

Between The Bridges

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Welcome to the 14th edition of the Bulletin! The **Between The Bridges** editorial team are going on summer break, and will return in the fall with the latest False Creek South news.

Your story ideas and news items are always welcome at newsletter@falsecreeksouth.org. Find this issue and all previous stories at falsecreeksouth.org/betweenthebridges.

Granville Island Hosting

Some time ago the Granville Island website carried the following appeal:

Help us make Granville Island the most inspiring public place in the world! CMHC- Granville Island is assembling a team of year-round volunteer ambassadors to fill roles such as Granville Island Host, Event Volunteer, and Bike Volunteer.

Even under its temporary strictures, Granville Island welcomes volunteer inquiries. Regatta resident Kathleen Mackinnon, who has enjoyed hosting over the past year, reports:

Hosts help visitors to Granville Island navigate the market and discover the myriad of little shops and world-class studios hidden on the island. We also get lots of practical questions, such as: Where is the ATM machine? Where are the washrooms? Can I get bubble tea on the island? Where is Lee's Donuts? Sometimes folks just want to talk about what there is to do in Vancouver. It's a great way to meet people from near and far and to catch a glimpse behind the scenes on the island.

The volunteer co-ordinator is Brian Cochrane, an excellent communicator and a super nice guy. He will lead you gently into the host role. Time wise, he will expect nothing more from you than to take a 3-hour morning or afternoon shift when you can or commit to a regular day a week, whatever works for you.

If you think you might like to be a host, let Brian know you are interested (volunteer@granvilleisland.com).

Could a Community Housing Trust Become Part of the Neighbourhood's Future?

The RePlan Committee of the False Creek South Neighbourhood Association has received a grant from the Real Estate Foundation to explore the feasibility of a Community Housing Trust (CHT) in False Creek South. The Committee has conducted interviews with housing, development, finance and legal experts and is now ready to consult the FCS community.

So what exactly is a Community Housing Trust? Kathryn Woodward of Market Hill [explains here](#).

Worried Yet?

You may have seen people stopping to read and ponder the neon sign in our neighbourhood that sits atop an old wooden structure just east of the Cambie Street Bridge. The message "Should I Be Worried?" is rather cheeky and provocative and almost impossible to ignore. Installed three years ago, it continues to attract lots of attention.

The sign was designed by Justin Langlois, the city's first public Artist-in-Residence and a teacher at Emily Carr University. He spent much time with the City's sustainability staff on critical issues facing our city: climate change, homelessness and the opioid crisis among them. Since then Covid-19 and systemic racism have been added to that list.

'Should I Be Worried?' is serving a valuable purpose. Creative responses to its timely provocation may move us closer to much needed solutions. Your move.

Canada Day - Something More to be Grateful For

Regatta resident Deborah Betts was thinking about the current tough times, and how good it has been to share in clapping and banging across the lawns in thanks to others, and how comparatively lucky we are to be living in Canada (and especially British Columbia), and she had an idea: we can come together again in a community of gratitude on Canada Day. She went to a dollar store and bought out their supply of large Canadian flags. She delivered a flag to each door on the lawn side of the buildings, with a note offering her compliments and encouragement to show the colours. Flags began appearing soon after, and by the Day itself, more than 50 were on display to grace the buildings even in the rain.

Deborah has plans for more flags next year and would love to see other enclaves find ways next year to join in across our wonderful neighbourhood.

Coming Soon to Leg-In-Boot

The Band is Back! Tuesday, July 7

Local Band Counting Chickens will again bring its lively renditions of familiar tunes to the Square starting at 3pm outside the Convivial (weather permitting).

Brainstorm! Wednesday, July 8

A note from Beth Dempster of the **Convivial Café**: I've talked with many people about how wonderful it would be to have more activity in Leg-in-Boot Square. In these strange times, the idea presents unusual challenges, but may also be extra important. Are there ways we can bring people together - without, umm, er, um bringing people together?!?!

I would like to host a brain-storming session at the Convivial Cafe to come up with ideas (maybe even viable ones!). The best time for several of the people I have talked with appears to be this coming Wednesday, July 8 at 7pm. Everyone interested is welcome, but if you cannot come please pass along your ideas! Let's boot the "Leg" into life!