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WRECK BEACH PRESERVATION SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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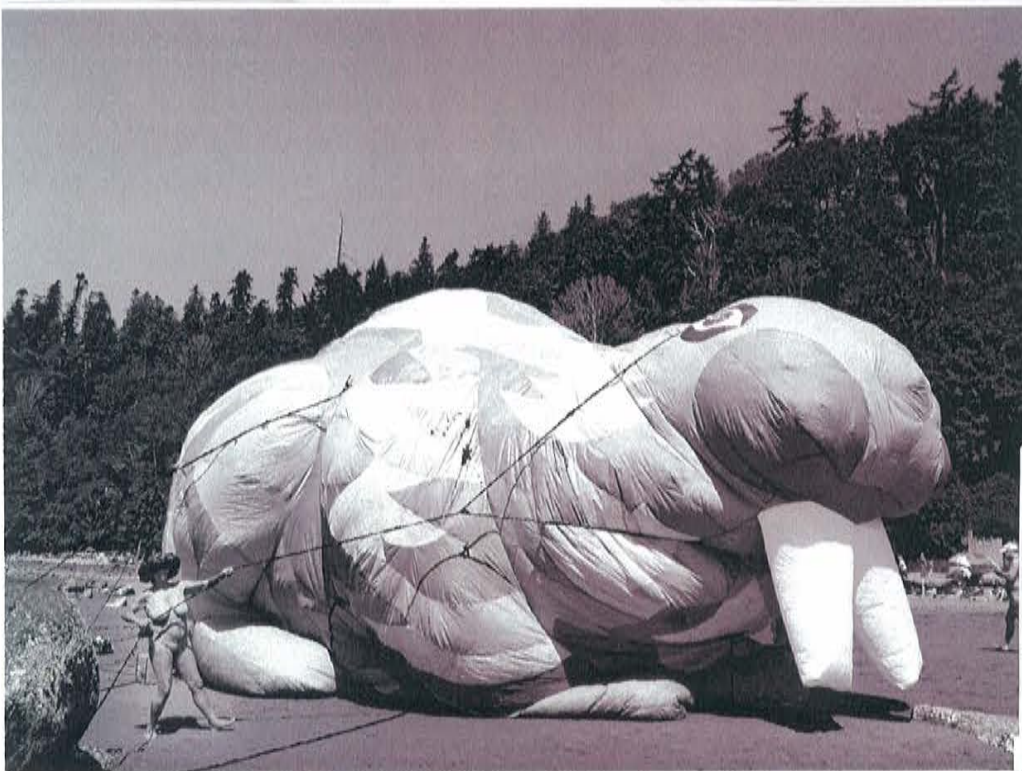
PREPARED BY BEACH VOLUNTEERS NUDE RECREATION IS THE WAY!

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WRECK BEACH DECLARED ONE OF CANADA'S TOP 52 WONDERS OUT OF 25,000 NOMINATIONS IN THE JUNE 7, 2007 CBC "WONDERS OF CANADA" CONTEST!

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Famed soft sculpture inflatable artist, Evelyn Roth, now from Maslin Beach, Australia but formerly of Vancouver, inflated her beaver artwork wrapped in recycled film woven into chains to demonstrate the need to keep oil and plastics out of our world's waters, the theme for this year's Second Annual Wreck Beach International Art Show which showcased many local artists' works. Check next year's calendar for the exact two-day artshow for 2016!



### RARE VISITOR BECOMES ICONIC BUNS RUN SYMBOL

Corporal Wade and Willy the Beaver became the shirt design for the 19<sup>th</sup> WB Bare Buns Run! Hundreds of well-meaning folks chased after this hapless beaver who probably floated into Wreck on a log boom. Beavers cannot survive in salt water so Corporal Wade was trying to shoo him away from the water. Some very concerned young men thought he might be trying to harm the beaver but all's well that ended well when wildlife rescue people whisked Willy away to fresher waters!

storm of August 29<sup>th</sup>, knocked out the hotel's power and one could not even see the info boards they had erected around the room.

Judy told Adrian Pollard, the man in charge of the project in 1987 and again, this time, in 2015, that he would go farther in the "court of public opinion," if he were to re-schedule the open house and extend the date for public response to the project. And, respond you did because they have now scheduled a second open house, the night of a regularly-scheduled Wreck Beach meeting. Therefore, the WBPS meeting will begin at 7 pm instead of 6 p.m. on the 17<sup>th</sup> to allow folks to attend the open house first. You now have until September 28<sup>th</sup> to respond with questions and concerns to:

[info@vancouverairportfuel.ca](mailto:info@vancouverairportfuel.ca) Let them know how you feel about this horrendous project, via e-mail: [info@vancouverairportfuel.ca](mailto:info@vancouverairportfuel.ca), or via FAX at 604-684-6981 or via snail mail at: Box 34, 505 Burrard Street, Vancouver, B.C. V7X 1M4. You can learn more about the project by going to the VAPOR website at <http://www.vaporbc.com>. Thank you so much for going that extra mile toward preservation of the world's greatest salmon-bearing Fraser River, its 72 other species of fish, migratory fly-way, other wildlife and human beings residing in riverside condo's and enjoying recreation at the sports and entertainment complex at the foot of No. 6 Road in Richmond.

### W.B.P.S. MEETING SCHEDULES

(Usually held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at West Area Park Headquarters, foot of Hudson in Room 120 of the lower extension of Airport Square Tower, 6 p.m.-7 p.m.): September 17, 2015; October 15; November 19; January 21, 2016; February 18; March 17 (with green beer!); April 21; May 19; June 16; July 21; August 18; September 15; October 20; November 17 (Last of 2016)

### 2015-16 NUDE-ONLY SWIM SCHEDULE AT LORD BYNG POOL

3990 W. 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Our naked-only swims run between 7:30-9:30 p.m. on the third Saturday of the month beginning with October 17, 2015. Folks often gather for a bite to eat afterward at a local restaurant. Government Photo ID needed for entry as we practice due diligence. Appropriate behaviour expected at all times. No cameras or camera phones; Dates for this year are: October 17, 2015; November 21, 2015; January 16, 2016; February 20, 2016; March 19, 2016; April 16, 2016; May 21, 2016; First-timers to naked swims get in for \$5 and members get in for \$10 with non-members paying \$12.



South Arm and massive jet fuel 6-storey high storage tanks (80-million litres equivalent to several atom bombs if they were to detonate.) VAPOR, with your support, put up one heckuva battle against the Provincial Government and the VAFFC (Vancouver Airport Fuel Facilities Corporation), but to no avail and as of August 29, in spite of many of your protests, they held their sham of an open house on the last Saturday of Summer from 2-5 p.m., what would have been prime sunning time had the violent summer storm not blown out of nowhere. It was a guarantee that perhaps a max of 49 folks showed up. Not only that, but it illustrated perfectly just how precarious the transporting of hazardous materials like jet fuel up the Fraser, is, given the vagaries of West Coast weather! The timing and the weather pretty well guaranteed poor attendance so that they could guarantee no one showed up. On top of that, the wild

Templeton Nude-Optional Swim Sept. 12, 7:30-9:30 p.m., 700 Templeton. Membership by donation. Regular-\$9/Concession- \$4.50

**2<sup>ND</sup> OPEN HOUSE RE JET FUEL DELIVERY SESSION! PLEASE, PLEASE ATTEND!**

As part of the Vancouver Airport Fuel Delivery Project, you are invited to attend a second Information Session in connection with the Fuel Receiving Facility, to be built on Port Metro Vancouver land.

**Date: September 17, 2015**  
**Time: 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**  
**Place: East Richmond Community Hall, 12360 Cambie Road, Richmond**

Due to the wind storm that occurred on August 29<sup>th</sup>, and an extension of the public comment period to September 28, 2015, VAFFC is extending to the general public a second opportunity to meet with project representatives to gather information and have questions answered. The first session was well attended (Sorry, but 49 people is not "well attended!") but we understand many may have been unable to attend due to travel challenges and the weather warning issued by Environment Canada on that day. We welcome further feedback and look forward to seeing you on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely, Adrian Pollard, Project Director, VAFFC

### TRANSPORT AND STORAGE OF JET FUEL ON AND BESIDE THE FRASER RIVER - A NIGHTMARE IN THE MAKING

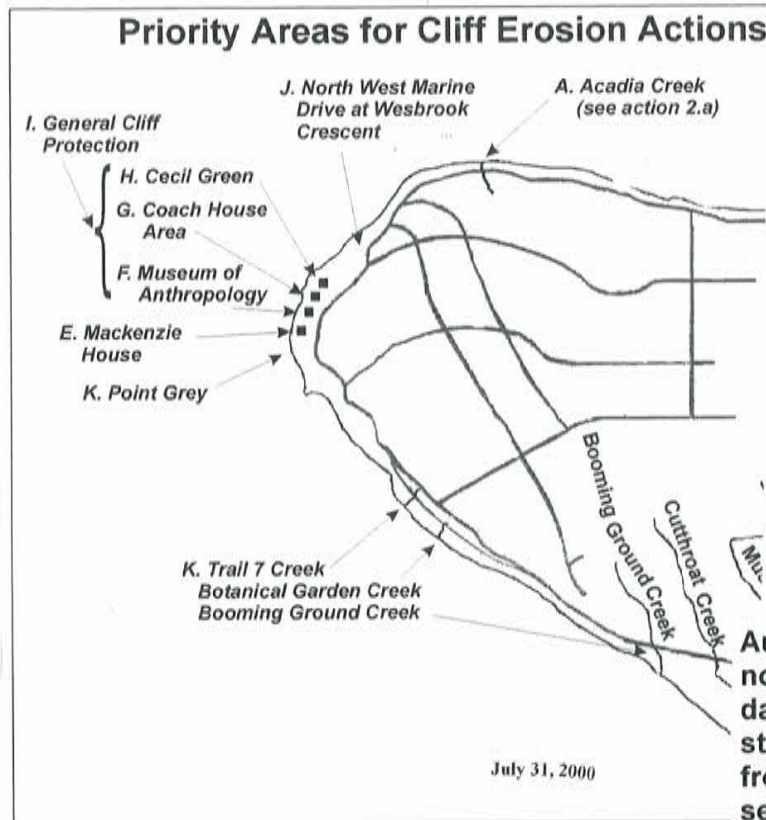
Many of you will recall the petitions we had 6000 of you sign to prevent jet fuel from being Panamax tankered past the mouth of the North Arm of the Fraser on its way to the

**UNDER THE GUISE OF EROSION CONTROL, UBC LAUNCHES MORE CLIFF-EROSION STUDIES TO PROTECT UBC BUILDINGS ALREADY BUILT TOO CLOSE TO THE CLIFF EDGES, AND/OR TO JUSTIFY UP TO 13 NEW HIGH RISES FACING WEST!**

Check out the new fencing and signage at the Point Grey Scar which became necessary after a young man was killed in a slide on those unstable cliffs. Speaking of which the President's mansion sited above Wreck Trail #4 has massive lawns and we have been trying to get the University to put in a Zen sand "garden" there since 1981 instead so all that water doesn't flow out the perched aquifers (clay layers between the Quadra sands) above the Trail 4 beach, causing the massive slides like the one which killed the camper this past spring at the Point Grey Scar just to the West of the mansion's lawns. Now, the University, after internal talks with Metro Vancouver since January 2015, finally was urged by Mitch Sokalski, General Manager of all GVRD Parks, to involve the WBPS. They have now embarked on another series of cliff-erosion studies under the guise of erosion-control for buildings and towers they should never have built so close to the cliff's edge in the first place. They have hired Golder and Associates to do the \$100,000 study. They will be assessing what the risks are to UBC and what kinds of strategies UBC can use in this "non-invasive investigation" to determine what UBC "can do within its means," since they claim to have "no hidden agenda." Apparently they did studies in 2005, and 2010 and this is to follow up in 2015, but they admitted, it was triggered by the death in a landslide of the young man camped above the cliffs near the President's residence which refuses to stop watering its vast lawns. Thus, if you see men in vests, hard hats, and logger boots scaling our cliffs, remember not to kill the messenger. Both Steve and Judy were invited to this high-level meeting with west Area Parks new manager, Jeffrey Fitzpatrick and Mitch. Perhaps, if UBC realizes the rate of erosion has increased tremendously, they won't be tempted to erect a row of high rises on the old experimental gardens adjacent to (south of) Totem residences.

**PARTY VANCOUVER NEEDS TO HAVE ITS COLLECTIVE SOCIAL MEDIA ASS KICKED AS WRECK BECOMES A VICTIM OF ITS OWN POPULARITY!**

Although Judy tried to deal with this social media group behind the scenes by asking them to share our visitor guidelines if they wouldn't call off a massive invitation to over 14,000 people, they didn't bother with the courtesy of a response. As a result, the numbers of clueless and rude textiles have increased since July 1—way to go, Party Vancouver. The only reason the same invitation issued in 2014 failed, was the onslaught of rains! Maybe PV could also issue an invitation to folks to help with our coastal clean up and debris inventory at noon on September 19<sup>th</sup>, rain or shine?!! Because newcomers weren't aware of our code of etiquette, we spent most of the day, asking folks to put away their cameras and camera phones and encouraging them to carry out their own garbage. We wonder who paid for the buses to collect the throngs at the day's end. The mountain of garbage bags completely obliterated the huge GVRD garbage bins at the top of Trail 6.



**End of an Era... WATERMELON RETIRES**

Wreck Beach icon Watermelon is retiring her famous melons. Since starting out selling watermelons on Vancouver's infamous nude beach, the woman born Mary Jean Dunsdon has become one of city's most sought-after media personalities. This month, she is announcing her decision to no longer work on the beach. "It's been a glorious 22 years," Watermelon says. "I loved that beach from the moment I laid bum cheeks on it. Wreck Beach has allowed me to pursue happiness and independence in a way no one thought possible. However, it is time for me to pass the baton and begin a new chapter." Today, she has her own pot-themed cooking show and is the proprietor of The Licorice Parlour, an East Vancouver candy store. In her role as a glamorous spokesperson, she has been featured in local publications and international magazines.

Watermelon started out on Wreck Beach selling T-shirts for Paddy White, an 80-year-old Irish bootlegger. Paddy mostly sold "candy bars" and was known on the beach for his cry of "cig-a-reets...nice cig-a-reets for sale." He was also a member of ACTRA and actively raised money for the beach. Watermelon has also worked both as a comic and comedy show host. She co-produced The Pink Show with Christine Taylor and a vaudeville-style variety evening called Electric Caesar Salad, which was later called The Grow Show. Her comedy nights have attracted and hosted such international comedy stars such as Zach Galifianakis and Sarah Silverman. Watermelon herself has opened for comedians such as Tig Notaro, Scott Thompson and Janeane Garofalo. Plans include continuing the Watermelon brand through her marijuana cooking show. She is also working on a cookbook, and has begun work on a memoir. And of course, she's looking at eventually running the city in a more official capacity.

"I plan to run for Mayor of Vancouver in 2023," she says.

She will officially retire from Wreck on Sept 8, 2015, on what she likes to call her "Arrest-aversary" (she was arrested on the beach on Sept. 8 2001). Until then, she says she is happy to continue to serve watermelon-hungry Wreck Beachers.

**FLOTSAM AND JETSAM**

Congratulations to Tony and Lana on their July 17 WB wedding officiated by none other than "Rev." Rice who has a birthday on Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>! Rainbow paths to two of our most beloved beachers who left us since last summer, Papa John and Jimbo. Jimbo's beloved dog, Rosie, has gone to a friend on the Sunshine Coast where she is happy and well and John's dear friend, Beth, remembers him with love. They are so missed. The poker games will never be the same. Thumbs up to UBC for listening to us about diverting the Colour Me Rad runners on August 1 away from Marine Drive so we were not closed down on a busy summer's weekend day! We so appreciate and applaud UBC for standing up to the Colour Me Rad August 1 away from Marine Drive so we were not closed down on a busy summer's weekend day! We so appreciate it and applaud UBC for standing up to the Colour Me Rad organizer from Salt Lake City, Utah and to Highways who seems indifferent to Wreck Beach users by allowing so many runs to close down Marine Drive for part of busy summer weekends.



Watermelon, RCMP Mike, and Judy presenting him with his good sport RCMP trophy in the Bare Buns Run for the second year in a row. We challenged him to put together an RCMP Team for our 20<sup>th</sup> Run anniversary in 2016!

