

<b>To Public Hearing</b>
Date: <u>October 20, 2008</u>
Item # <u>14</u>
Re: <u>BURMS 8432</u>
# <u>8433</u>

SCHEDULE 9 TO THE MINUTES  
OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
COUNCIL FOR PUBLIC  
HEARINGS HELD ON MONDAY,  
OCTOBER 20, 2008

Oct 20/08

To whom it may concern:

Upwards of 50 trees will eventually be removed, mature trees, homes to many birds & animals.

The yard where the house is, is a park in itself. an OASIS.

Why can't it be moved to the center of the property and used as an office of some sort ???

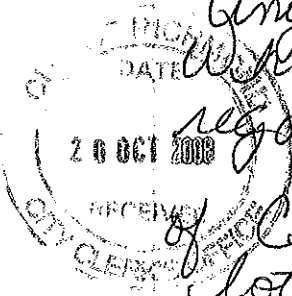
Some respect should be paid to the Japanese, some of whom were Canadian born and who W.E. politely (?) threw out of their homes and confiscated their property. in paranoia i.e. the hospital.

Should the 284 be allowed to PROFIT from this arrangement ??? In reality they're nothing more than a racist men's drinking club.

Anyone recall what happened in White Rock a few years ago regarding the veteran's club?

How about the S.W. corner of Chatham and Third; an empty lot right now, right beside the other heritage (?) building, we're not even allowed to enter! i.e. the courthouse. Brilliant idea, that! Look but don't touch!

LUDICROUS!



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You may return the photo, please.  
It shows a view from the middle  
entrance of ANAVETS 71820 #1 Rd.  
There will be NO sky visible  
if this project is completed. There  
is also a concrete wall planned  
to run east-west. How HIGH?  
We have a large cherry tree at  
the south end of the property.  
Won't get proper light night as  
we'll cut that down too, right?

Sorry for the quality of hand-  
writing; written on the bus.

Hard to believe; in such a rich  
~~so~~ disposable society, we can't find  
homes for 692 people. What a  
DISGRACE; A SHAME.  
speaks volumes of your arrogant  
performance. How big will the  
list be next time ???

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Jan 9/07

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**Monday, October 20, 2008 – 7 pm**

**Council Chambers, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Richmond City Hall  
6911 No. 3 Road, Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1**

**Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw 8432 and Zoning Amendment Bylaw 8433  
(RZ 07-384741)**

**Location/s:** 11900 No. 1 Road, 4091 & 4111 Chatham Street

**Applicant/s:** 0768807 B.C. LTD.

**Purpose of OCP Designation Amendment:**

To redesignate 11900 No. 1 Road, 4091 & 4111 Chatham Street in the Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 7100 General Land Use Map from "Neighbourhood Service Centre" to "Mixed-Use"

To amend the Steveston Waterfront Neighbourhoods Land Use Map in Schedule 2.4 (Steveston Area Plan) of the Richmond Official Community Plan Bylaw 7100 by redesignating 11900 No. 1 Road, 4091 & 4111 Chatham Street from "Commercial" to "Multiple-Family".

**Purpose of Zoning Amendment:**

To create "Comprehensive Development District (CD/199)" and rezone the subject property from "Steveston Commercial (Two-Storey) District (C4)" and "Single-Family Housing District, Subdivision Area E (R1/E)" to "Comprehensive Development District (CD/199)", to permit development of a four-storey seniors assisted living residence (congregate housing) complex with approximately 144 units and a 1,174 m<sup>2</sup> (12,636 ft<sup>2</sup>) accessory ANAF Club space.

**City Contact:** Francisco Molina, 604-247-4620, Planning and Development Department

**How to obtain further information:**

- **By Phone:** If you have questions or concerns, please call the CITY CONTACT shown above.
- **On the City Website:** Public Hearing Agendas, including staff reports and the proposed bylaws, are available on the City Website at <http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/hearings/2008.htm>
- **At City Hall:** Copies of the proposed bylaw, supporting staff and Committee reports and other background material, are also available for inspection at the Planning and Development Department at City Hall, between the hours of 8:15 am and 5 pm, Monday through Friday, except statutory holidays, commencing October 10, 2008 and ending October 20, 2008, or upon the conclusion of the hearing.

*I don't quite understand the proposed amendment, it will still be Commercial and where are there "Multiple families" ???*

- **By FAX or Mail:** Staff reports and the proposed bylaws may also be obtained by FAX or by standard mail, by calling 604-276-4007 between the hours of 8:15 am and 5 pm, Monday through Friday, except statutory holidays, commencing October 10, 2008 and ending October 20, 2008.
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### **Participating in the Public Hearing process:**

The Public Hearing is open to all members of the public. If you believe that you are affected by the proposed bylaw, you may make a presentation or submit written comments at the Public Hearing. If you are unable to attend, you may send your written comments to the City Clerk's Office by 4 pm on the date of the Public Hearing as follows:

- **By E-mail:** using the on-line form at <http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/hearings/about.htm>
- **By Standard Mail:** 6911 No.3 Road, Richmond, BC, V6Y 2C1, Attention: Director, City Clerk's Office
- **By Fax:** 604-278-5139, Attention: Director, City Clerk's Office

All submissions will form part of the record of the hearing. **Once the Public Hearing has concluded, no further information or submissions can be considered by Council.** It should be noted that the rezoned property may be used for any or all of the uses permitted in the "new" zone.

David Weber  
Director, City Clerk's Office

*This notice(?) was posted  
in the window of the club and on  
our billboard.*

*How does that  
make it*

# NOTICE

→ PUBLIC MEETING

The members of the ANAF Unit 284 cordially invite you to an informational meeting concerning our property redevelopment plans. We plan to build a new Club House and a 143 Unit Seniors Independent Residence on our property.

Please meet at:

ANAF Unit 284  
11900 #1 Road  
Richmond, BC

On Wed, Oct 24/07

At

*24 hr. notice!*

7:00 pm

Everyone Welcome!

(No membership required to attend our meeting)

*Richmond: Child of the Fraser 79-89*

*"Steveston - Community development is a source of  
great pride to its residents." Review - "It is a  
model of citizen participation in neighborhood planning."  
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## News

# Historical society protests transfer

By ALAN CAMPBELL  
acampbell@richmond-news.com

A last ditch attempt is being made by local historical enthusiasts to halt the relocation of a heritage building.

A delegation from the Steveston Historical Society was set Wednesday night to present more than 1,000 signatures to city council protesting against the decision to move the Chatham Street Heritage Building to park space at the Steveston Museum.

The society acknowledges that the building, also known as the Japanese Nurses' Home, has to be moved as it's located in the grounds of ANAF (Army Navy Air Force Club) on No. 1 Road, which is being developed

into seniors housing.

But its members are furious that council has waved through a plan to shift the entire house to the grounds of the museum on Moncton Street, which it says is too small to accommodate the building.

And society chair Graham Turnbull says the 1,000 plus protest signatures that they garnered in 10 days is proof the relocation site is a bad idea.

"To put another building on that little bit of green space we have at the museum is nothing short of sacrilege," Turnbull said.

"The building should be saved, for sure, but not at the expense of our little park at the museum.

"I will be showing council the signatures we have

against this. Surely that has to mean something?"

The Chatham Street building was one of many used by the Japanese community in Steveston, before the site was taken over by the federal government in 1942.

The site was then gifted to ANAF after the war.

Earlier this year, city council supported plans to build 144 supportive independent living homes for seniors on the site.

Turnbull tried unsuccessfully last month to persuade council to hold a public hearing into where to relocate the Japanese Nurses' Home.

He says he'd rather see it demolished and consigned to the history books than have it plonked on to "precious Steveston Museum land."

"Garry Point Park,

Steveston Community Park, Britannia Shipyard. All these places could accommodate the building," Turnbull said.

## EDITORIAL OPINION

# It's a dumb move

**T**onight (Wednesday) Graham Turnbull, who chairs Steveston Historical Society, plans to submit a petition urging city council to reconsider a plan to relocate a heritage building next to the Steveston Museum. We would like to add our name to the list of 1,000-plus people who think it's a dumb move.

The building in question is the old Japanese nurse's quarters at 4091 Chatham St. The heritage building must make way for a new 144-unit seniors complex proposed by the Army Navy Air Force (ANAF). The developer is donating the building and putting up \$50,000 to help relocate it.

Last month, city council approved relocating the building next to the Steveston Museum on Moncton Street. This would gobble up the pleasant little park that wraps around the existing museum-post office.

Other, more logical locations have been suggested, like the Britannia Heritage Shipyards. The shipyards, after all, are currently being developed as a historical maritime village. Several heritage homes have been relocated there already. Since Steveston's Japanese heritage is a big part of our history and culture, relocating the residence used by Japanese nurses there makes some sense.

So, why, one might ask, would the city decide to locate this building next to Steveston Museum instead, and eat up what little green space there is? Here's the answer from city bureaucrats: "Despite being bounded on two sides by properties with significant park value, the subject site is outside the scope of the ultimate park strategy in the area."

That's it? That's the best reason for eating up this pleasant little oasis in the heart of Steveston?

Turnbull wants a public hearing on the issue. If the public doesn't get a chance to voice its views at a public hearing, you can bet city council will hear about it during the upcoming civic election.

# Japanese heritage building to be moved

CONDENSED

by Martin van den Hemel  
Staff Reporter

One of the last remaining symbols of Japanese heritage in Steveston will be spared the wrecking ball.

At Monday's council meeting, council members backed a committee recommendation that "The Nurses Residence" at 4091 Chatham St. be relocated to a property beside the Steveston Museum on Moncton Street and First Avenue.

Coun. Evelina Halsey-Brandt had originally sought an opportunity for the public to cite its preference for a relocation spot, but her motion was defeated. She said some members of the public had indicated to her that they wanted the house, once part of the Fishermen's Hospital Complex, to be moved to Garry Point Park.

Some people were opposed to the idea of sacrificing part of the pocket park, at

Moncton and First Avenue, to save the building. She tried to visualize what the "People in Steveston" would look like have been saying to me on the new site.

That's way too much loss of the only green space in Steveston's little village itself. But a lot of people were really attached and they felt they had a right to help choose the location," she said.

The cost of relocating and restoring the building is estimated at \$500,000. Graham Turnbull of the Richmond Heritage Commission is still opposed to the city's plan to save the building by relocating it to the Steveston Museum site.

Turnbull believes it would be better left on the large Army, Navy, Air Force property—and not gobble up the small green space surrounding the museum. A public hearing will be held next month on the rezoning of the current site of the heritage building.

Developers are proposing to build new facilities for the Army, Navy, Air Force 284 Club in a mixed-use development that will also include 144 supported independent living homes for seniors in a four-storey structure, and 158 parking spaces.

Halsey-Brandt, who visited the heritage structure on Sunday night, said she believes it's very important

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1 days notice for 00-called public meeting on Wed night at 7 P.M.

THEIR meeting (8) days notice Sun. morning

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# ARMY, NAVY & AIR FORCE VETERANS UNIT NO. 284

## ALL MEMBERS

### Special General Meeting

To be held Sunday, August 24, 2008  
in the Unit Club Rooms located  
at 11900 NO. 1 Road, Richmond

Time: 10am

Reason: To get a full and complete update

from the holding company and the  
development committee on the  
redevelopment of the property.

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ARMY, NAVY & AIRFORCE VETERANS  
UNIT #284 STEVESTON  
Entertainment for August



## Western BBQ Weekend

SATURDAY AUG. 16  
12 NOON TILL 8PM

## LIVE - Little Rock Band

7:30 TILL 11:30 PM

Meat Draws commence at 4:30pm  
both Friday and Saturday

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604.277.1350

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With 2 no-developers  
like Gordon Campbell and  
M. Brodie you'd think they'd  
get along great. Ever seen  
the 2 of them together for  
a photo? or in Richmond?  
I didn't think so.

For the people who really see  
what's going on here, and  
municipal employees, they  
should be the one looking  
for serious amendment to  
the Wal-Mart sized project.

Why not sell the property, do a land swap with the city at the Stinson high site. Build what ever you want <sup>there</sup> and should turn out similar to what I'd

mouth of the property owner?  
Most of the designated

Most of the designated parking spaces for 284 will be empty most times as they are used approx. 5 days a week. The only time the lot is full is on Fri. Sat when they have the meat drive. This is an inefficient use of space in my opinion. Was the club not in aware of parking lot tops? (i.e. \$80,000?) and will they not be taxed in the future?

24 No. note of us for a meeting! What is the reason for that? considering the spirit was poorly adjusted and attended? Name for this

## craftsman collision

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one, even appealingly low.

The only other 2 people that attended were men - not members of the club - that came from Minkus Road. They don't even live in Stewerton!

That means I was the only person that attended that could be considered THE PUBLIC, and I wouldn't even have known had it not been for me calling Mr. Motina on the same day of the meeting. I am a regular reader of both local papers, but I did miss the ad which appears on page 9 Nov. 27/07 Richmond Herald, but no ad appears in the Richmond Review of Nov. 22 or 25. I believe they specifically said it

## craftsman collision

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What is really better, providing 22% of so - based on affordable (22%) housing or approx. 78% of so could housing? and looking only 43 people on the list for B.C. housing. Seems like a no-brainer to me.

For anyone whose parents are still alive anways honestly and tell me if you could AFFORD to pay their rent at \$2800-2900 a month???

What kind of income do you have to have to afford these hotel rates? Why not, just apply for a cashless green card so while they





was in both papers. That is simply not true; unless someone can show me where it is and if they can't be thorough about that it certainly brings it to one's attention.

I find it interesting and out of place that when talking to the architects and developers that they can't specifically tell you what the spat of footage of the units is!

Open definition of public: of the people as a whole open to or shared by all done or existing openly community, or members of it, in general: reveal one's plans etc. in public openly, publicly.

of ANAF days that they've performed their duties and delegations making the neighborhood aware that this is a rule.

The advertising manager at the Richmond Review was going there were no ads placed by ANAF 284!



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# A History of Steveston Unit #284 ARMY NAVY AIR FORCE VETERANS IN CANADA

In early 1946, a nucleus of thirty veterans from the Steveston area approached the oldest Veterans organization in Canada, seeking a Charter to open their own Veterans club in Steveston. The Charter was granted and these thirty veterans became the Charter members of Steveston Unit No. 284 of the Army Navy and Air force Veterans in Canada.

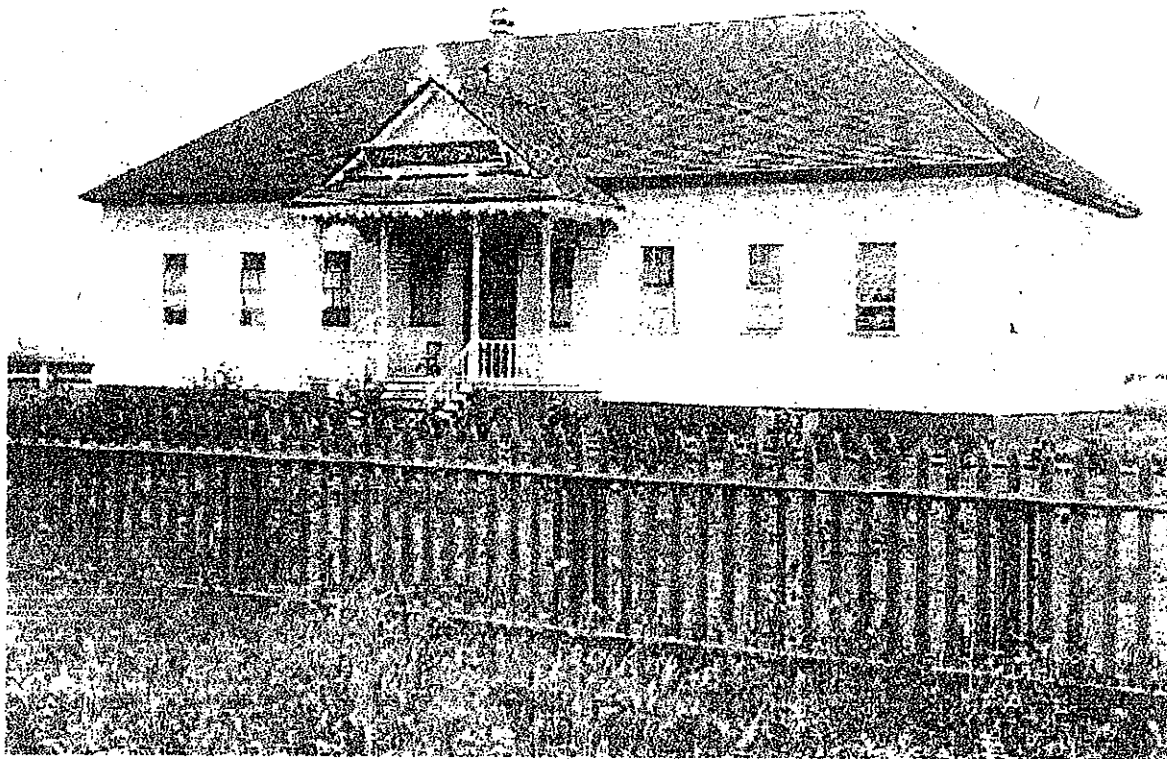
Our first club room in 1946 was upstairs above the Victory café, a little fish and chip shop at 2<sup>nd</sup> avenue and Moncton Street. We didn't have a licence but on Friday and Saturday nights we received a permit which allowed us to sell bottled beer. It wasn't much, but it was a beginning.

In 1947 we had an opportunity to buy the old Japanese Fisherman's Hospital which was located on the site of our present club. There was a lot of history in the Japanese Hospital, which was Richmond's first, and was completed with full facilities by 1898, originally built on land donation from Phoenix Cannery owner Marshall English, and in 1898 rebuilt at #1 Rd and Chatham. It was inspired by the actions and donations of the Japanese Fisherman's Society (later the Japanese Fishermen Benevolent Society, and the forerunner of our neighbor Community Society as well), Iwakichi Shimamura and Matsutaro Kamoto.

We didn't have any money in those days, but fortunately one of our members, Bill Rennison, was the manager of the Royal bank, and with his help we managed to purchase the property and building, and convert it into a licensed club.

In those days it was the only licensed premises in Richmond, other than Branch 5 Legion, so we certainly weren't lacking for customers.

On Fridays and Saturdays you almost had to fight your way in, and you quite often had to fight your way out as well, for it was a wild and rowdy place in those days.



Ken Fraser, who was then manager of B.C. Packers donated us a full size Brunswick billiard Table and we also had a reading room and a poker room.

→ The poker room had just one table for a maximum of seven players. On Saturdays it was full all day long, with a line up of prospective players sitting on benches outside the door waiting to get into the game.

As a player left the game (usually broke) then the fellow on the end of the bench moved in, and so thousands of dollars changed hands in that little room.

Some of the faces I recall sitting around that table include: "Shorty" Harborne, Norm Olafson, "Buck" Jarvis, George Inge, and many, many, more. There was even a fellow by the name of Drobolis who used to be regular player.

Unfortunately, in spite of large crowds and lots of beer sales, the club was always on the verge of bankruptcy.

There were two reasons for this:

First, we were mostly very young, just out of the Services, and almost completely lacking in any sort of business experience.

*I guess gambling was legal then, was it?  
In the 7 yrs. I've lived here I've NEVER*

Second, the quality and integrity of some of our managers left a lot to be desired.

\* It was not uncommon in those days to arrive at the club at opening time only to find it locked. This usually meant that the latest manager had departed the night before along with the available cash, not to be seen again. It was also quite common for the club to run out of beer in the middle of a busy Saturday evening. When this happened, one of the members would jump into his car and drive to the newly opened Sea Island Club, and borrow one or two barrels of beer which would be brought back in the trunk and would carry us through the evening.

As our financial position continued to deteriorate we were eventually taken over by Provincial command. This meant that our managers were appointed by Command and were responsible only to Command.

During much of this time our financial records were kept by Command and our Presidents and Executive Officers were not even allowed into the club office.

\* Unfortunately, during this period in our history, our Provincial Command, were not any better at operating our club than we were, and as a consequence they continued to appoint club managers who were no better than some of the ones we had appointed ourselves.

\* One of our provincially appointed managers arrived for his first day on the job in a beaten up old jalopy. By the end of his first month on the job he was driving a beautiful Buick. This did make us a little suspicious but they wouldn't show us our financial records. By the end of his fourth month on the job he bought himself a house.

By now we were thoroughly alarmed and after practically camping in the Provincial command offices for about three weeks they reluctantly showed us our records.

According to the books he'd kept we were losing about \$23.00 on every barrel of beer that he sold. He admitted that he was into us for \$3000.00 (and God only know how much more ) but Command refused to prosecute him. We did however prevail upon them to fire him.

The next manager Command appointed was a very nice chap and very honest as well. He was tall, dark and handsome, and very strong as well ( he had to be, he threw the liquor inspector down the front steps of the club). Of course, this didn't improve our image with the LCB.

He had one little problem however. He was gay, and in those days it just wasn't fashionable to be gay. We didn't mind very much when we went to the club one day to find that he had papered all the walls in the most gaudy purple, pink and violet bedroom type wallpaper, but when he started trying to seduce our (male) members we finally had to ask him for his resignation.

The next Command appointed manager installed pin ball machines in the club. These were the type that were to pay the owners 50%, and the club 50% of the profits. Legally, they weren't supposed to pay off in cash but under the ground rules they did. Unfortunately there was a key to the cash drawers of these machines in the till, and when the operators came to split the proceeds we always found that, just like Old Mother Hubbard, the cupboard was bare.

There were other Command appointed managers but in most cases the results were somewhat the same. |

Somehow we managed to survive, and finally, **by 1956** things started to look a little brighter. We were still under Provincial Command control, but we had access to our financial records, our manager was honest, and we had a good new waiter named Sparky Drombolis. We were sponsoring a Little League ball team, and a soft ball team. As well as this, behavior in the club had vastly improved, and we were showing a reasonable profit. So just as things were going great, along came **the night of Dec. 29, 1956.**

The golden glow in the sky that night wasn't a U.F.O., but rather it was our club burning to the ground. By the next morning there was nothing left but a pile of ashes, a few wisps of smoke and a few barrels of boiled beer.

Now came the time that the membership really had to pitch in just to keep the Charter of the club alive. Our Ladies Auxiliary together with many of our members continued to hold meetings, sometimes in Member's homes, sometimes in the old STEVA Theatre; but wherever they were held, one objective prevailed, and that was to build a new club. Some of the people whose names stand out as helping to keep it all together during those years when we had no club include ; Bill and Rita White, Bill and Ruby Burgess, Bill Owens, Jack Halliday, Buck and Dot Jarvis, Fred and Ann Hass, Stella and Gunnar Gunderson, Don Halliday, Jack Thompson, Tom and Sarah King and many, many more. (my apologies to those I have missed).

Now things really took off, and by the **29<sup>th</sup> of March 1962** our credit rating had improved to the point that the Bank of Commerce agreed to loan us \$25,000.00. With this money we were able to repay the loans from the other Units and on **April 16<sup>th</sup>, 1962** also the Holding Company. For the first time in many years we were once again "masters of our own destiny".

As well as paying off the other Units we were also able to pay back those trusting members who had bought our debentures. The surprised look on many of their faces when they received their cheques was mute testimony that many of them never expected to get their money back. Not all of the \$25,000.00 borrowed was used for these repayments and the balance was earmarked for our first extension to our new club rooms.

We now had a first rate manager, a dedicated staff, and having learned from our past mistakes, a much wiser ( and a somewhat older ) membership and Executive Committee. We could now turn our minds to things other than our bank balance (or lack thereof) and begin to get involved in Community affairs.

Increased sponsorship of juvenile sport teams was now one of our prime endeavors, and in a very short time we were sponsoring kids teams, girls as well as boys, in almost every team sport played in Richmond. Every year our sponsorships grew, both in numbers as well as in dollars. We also pitched in to help such groups as the Heart Fund, The Cancer Society, The Red Cross, The Salvation Army, The Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, The Navy League of Canada, and many other worth organizations.

Just as we in Steveston Unit had learned from our earlier mistakes, so too had our Provincial Command and by the time of our **reopening in 1959** we now had the backing of an excellent and dedicated group of Command Officers. **During the 1960's and 1970's** we, together with the other Units of B.C. Command, turned our attention to the building of Senior Citizen's Homes in our area.

One of our Steveston members, Bill White ( Later to become Provincial President ) began fund raising for our seniors homes by holding car raffles. By this means **from 1972 to 1974** Bill was able to raise a net profit of \$23,000.00 towards our housing projects. Then with the advent of the Winsday and Provincial lotteries he raised an additional \$70,000.00 for these homes.

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Dances were held and other fund raising activities were organized to raise money for the building fund.

It was during this **period 1956 to 1959** that Bill Burgess earned the nickname of "Crying Bill", for at every Provincial Command quarterly meeting Bill was on his feet wheedling and cajoling both Command and Other Units to loan us money to get our club started.

Eventually he was successful, and other Units together with Command loaned us a total of \$8,100.00. We also sold debentures to many of our trusting members, and believe me they had to be trusting, considering our previous financial record. The sale of these debentures raised an additional \$4,100.00, and this together with the money borrowed from other Units and our fire insurance money was enough to allow us to start construction of our new club. On **Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, 1959** our new club rooms were opened, almost three full years after the fire.

We were no longer under Command Control, but the Units that had loaned us money insisted on the formation of a Holding Company and all financial decisions had to be ratified by them before we could spend a dime.

Our first manager in the new club was Jack McLean who had previously managed the White Rock Unit. Fortunately for us, we also appointed Sparky Drombolis as Chief steward.

These two were our total staff upon opening and as well as drawing the beer and serving the beer, they also did all of the janitor work, washing, sweeping and waxing the floors, cleaning the toilets and anything else that was required to make the club run.

Now, for the first time since receiving our **Charter in 1946** we were on the right track. From day number 1 in our new club we started making a nice profit, and even better than that, the money went into the club bank account!

Just a year after his appointment as Manager and with the club doing extremely well Jack McLean requested a leave of absence for what he said was a bad heart condition. The leave of absence was granted and Sparky Drombolis was appointed acting manager during Jack's absence.

Unfortunately for Jack, a brewery representative dropped into the club one day and remarked on the fine job that Jack was doing as manager of the Bowser Hotel on Vancouver Island.

This just might have been the luckiest day in the history of Unit 284, for following this disclosure, Jack was fired and on **Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> 1962**, and Sparky Drombolis became manager.

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Our first two seniors homes were built in North Vancouver, followed by our Steveston Home, and then a high rise home in Vancouver, a total of 198 suites.

Following completion of our Senior Citizens Homes we continue to support them financially but we have also expanded our efforts to helping other worthy organizations in our community. Large sums of money have been donated to the Terry Fox Fund, to the George Derby Hospital, to the Variety Club Telethon, further sums to the Richmond General Hospital, the Steveston Community Centre, to the job training of the mentally handicapped, to the Japanese Language School, and the Rosewood Manor of The Richmond Intermediate Care Society, and many other worthy organizations. All of these monies came from the sale of Provincial Lottery Tickets, from the profits of our weekly meat draws, and even from the general revenues generated by our bar sales; but wherever it comes from it is only by your support that we are able to do these things.

So to our membership, and all who support us, we say "thanks a million".

all the volunteer staff and donations are admirable qualities and I respect your defense of our country re-war. I claim on this basis that your <sup>council</sup> will pass this out of place, with 4 stories, Wal Mart sized project that in No way blends in with the neighborhood. Anavets is 40 yrs. old and continuously falling apart. Why aren't they + the gov't? i.e. B.C. Housing replacing that?

Come + stand at 1 Rd. and Chatham ANY weekend and look at the disaster YOU'VE created. Traffic is abysmal.



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the bus shelters i.e. 3700

hole in roof for OVER 1 yr. CHATHAM

unsightly paper boxes crowding  
the sidewalk, Dirt and leaves  
from a year ago! No bus  
shelter on the other side in front  
of the heritage church for 7 years!

Must impress all the tourists  
that come to visit our little

"village"! You did manage to

come along and repair the sidewalks  
there. I guess that was more  
important. I've actually seen the  
city constructing NEW bus shelters  
in other areas but you can't even  
maintain OURS. Look at the mess  
of graffiti in front of 284 and on  
Stevenson Hwy. What a disgrace. And  
you just <sup>east of 1 Rd.</sup> come along and tell us what's what  
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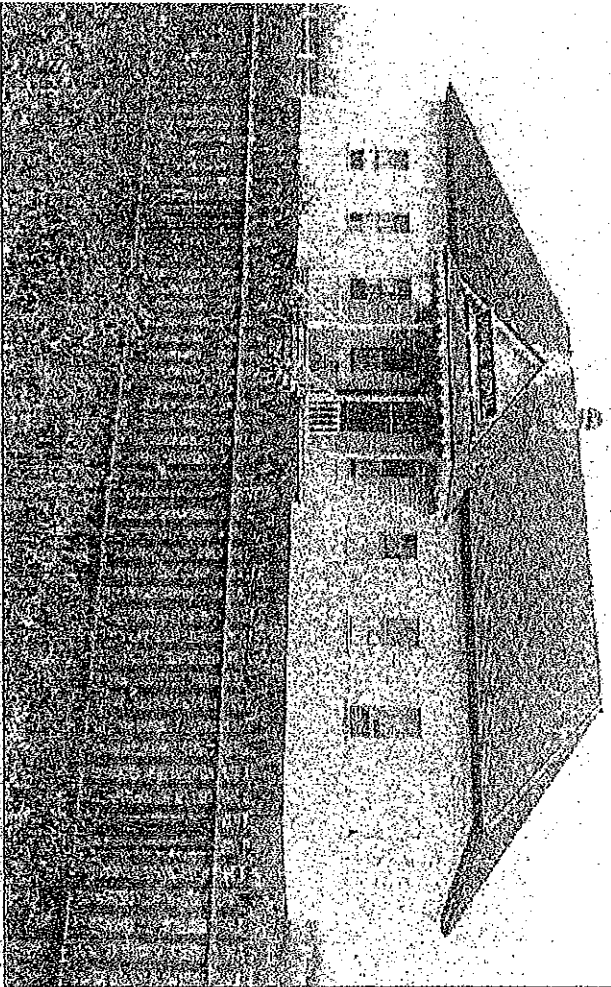


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The Japanese Hospital in Steveston in the 1920s.

# Japanese community built a hospital in 1895

## Building served Steveston's fisheries workers

**L**ulu Island had a hospital long before Richmond Hospital, thanks to two doctors from Oregon who visited Steveston's Japanese fishing community in 1895.

"They thought the conditions were appalling," said Harold Steves, city councillor, historian and co-author of *Steveston Cannery Row: An Illustrated History*.

"The people were living in very unsanitary conditions and disease was rampant."

Doctors Yanamura and Oishi were so concerned, they persuaded Matsuzaro Kamoto, the local Methodist minister, and Jwaichin Shimamura, the Japanese fishing community leader to build a hospital.

Shimamura then spoke to Phoenix Cannery owner Marshall English who donated land near the cannery for the project. The fishermen got lumber from the Royal City Sawmill in New Westminster and erected a two-storey building that would be used as church hospital and occasionally as a school.

By 1896 it was used mostly as a hospital.

because of a rash of typhoid cases, Steves said.

The hospital's funding and debt soon became a problem so in 1898 the fishermen's association held a community meeting to promote the benefits of the hospital. They invited the Japanese consul to speak for their cause.

Their methods worked—the association collected \$1,800 and built a new hospital on Chatham Street near No. 1 Road.

This new hospital had an operating room, a general ward, doctors' clinics and offices.

"It was a full-fledged

It was initially run by Dr. R.R. Robinson and soon had a staff with Japanese doctors and nurses.

The fishermen then set up the Japanese Fishermen Benevolent Society which offered Japanese families full medical coverage for checkups, hospital stays and medicine for \$8 per year per family (operations were not included).

"It was effectively the first medical system in Canada," Steves said, adding that non-Japanese families were also treated at the hospital, including his father, Harold Steves Sr. was born at one of the hospital's locations, then later treated for typhoid at the hospital when he was 17 or 18.

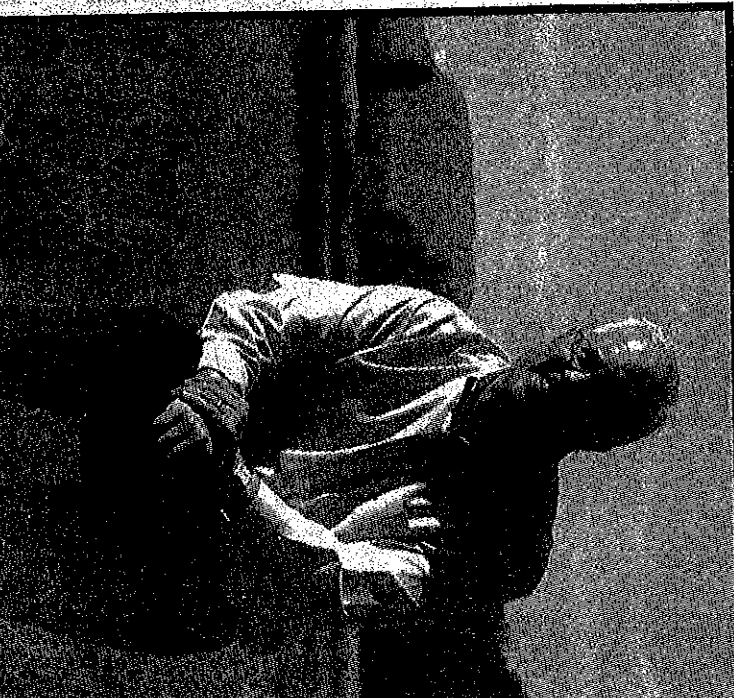
"Some of my friends were born there." The hospital was closed during the Second World War. **MAY 22** Steves recently found out the fate of one of

the two Oregon doctors who initiated the early hospital. While he had an idea that greatly benefited Steveston, notions Dr. Oishi may have picked up in the West clearly didn't go over well when he returned to Japan in 1911, when he was hanged for treason for opposing the emperor.

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**—Harold Steves**

Mayor Brodie at the Terra Nova Garden



# Richmond is Green

When you look at a satellite photo of Richmond, you can see that most of it is green – after many years of population growth.

We need to keep Richmond green.

My "green" commitments include:

- Protecting and enhancing our farmland so that we can continue to enjoy our own agricultural products.
- Increasing our number of public parks, and improving the ones we have.
- Increasing our bike trails.
- Making sure that any developments include park areas.
- Ensuring that our #3 Road development will be oriented to people living, working and playing in that area, with public parks and amenities.

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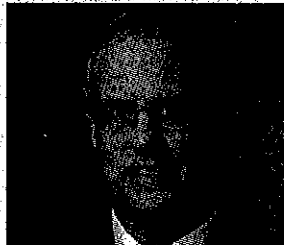
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the green edition

*this is a small thing*

# Small things make a big difference



**Malcolm Brodie**

**G**reen initiatives start at home—a place where small actions make a big difference. The personal lifestyle changes to which we now commit are the first steps in the transition to a greener and more sustainable environment.

My wife, Christine, and I continually work towards making better decisions to support the environment. It starts with the smaller things. As we have definite criteria such as efficiency in mind, we assess our purchases carefully before we buy. We routinely use recycled paper products, environmentally-safe cleaning products and purchase locally-grown seasonal produce. When taking our purchases home, we strive to bring our own cloth shopping bags or re-use bags from previous purchases.

When entertaining, we avoid disposable products unless they are made from recycled materials. We mostly use cloth towels rather than paper. Reusable containers have become our choice for storing food. And, like the majority of Richmond residents, we are ardent users of the Blue Box recycling program as well as the recycling and bottle depots.

To reduce personal green

house gas and carbon emissions which contribute to climate change, I traded my full-size automobile for a far more fuel-efficient and environmentally-friendly hybrid model.

Christine and I also look for ways to be more energy efficient at home. For heating, we use a programmable thermostat set to quite a low temperature and the house is heated only when occupied. Upstairs, each room has a separate thermostat—so we only heat the rooms we need. To make the house more weather-tight, we're now replacing the old weatherstripping on all our windows.

Ours was the first home in Richmond to become part of the volunteer water meter program. Knowing that we must pay for every drop of water used provides ample incentive to ensure that taps are completely turned off and the

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water is not left running.

Because better habits have reduced our water usage, by the third year of the program, we've reduced our water consumption by over 34 per cent and cut our water costs in half.

Under this program, we also installed low-flow shower heads and reduced the excess water flow in our toilets. We replaced our conventional lawn sprinklers with automatic sprinklers and set them to

water only for a few minutes early in the morning on designated watering days—that's all we need to irrigate a healthy lawn and garden.

I also take these personal practices to work in my public life. Like all council members, I continuously champion for stronger green civic initiatives. At Translink, to get people out of their cars, I joined in the effort to improve the region's public transit service, both bus and rail.

The past few years have featured one of the biggest bus expansions in the history of the province. And your council team has envisioned transportation choices in Richmond, as we work with our partners to extend the cycling lanes.

To manage growth, the new City Centre Area Plan focuses on creating pedestrian and transit-oriented communities. And, Richmond was amongst the first in the region to establish a sustainable purchasing policy. We are also looking at alternative sources of energy, such as geo-thermal, wind, or solar.

Environmental sustainability involves continual learning and changes in policy and practices at all levels of our society. By communicating our commitments, we add to the momentum as we motivate others to take action and incorporate change for the better.

Our long-term quality of life largely depends upon the respect we show for our environment. Ensuring that a healthy environment exists for our grandchildren remains the responsibility of all. If we each do our part to make permanent beneficial changes, the collective effort will improve the world. It's a journey to which the City of Richmond and I are committed.

I encourage you to join.

*Malcolm Brodie is the Mayor of Richmond.*