one of his favourite places. Drop by Leg-in-Boot Square at that time to share recollections, to pay respects to Jennifer Brock, his partner of 20 years, and to enjoy some of Beth's treats in Gary's honour.

## Granville Island is in Trouble - And You Can Help

The impact of the pandemic on Granville Island can't be overstated. Small enterprises are often first on the chopping block – and the axe is falling fast. Granville Island spokesperson David McCann is hoping the community can add its voice to the call for support for Granville Island – not just for the Market, but for all of its merchants in retail, studios, and entertainment.

CMHC has asked the Federal Government (the Island's owner) for a one-time allocation of funds equal to one full year of the Island's operational budget to help its management weather the Covid-19 pandemic and its devastating effects on Granville Island tenants.

You can add your voice. E-mail the Prime Minister's Office at [PM@pm.gc.ca](mailto:PM@pm.gc.ca), to the attention of A. Opalick, Executive Correspondence Officer for the PMO.

## Learning More About Our Newest Neighbour

With the upcoming development of Senakw on the Squamish nation Kitsilano reserve just west of False Creek South, a number of residents showed their interest in learning more about the Squamish Nation itself by signing on to a recent webinar on the subject. Billed as an opportunity to learn about engagement and partnership with First Nations, the discussion was led by Squamish councillor Khelsilem. Including questions and comments by participants, the webinar is now available to all at: <https://webinars.ethelo.org/squamish-101-replay>.

## City of Vancouver Response to Anti-Black Racism

Members of our False Creek community are no doubt aware of the heightened awareness of racism emerging in the past couple of weeks, catalyzed by the killing of Floyd George in Minneapolis. The City of Vancouver has written to Black and African communities to express their support and actions. You can read the [letter here](#).

### **This is False Creek South:**

## Temporary Modular Housing at Home in False Creek South

Two years ago the BC government provided buildings known as Temporary Modular Housing -homes for the homeless – to municipalities that could provide the land. In Vancouver, on the heels of serious opposition that had arisen in Marpole, the City continued to source out other sites, one of which was at Ash Street and West 6th Avenue.

After a series of open houses in both Marpole and False Creek South, where residents were asked to express in writing their views on this new addition to their communities, the City reported numbers that some found startling: In Marpole, the votes were 75% against; in False Creek South, 75% in favour.

What accounts for this? Some observers suggest that the strong vote in favour here reflects the community we live in. Where incomes are mixed from the get go, and where housing tenures include co-ops, market and non-market rentals, strata condos and townhouses, care facilities and other special needs homes, the idea of another form of housing isn't much of a stretch. Neighbourhood Association vice-president Jim Woodward, a long- experienced housing advocate, chaired the Association's TMH working group, set up to help facilitate the integration of this new housing into the community. He and Kathryn Woodward have summarized a discussion between FCSNA delegates and the operators of what is now known as Margaret Mitchell Place.

### **Full story online:**

<http://www.falsecreeksouth.org/2020/06/temporary-modular-housing-at-home-in-false-creek-south/>