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UPCOMING EVENTS ...

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20TH

Vancouver Convention Centre East
12:30 pm to 4:30 pm
11th Annual Vancouver's Tourism Showcase
Les Clefs d'Or British Columbia

FRIDAY, APRIL 29TH

Georgian Court Hotel, 773 Beatty Street
Howard Crosley, General Manager,
B.C. Place Stadium and also
Dennis Skulsky, President and
CEO of BC Lions Football Club

TUESDAY, APRIL 26TH

Venue TBC
AM/PM Networking Event

FRIDAY, MAY 13TH

Tourism Vancouver Info Centre,
200 Burrard Street
Paul Sontz, Manager, Cultural Tourism
& Tickets Tonight

FRIDAY, MAY 27TH

Venue TBC
Minister Stephanie Cadieux,
Minister of Labour

FRIDAY, JUNE 24TH

R.C.M.P. Officers' Mess, Heather Street
Deputy Commissioner Peter German
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SAVE THE DATE- FRIDAY, SEPT. 9TH

Vancouver AM's 35th Anniversary
Celebration
5 pm, Terminal City Club

For further information and breakfast
meeting registration go to
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Breakfast events are open to the public.

Meeting Time: 6:50 for 7:00 start
Cost: Members \$28.00 + HST
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2011 WAKE UP AWARD WINNERS

VANCOUVER AM SALUTES THE MAYORS OF VANCOUVER ON OUR CITY'S 125TH BIRTHDAY

The City of Vancouver, incorporated April 6, 1886 is celebrating its 125th birthday this year, designated as the Cultural Capital of Canada for 2011.

"Vancouver 125 is an exciting year-long celebration of arts and culture that will showcase our vibrant creative communities and the tremendous diversity of our city," said Mayor Gregor Robertson. "This year we once again get to show the world all the reasons why Vancouver is an international hub of creativity and cultural expression by exploring our past and celebrating our future as a City."

On April 6, after the Vancouver AM Wake Up Awards Breakfast, the City will produce Birthday Live, a free, family event at Jack Poole Plaza. From July 8 -10, the Summer Live event will feature our city's vibrant arts scene with a free, multi-stage celebration in Stanley Park.

Vancouver 125 is also supporting the work of cultural organizations which will present events, exhibitions, festivals and other artistic projects throughout the anniversary year. For info, visit CelebrateVancouver125.ca

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VANCOUVER AM SALUTES MAYOR GREGOR ROBERTSON (2008-PRESENT)



Mayor Robertson is committed to building a sustainable and thriving economy in Vancouver while tackling the tough issue of homelessness. As a result, Vancouver now has the greenest building standards in North America. And Mayor Robertson established the Mayor's Homeless Emergency Action Team (HEAT). HEAT rapidly opened five low-barrier shelters that immediately

filled to capacity, providing close to 500 people a night with a safe, secure place to sleep.

Prior to entering politics, Gregor co-founded Happy Planet, an organic juice company promoting health and nutrition. As a successful entrepreneur and community leader, Gregor was named one of Canada's "Top 40 under 40" by The Globe and Mail in 2004.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE RAYMOND GREENWOOD

A Big Thank You for Your Support.

As we join in the celebration of Vancouver's 125th birthday, I look back at all the mayors of our fabulous city – civic leaders who made a difference both locally in communities, right up to the world stage at the 2010 Olympics, and I am filled with pride. We have much to be thankful for.

Now as I look inside our Vancouver AM Association, after 35 years, I believe that we have kept pace to promote Vancouver's vibrant hospitality and tourism industry, and to provide a valuable networking resource and meeting place in some of our finest venues.

I have always been a tourism advocate, which is why I enjoy leading Vancouver AM and keeping those key contacts alive and working together with the tourism and business communities to expand our influence.

So I say 'thank you' to the members of Vancouver AM Tourism Association for your

vote of confidence in re-electing me as President for another year.

My thanks also go out to last year's Board for their outstanding work and contribution to the running of your organization. A special thank you must go to Sarah Haffey for her outstanding job as Director of Locations for the past two years. She organized over 52 breakfasts, which fed approximately 2600 guests, and made over 220 contacts! Thanks also to Randy Vannatter who not only was President of Vancouver AM for five terms, but was responsible for partnering with the Vancouver Board of Trade to create our Olympic Breakfast Series at the Bay.

And hats off to Mark Kinskofer of Vision Event Photography for the always superb photos for our AM ALARM and website. And thanks goes to Sylvia Talbot, our coordinator of Vancouver AM's PM Events.

Appreciation goes out to all the hotels, restaurants and caterers for the fabulous breakfasts provided at our meetings together with gratitude for all our sponsors. A great vote of thanks goes to our editor of the AM ALARM, Brenda Young who makes us shine. In closing, I look forward to seeing

PLEASE WELCOME SUZANNE RAIKES

VANCOUVER AM'S NEW DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL MEDIA AND WEBSITE MANAGEMENT

What began as a six month layover on the way to Europe has blossomed into a love affair with Vancouver and all it has to offer. Born and raised across the East Coast of Australia, Suzanne travelled to Vancouver to explore her family's heritage in the mid 1990's.

Suzanne began her career in tourism at Grouse Mountain Resorts as a Skyride Operator. She worked her way up through the department to become a base operations supervisor and was responsible for the safe operation of North America's largest Aerial tramway system amongst many other duties. She was also fortunate enough to live at the top of Grouse Mountain for three years in one of the staff cabins. It was an unforgettable experience to live at the top of a mountain, only 20 minutes from an urban centre.

In 2005, Suzanne left her friends, colleagues and fond memories at Grouse Mountain to begin working at Tourism Vancouver as a Supervisor in the Visitors Centre at 200 Burrard Street. Since April 2007 Suzanne has been an Account Executive in the Member and Sponsor Relations department. Managing over 500 accounts, she is the key contact for around half of Tourism Vancouver's 1000 members.

Suzanne is regarded by her friends as their go to girl for anything and everything pop-culture related. She is also a music junkie and can often be found at one of Vancouver's many live music venues.



Suzanne Raikes, Account Executive, Member & Sponsor Relations Tourism Vancouver

PAN PACIFIC VANCOUVER CELEBRATES 25 YEARS AND COUNTLESS MEMORIES

Vancouver's premiere luxury waterfront hotel is also having a birthday celebration -- commemorating 25 years of perfecting personalized experiences. The landmark hotel was built to celebrate Expo '86 in Vancouver's centennial year. A quarter of a century later, the Pan Pacific Vancouver has welcomed thousands of guests worldwide and is firmly established as one of Vancouver's preeminent hotels.

"The Pan Pacific Vancouver opened its doors to the world arriving to experience Expo '86," says Tim Tindle, General Manager of the Pan Pacific Vancouver. "Through the years we have met many milestones including the incredible Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games. In the end though, it is about the people. Our associates strive to provide the best service possible, day in and day out to our guests."

Many notable guests have made themselves at home. Sean Connery went as far as attending one of the front desk's "three minute meetings," between shift changes, while Robin Williams made use of the staff elevators to avoid causing a scene in the main lobby area. Upon making a wrong turn and ending up in the employee lunchroom, Williams launched into an impromptu comedy routine to the delight of the associates lunching there.

Other famous guests that have enjoyed the Pan Pacific Vancouver's tremendous views and waterfront location are Prince Charles and the late Lady Diane, Bill Clinton, the Agha Khan, Boris Yeltsin and the Dalai Lama.



ABOUT PAN PACIFIC VANCOUVER

The luxurious 23-storey Pan Pacific Vancouver, a downtown waterfront hotel, consists of 503 spacious guest rooms, including 39 suites, with panoramic vistas of the harbour, mountains, Stanley Park and the city skyline. One of Vancouver's pre-eminent hotels, the Pan Pacific offers a wide selection of modern hotel amenities including two waterfront restaurants: the Café Pacifica and The Five Sails, as well as Cascades Lounge, providing an award-winning selection of West Coast Cuisine. The Pan Pacific Vancouver has a comprehensive range of elegant meeting and event facilities for business and social gatherings of every description.

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The mayors of Vancouver:

When Larry Campbell takes office as Vancouver's mayor on Monday, he will be the 37th man to put his stamp on the city. Today, John Mackie takes a look back at the leaders of the last 116 years, and the colourful campaigns that brought them to office.



1886 to 1887
MALCOLM
MACLEAN

Vancouver's first election on May 3, 1886, was a wild affair, rife with labour unrest and racism. The favourite going into the election was Hastings Sawmill manager Richard Alexander, of Alexander Street fame. But a strike at Hastings Sawmill divided the community, particularly after Alexander announced he would hire Chinese workers to replace the white strikers. The strikers talked real estate salesman Malcolm MacLean (b. 1844, Treen, Scotland, d. 1895) into running against Alexander. MacLean won in a squeaker, 242 votes to Alexander's 225.



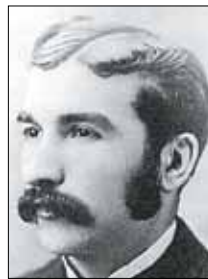
1888 to 1891
DAVID
OPPENHEIMER

Oppenheimer (b. 1832, Bleiskastel, Germany, d. 1897) was one of early Vancouver's biggest landowners and businessmen. He was elected by acclamation for two of his four one-year terms. During Oppenheimer's tenure, the city's first water main was laid from the North Shore, a streetcar system was established, and electric streetlights were introduced. He also helped persuade the Canadian Pacific Railway to move its terminus to Vancouver, and helped secure Stanley Park for the city from the federal government.



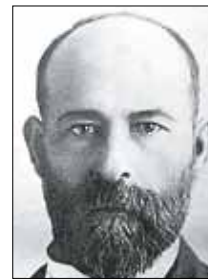
1892 to 1893
FRED
COPE

The election of Fred Cope (b. 1860, d. 1897) in 1892 was the closest in Vancouver's history, with a winning margin of 11 votes over his rival Dr. J.T. Carroll. Cope was also the youngest mayor in Vancouver history, only 32 when elected. Before becoming mayor, Cope was the president of the British Columbia Building Association. A full-on newspaper war erupted during the election campaign when the *Vancouver News Advertiser* claimed Cope was a puppet of Oppenheimer, and the *Vancouver World* championed him.



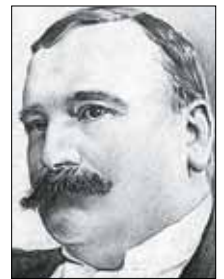
1894
ROBERT ALEXANDER
ANDERSON

Anderson (b. 1858 Belfast, P.E.I., d. 1916) was a realtor who had been chairman of finance on city council; The *World* hailed him as "one of our most enterprising citizens" who had "accumulated property by fair means." The election had a nasty side, with allegations that mayoral candidate Henry Collins tried to bribe another candidate to drop out of the race. Anderson managed to stay above the fray. "Can anyone point to a blot of his personal or political honour? We think not," said the *World*.



1895 to 1896
HENRY
COLLINS

After losing to Anderson in the 1894 election, Collins (b. 1844, d. 1904) walloped John McDowell 686 to 299 in 1895 to become mayor. Collins had an accident shortly before the election which prevented him campaigning, but won nonetheless. A big election issue was a bill put forward in the B.C. legislature by then-premier Alexander Edmund Davie that would have limited the powers of municipal government. Collins was elected for two terms; in 1896, he was the first candidate to poll more than 1,000 votes in a civic election.



1897
WILLIAM
TEMPLETON

William Templeton's second try for the mayor's seat (he had lost to Oppenheimer in 1890) was successful. Templeton (b. 1853, Belleville, Ont., d. 1898) was in favour of building a smelter in the city, extending voting hours so that more working men could make it to the polls, and removing the provision that candidates for civic office own property in Vancouver. Templeton died three days after losing his bid for reelection in 1898; he is believed to have committed suicide.



1898 to 1900
JAMES FORD
GARDEN

The 1898 election was fought in the middle of the Klondike Gold Rush. Supporters of James Ford Garden (b. 1847, Upper Woodstock, N.B., d. 1914) argued that mayor William Templeton had failed to capitalize on the opportunities afforded by gold fever, while Templeton's supporters retorted Garden would run a "wide open town" with a music hall "that would injure the morals of the young men growing up amongst us." As mayor, Garden personally led a force that stopped lumber baron Thomas Ludgate from logging Deadman's Island in Stanley Park.



1901
THOMAS O.
TOWNLEY

Thomas Townley (b. 1862, Newmarket, Ont., d. 1935) was a lawyer and land registrar who campaigned on building up Vancouver's shipbuilding and manufacturing industries, as well as building a new railroad to the Kootenays. A big issue was whether the city's numerous saloons should have earlier closing hours. Townley was supported by the saloon owners' "Licenced Victualers Association," and won a decisive victory. Paradoxically, electors also voted for earlier saloon closing hours in a plebiscite. There was a tremendous snowstorm on election day which reduced the voter turnout.



1902 to 1903
THOMAS F.
NEELANDS

Thomas Neelands (b. 1862, Carleton, Ont., d. 1944) swept into office in a wave of voter discontent with Thomas Townley, who the *World* cast as the candidate of "saloons and gambling and kindred matters." Two days after Neelands' election, the chief of police announced Vancouver's days as a wide-open town were over: there would be no gambling except in clubs, and no more saloon openings on Sunday. "No drinking on Sunday unless a private bottle is taken home," became the new rule.



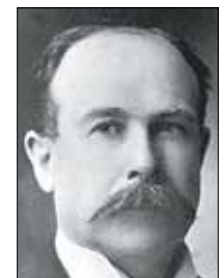
1904
WILLIAM J.
MCGUIGAN

William McGuigan (b. 1853, Stratford, Ont., d. 1908) is the only Vancouver mayor to hold degrees in both law and medicine. McGuigan believed in public works; he supported the extension of English Bay beach, building a new Vancouver General Hospital in Mount Pleasant, and wanted to extend the sewer system to the suburbs. He also wanted to bring more railways to the city to break the Canadian Pacific Railway monopoly, and in office laid the groundwork for the draining of the False Creek flats for railway yards.



1905 to 1906
FREDERICK
BUSCOMBE

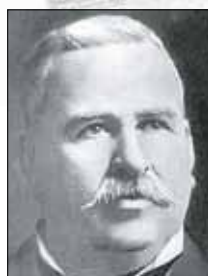
Vancouver was booming in the early 1900s, but the business elite wasn't always happy with the way city hall was run. Business found a champion in Frederick Buscombe (b. 1862, Bodmin, England, d. 1938), a glass merchant who had been president of the board of trade before he was elected mayor. McGuigan's personal popularity proved no match to Buscombe's pledge to implement sound financial management to city affairs, which earned him the support of the business class and all three daily newspapers.



1907 to 1908
ALEXANDER
BETHUNE

The 1907 civic election was fought under the shadow of a provincial election. Alexander Bethune (b. 1852, Peterborough, Ont., d. 1947) was a shoe merchant and long-serving alderman who headed the Electoral Union slate, which swept most civic offices. The big election issue was whether to allow the new Vancouver Westminster and Yukon Railway access to the city. The *Liberal World's* banner headline "Civic Elections Presage Big Liberal Victory" proved optimistic, because the Conservatives handily won the provincial election three weeks later.

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1909
CHARLES STANFORD DOUGLAS

The 1909 election attracted an unprecedented number of candidates for mayor: five. A wide variety of issues were aired during the campaign: nationalization of the port, the eight-hour working day, a new Vancouver Exhibition at Hastings Park, the construction of a new Second Narrows Bridge, and reform of the city administration. Realtor Charles Douglas (b. 1852, Madison, Wis., d. 1917) won in a three way-race with Vancouver World owner Louis D. Taylor and Edward Odium, a well-known local academic. Taylor won a rematch in 1910.



1910-11, 1915, 1925-28, 1931-34
LOUIS D. TAYLOR

Louis Denison Taylor (b. 1857, Ann Arbor, Mich., d. 1946) was a fixture in civic politics for three decades, running for mayor 20 times and winning eight elections between 1910 and 1934. A self-styled champion of the working man, Taylor claimed he lost the 1923 election because a woodpecker had flown into a transformer, shutting down the streetcar lines and keeping Taylor's working class followers from the polls. Taylor shamelessly promoted his candidacy through his World newspaper, and built the landmark World Tower, now the Sun Tower, in 1912.



1912
JAMES FINDLAY

James Findlay (b. 1954, Montreal, d. 1924) upset two-time-mayor Taylor in a lively 1912 race. Through his ownership of the World, Taylor railed that Findlay was against women's suffrage, but was for putting stray dogs to death. Taylor campaigned on raising the minimum wage to \$3 per day, purchasing the False Creek tidal flats for railroad lands, and building a new city hall; Findlay was a businessman whose ads said he wanted to "shape the city's affairs wisely." Findlay won by 1,314 votes.



1913 to 1914
TRUMAN SMITH BAXTER

Truman Baxter (b. 1867 Carlington, Ont., d. 1956) was elected by acclamation in 1913, just as a dizzying boom ended and a slump set in. He fought two mayoral battles with L.D. Taylor, winning in 1914 and losing in 1915. Baxter ran on his strengths as a business administrator, arguing that he had pulled the city's finances together out of the "financial chaos" caused by previous administrations. Baxter was said to be favoured by women voters, Taylor by working men. Baxter won in 1914 by 2,091 votes, Taylor won in 1915 by 686.



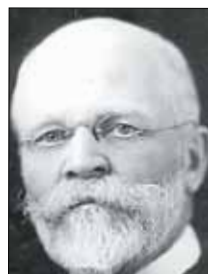
1916 to 1917
MALCOLM McBEATH

The 1916 election was fought in the midst of First World War, and public morality was at the forefront. Malcolm McBeath (b. 1880, d. 1957) charged that his opponent Thomas Kirkpatrick was a shill for the "King Booze" crowd, who would call in favours after the election. McBeath argued that he alone would fight for the "moral welfare of the city." McBeath also introduced a nasty racial undertone to the election by noting that Kirkpatrick owned a shingle mill where he employed Chinese labourers.



1918 to 1921
ROBERT HENRY GALE

With prohibition imminent, mayor McBeath again tried to cast his opponent as a front for the "forces of the liquor traffic and the underworld." Robert Gale (b. 1878, d. 1950) retorted with newspaper ads proclaiming that he had contributed \$25 to the People's Prohibition Movement. The election ended with a sensational scandal, when a female friend of McBeath's fell ill at a meeting, went to McBeath's room and ordered a glass of whiskey as medicine. Gale slaughtered McBeath by 3,300 votes, the biggest majority given a mayor to date.



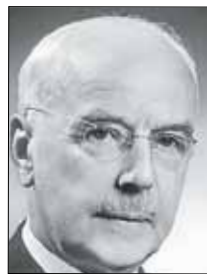
1922 to 1923
CHARLES EDWARD TISDAL

The 1922 election was fought under a somewhat bizarre "proportional representation" voting system. Voters ticked off their first and second choice for mayor; the winner would be whoever received a majority. Until a majority was reached, the candidates on the bottom of the ballot were eliminated, and their second choice votes divided up among the remaining candidates. It took four counts to elect former Conservative MLA Charles Tisdal (b. 1866 Birmingham, England, d. 1936), who ran on a business-friendly platform of "economy with efficiency."



1924
WILLIAM REID OWEN

The proportional representation system was rescinded by the voters in 1923 and William Owen (b. 1864, Ontario, d. 1949) won a close 1924 election over the irrepressible L.D. Taylor by 53 votes. Owen, a hardware store owner from Mt. Pleasant, ran on his "clean record" of 14 years on council and park board. His platforms were reduced property taxes, encouragement of new industries and better management of city finances (his slogan was "I stand for necessities before fads and frills"). Taylor won a 1925 rematch by 640 votes.



1929 to 1930
WILLIAM MALKIN

On Jan. 1, 1929, Vancouver amalgamated with Point Grey and South Vancouver (which had been separate municipalities) to form a mega-city of 251,498 people. The first mayor of the new expanded city was William Malkin (b. 1868, Staffordshire, England, d. 1959), a Vancouver pioneer whose wholesale grocery business grew from a wagon and two horses to a multi-million-dollar enterprise. Malkin beat Taylor with a platform of "law and order, civic morality and fairness to labour." He spent much of his tenure cleaning up corruption at city hall.



1935-36, 1947
GERALD GRATTON McGEER

With the city slumping because of the Great Depression, Gerry McGeer (b. 1888, Winnipeg, d. 1947) swept L.D. Taylor out of office on a reform platform. McGeer pledged to end decades of dilly-dallying and build a new city hall, promised to have a "crimeless city" within three months of his election and argued for constitutional reforms that would alleviate the crippling cost to municipalities of providing social services. He won by a record 25,000 votes. In 1947 he won the mayoralty again, but died in office.



1937 to 1938
GEORGE CLARK MILLER

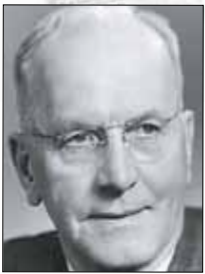
Gerry McGeer left the mayor's chair to enter parliament in Ottawa, which opened the door for veteran alderman George Miller (b. 1882 Huron County, Ont., d. 1968), who said he would carry on McGeer's reforms. Like McGeer, Miller wanted to lower interest rates and provide employment through civic works. The election was the first to feature Non-Partisan Association candidates, but was overshadowed by the tortured saga of King Edward VIII and Wallis Simpson — the King abdicated on Dec. 10, 1936, the day after the election.



1939 to 1940
JAMES LYLE TELFORD

Dr. James Telford (b. 1889, Valens, Ont., d. 1960) was a fiery Cooperative Commonwealth Federation MLA who topped the earnest but dull Miller by 2,000 votes. The biggest controversy of the election was Telford's charge in the provincial legislature that there had been financial hanky-panky between Duff Pattullo's provincial Liberal government and the builders of the Pattullo Bridge. Former Medicine Hat mayor Nelson Spencer split the right-wing vote with a campaign to depose "the invisible government at the city hall."

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1941 to 1946
'JACK' JONATHAN CORNETT

Telford's penchant for controversy undermined his popularity, and he was upset by shoe salesman Jack Cornett (b. 1883, Lansdowne, Ont., d. 1973) in the 1941 election. The Second World War was raging overseas, and Cornett ran as a patriot, "wholeheartedly for the interests of the British Empire in our hour of need." Cornett pulled no punches in his ads. One read: "Citizens! End the false and reckless charges, costly investigations, harmful ballyhoo, the noise, the fuss and futility of two years!"



1948
CHARLES JONES

Longtime alderman Charles Jones (b. Whitby, England, 1881, d. 1948) became mayor when Gerry McGeer dropped dead in office. Unfortunately the 67-year-old Jones also died in office on Sept. 1, 1948, 13 months after McGeer. Former mayor George Miller filled in the rest of Jones' term. The big surprise of the 1947 election was the showing of the left-leaning Effie Jones, who campaigned for cheaper streetcar fares and drew an astounding 19,218 votes. One of Charles Jones' election platforms was to fill in False Creek for industrial development. Honest.



1949 to 1950
CHARLES E. THOMPSON

Car dealer Charles Thompson (b. 1890, Grey County, Ont., d. 1966) wanted to "make a great city greater" with a 10-year plan to build new roads and sewers, solve parking problems, build a new Granville Street bridge, and rebuild Main and Hastings streets. This was the height of the Red Scare, and *The Sun* cautioned the apathetic electorate that socialist and even communist supporters might take city hall if they didn't come out and vote. One of CCF candidate Tom Alsbury's planks was anti-communism.



1951 to 1958
FREDERICK E. HUME

Fred Hume (b. New Westminster, 1893, d. 1967) is the only person to be elected mayor of both Vancouver (1951-58) and New Westminster (1933-42). He is also the only person to be elected Vancouver mayor while living in West Vancouver. In his first Vancouver election, Hume advocated revising the provincial sales tax, establishing a Lower Mainland-wide police force, and filling in False Creek for development, which would eliminate the need for a new Granville Bridge. The bridge was built instead.



1959 to 1962
A. THOMAS ALSBURY

Everyone agreed Fred Hume was a good guy, but after nearly a decade in power, people began to question his leadership. Former teacher Tom Alsbury (b. 1904, Edinburgh, d. 1990) let his CCF membership lapse to run as an independent, and topped Hume by 11,000 votes. Alsbury promised "swift action" on unemployment, polluted beaches, sewage disposal and slum clearance. The construction of a tunnel under the First Narrows from the West End to West Vancouver was promoted by numerous candidates.



1963 to 1966
WILLIAM GEORGE RATHIE

Seventy-six years after the city of Vancouver was born, it finally got a Vancouver-born mayor in Bill Rathie (b. 1914, d. 1994). After Tom Alsbury decided to accept a job at the University of British Columbia rather than run for a second term, Rathie and the Non-Partisan Association slate swept all civic offices. Rathie' main electoral plank was to wrestle more cash for the city out of Socred premier W.A.C. Bennett. In a plebiscite, voters finally voted in favour of allowing movies to be shown on Sunday.



1967 to 1972
TOM CAMPBELL

Fiery alderman, lawyer and developer Tom Campbell (b. 1927, Vancouver) stunned Bill Rathie and the NPA by taking the mayor's chair in the 1967 vote. Campbell promised to build a new Georgia Street viaduct and expand the city's park space at Jericho Beach and First and Rupert streets. He also said he would fill in parts of False Creek, and hoped to stage a world's fair on the reclaimed land. As mayor "Tom Terrific" was loved by developers, but was viewed as Public Enemy No. 1 by hippies.



1973 to 1976
ART PHILLIPS

Investment analyst and alderman Art Phillips (b. 1930, Montreal) led a TEAM (The Electors Action Movement) landslide in the 1973 election. Phillips was more or less anointed mayor after the NPA candidate withdrew following a conflict of interest scandal — he beat his closest contender by 52,000 votes. TEAM campaigned for a more democratic city government, more power to the neighbourhoods and a ward system. They also pledged to overhaul the civic administration, make better use of city-owned property and to stop a controversial Chinatown firehall.



1977 to 1980
JACK VOLRICH

Jack Volrich (b. 1928, Anyox, B.C.) picked up the TEAM torch from Phillips and won an easy victory over the NPA's Ed Sweeney. The campaign was fairly lacklustre — Volrich's reputation for being "very tight with a dollar" gave the NPA no big issue to fight on. Volrich promised action on getting a rapid transit system for Vancouver, argued that the province should turn the University Endowment Lands into parkland, and pledged to get a better deal for civic taxpayers from Bill Bennett's Socred government in Victoria.



1980 to 1986
MICHAEL HARCOURT

Former TEAM alderman and future NDP premier Mike Harcourt (b. 1943, Edmonton) ran as an independent and upset Volrich by 3,000 votes to become mayor. Harcourt railed against the way the NPA had failed to press the ward system after it was backed by a plebiscite. He also questioned the viability and location of Transpo 86 in False Creek, vowed to start immediately on a rapid transit system and to get more housing for low-income people. Although he was one of Expo 86's earliest critics, he was mayor during the fair.



1986 to 1993
GORDON CAMPBELL

After Mike Harcourt moved to provincial politics, youthful developer Gordon Campbell (b. 1948, Vancouver) topped longtime alderman Harry Rankin in a classic left versus right battle. Rankin ran on the traditional left issues of social housing, civic works and job creation; Campbell ran on free-enterprise planks like extending shopping hours and new industrial zoning. Although Rankin had regularly finished at or near the top of council polls, Campbell won by almost 20,000 votes, and ushered in a new golden era for the NPA.



1993 to 2002
PHILIP OWEN

Longtime NPA alderman Philip Owen (b. 1933, Vancouver) handily beat Committee of Progressive Electors candidate Libby Davies in the somewhat dull 1993 election. Detractors mocked Owen's slow, methodical approach, but voters elected Owen mayor three times, making him one of the longest-serving mayors in Vancouver history. Initially seen as pro-business, by the end of his tenure he was hailed by the left for his championing of a different approach to the Downtown Eastside's drug and social problems.

ICONIC VANCOUVER MOMENTS



Maple Leaf Baseball Players, August 3, 1938.



Vancouver College, ca. 1920s.



Fred "Cyclone" Taylor, 1919

Courtesy of Scott Anderson of the Vancouver Historical Society and Les Mobbs of the City Archives



Canadian rugby (Football) at Athletic Park, September 19, 1926



Dal Richards and orchestra, September, 1944



Terminal City Cycling Club, August 12, 1892



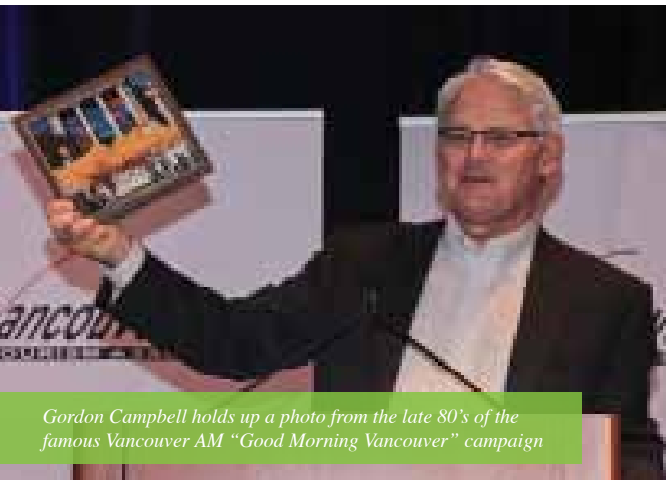
Football (Soccer), ca. 1920s



Watersport in Coal Harbour, ca. 1890s



HERE'S WHAT YOU MISSED...



Gordon Campbell holds up a photo from the late 80's of the famous Vancouver AM "Good Morning Vancouver" campaign



Gordon Campbell was honored for his many years of contribution both as former Vancouver Mayor and former BC Premier at a special Vancouver AM Breakfast February 18.



John Furlong has a sentimental glow for Canada, a pride he shared with the Vancouver AM audience February 12.

...Comments from the Gordon Campbell Farewell Breakfast:

"Vancouver AM, You ran a first rate ship this morning: sharp, quick, brief, punctual and highly professional at every turn. Some also thought it was one of 'the Premier's finest moments'. Lots of nice recognition around the room and heartfelt chatter and presentations. Thanks for making it happen!"

~ Rick Antonson, Tourism Vancouver President, CEO



Dal Richards, 2010 Olympic Torch Bearer, shared a favourite excerpt from Patriot Hearts



On February 12, 2011, at the Vancouver Convention Centre West, Vancouver AM members and guests commemorate the 2010 Olympic Games with the leader of the VANOC Organizing Committee, John Furlong. Present to personally autograph his newly released book Patriot Hearts, Furlong is centre-stage to the special tribute to the Games with sponsors Vancouver Convention Centre and News 1130, as a premiere breakfast event to celebrate Vancouver's presence on the world stage, and its significant impact on tourism.



Vancouver AM 2011/2012 Board of Directors
L to R Front Row: Suzanne Raihes, Brenda Young, Cristina Ambrosi, Lisa Hartmann, Meghan Gross
L to R Back Row: Rick Fisher, Paul Holden, Rick Vet, Raymond Greenwood
Missing from Photo: Jennifer Campbell, Ana Kozjak

Photos on page 8 by Mark Kinskofer

"Well done Vancouver AM! Great breakfast event this morning, especially as you pulled it together in such a short time. Terrific to see lots of old friends! How will the province manage without Gordon?!"
~ Hilary Wooller, VP Conference Division, The Pace Group & Former Vancouver AM President

"Thank you Vancouver AM. You did a fine job of pulling this together with very short time lines. People really appreciated being there and being able to be a part of it, mascots and all! James Moore's words were very impressive, heartfelt and much appreciated. Great job, and thank you for your significant contribution to the success of Games Anniversary weekend."
~ Sandra Hamilton, Senior Partner, Twentyten Group, Business Manager John Furlong

GREAT MOMENTS IN VANCOUVER HISTORY...

One Year Anniversary of the 2010 Olympic Games, February 12 at the Vancouver Convention Centre West featuring John Furlong 'Patriot Hearts' book signing

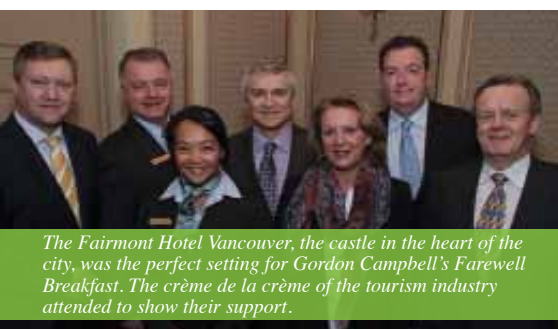
Vancouver PM Wine Tasting Event February 17th, Legacy Liquor Store, Olympic Village

Farewell to Premier Gordon Campbell Breakfast, February 18, Fairmont Hotel Vancouver

Vancouver Whitecaps Football Club with Paul Barber, CEO, February 25th at the PNE Hastings Room, featuring a Tour of Empire Stadium

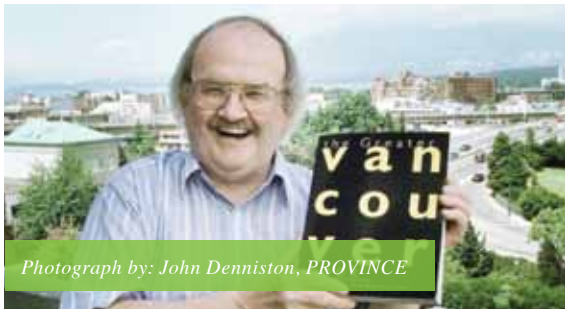
Vancouver AM Annual General Meeting and St. Patrick's Day Breakfast
March 11th, Doolin's Irish Pub, featuring Rita Albano, Executive Director Celtic Festival Vancouver

Breakfast at the Ice Cream Parlor, Burnaby Village Museum, March 25 featuring Mayor Derek Corrigan



The Fairmont Hotel Vancouver, the castle in the heart of the city, was the perfect setting for Gordon Campbell's Farewell Breakfast. The crème de la crème of the tourism industry attended to show their support.

VANCOUVER AM REMEMBERS



CHUCK DAVIS, FORMER PROVINCE COLUMNIST, AUTHOR, BROADCASTER AND HISTORIAN (1935 – 2010)

"The history of Vancouver and Chuck Davis are, and will always be, inextricably bound." – Daniel Wood

Photograph by: John Denniston, PROVINCE

Chuck Davis was easily the most knowledgeable person about Vancouver. As a congenial radio host, quizmaster, newspaper columnist and author, he continuously popularized B.C. history. Most notably, he compiled and edited The Vancouver Book in 1976, followed by an 882-page omnibus called The Greater Vancouver Book in 1997. He was working on a third edition, the History of Metropolitan Vancouver when he died.

Randy Vannatter, Past President, Vancouver AM says that Vancouver's birthday brings memories of Chuck Davis, a regular Vancouver AM member over the past 37 years. "As we reflect on his contribution to Vancouver AM, we marvel at his contribution to Vancouver. What he taught me the most was to enjoy others and be generous."

For info re: the Chuck Davis Book Fund, email info@harbourpublishing.com.



Photo by Dave Roels

Message to Vancouver AM members and to Hon. Gordon Campbell, special guest:

"As a former Minister of Tourism in our beautiful Province, I want to convey my appreciation to your special guest. Premier Gordon Campbell has been an outstanding advocate for the Tourism and Hospitality Industry for our Province. The 2010 Olympics and Special Olympics will remain with us all, as one of Canada's most proud moments in our history. Vancouver AM and our help from Gordon Campbell preceded the 2010 Olympics as far back as his term of office as Mayor of our City. He was a strong advocate and believer of our City's destiny through the Tourism Industry and as a member of the B.C. Legislature and Premier of our Province, he continued his appreciation for our positive future.

We are grateful for his vision and optimism through the building of the new Convention Centre and the Canada Line as well as the inspiration and leadership he has given to those who serve our visitors to British Columbia. Thank you, Gordon, for being our great spokesman over many years.

"The best place on earth" is even better because of your work. THANK YOU!"

~ Grace McCarthy

WAKE UP AWARD RECIPIENTS

- 1982 John Plul – Waking Up Tourism
- 1983 Betty Fata – Conventions
- 1984 Dal Richards - Band Leader
- 1985 John Dye
- 1986 Expo Ernie and Tillicum
- 1987 Grace McCarthy - Minister of Tourism
- 1988 Dianne Nuefeld - Film Commissioner
- 1989 Ray Peters - Broadcasting, VSO
- 1990 Elvira Quarin - Tourism Vancouver
- 1991 Jeff Hyslop - Phantom of Opera
- 1992 Bill Hughes - CKNW Roving Mike
- 1993 Raymond Greenwood - Symphony of Fire
- 1994 Arthur Griffiths- Orca Bay
- 1995 Michael Lambert - GM Hotel Vancouver
- 1996 David Emerson - YVR
- 1997 Peter Armstrong - Rocky Mountaineer
- 1998 Martin Zlotnik – Co-Chair of Greater Vancouver Open
- 1999 Nancy Stibbard - Capilano Suspension Bridge
- 2000 Bill Altman Theatre and Entertainment
- 2001 Christopher Gaze - Bard on the Beach;
- 2002 Bill Millerd- Arts Clubs Theatre
- 2003 Phillip Owen - Mayor of Vancouver
- 2004 Rick Antonson - Tourism Vancouver
- 2005 Peggie Terry - Where Magazine
- 2006 Event Not Held
- 2007 Vancouver Olympic Bid Committee
- 2008 John Nightingale - Vancouver Aquarium
- 2009 David Podmore - Vancouver Convention and Exhibition Centre
- 2010 John Furlong and his VANOC team
- 2011 Mayors of Vancouver On City's 125th Birthday

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A MAYOR'S STORY: FORMER VANCOUVER MAYOR SAM SULLIVAN'S TRIUMPHS



The Disability Foundation and its affiliated organizations were founded by Sam Sullivan after he became a quadriplegic as a result of a skiing accident at the age of 19.



As mayor of Vancouver, Sam Sullivan received international attention after he waved the Olympic and Paralympic flags during the closing ceremony of the 2006 Winter Olympics in Turin, Italy. He was later appointed Canada's 2010 Paralympic Winter Games Ambassador.

About Sam Sullivan

About seven years after he became a quadriplegic in a skiing accident in 1979, Sam Sullivan made the decision to "reach out" to the community of disabled people to help them take more responsibility for helping themselves. He wanted to make legislators, politicians and key community officials aware of the latent potential possessed by people with disabilities and for the general community to know that barriers preventing or limiting full participation in society from people with disabilities could be overcome.

The Disability Foundation

Since its origin in the late 1980s, the Sam Sullivan Disability Foundation has raised more than \$20 million and provided quality of life opportunities for more than 10,000 people with significant disabilities. The Foundation supports six non-profit organizations and several other initiatives that provide services throughout Canada and beyond.

The Disabled Sailing Association

Sailing for people with significant physical disabilities got its start in Canada in 1989, when Sam Sullivan used a British-made Sunbird dinghy to launch the first few sails at the Jericho Sailing Centre on English Bay. Inspired by the Disabled Sailing Association of BC DSA-BC and Sam Sullivan's efforts to expose more and more people with very high levels of physical disabilities to the sport, adaptive sailing has now spread across Canada, throughout the US and around the world. Disabled sailing now plays a major role in the Summer Paralympics every four years.



LARRY W. CAMPBELL

(VANCOUVER MAYOR FROM 2002-2005)



Campbell was a huge proponent of the Four Pillars approach to ending drug abuse. In 2002 he was elected by the citizens of Vancouver under the banner of the Coalition of Progressive Electors (COPE). Carrying on the legacy of his predecessor Philip Owen, Mayor Campbell spearheaded the approval and establishment of North America's first legal safe injection site. He was also instrumental in the successful Vancouver bid to host the 2010 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games. He is now Senator Campbell, a member of the Senate Standing Committees on Aboriginal Peoples and Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration.

Starting in 1969, Campbell worked for the RCMP in Vancouver and then in 1973 as a member of the Drug Squad. Starting in 1981 Campbell worked for the Vancouver District Coroner's office and in 1996 he was appointed BC Chief Coroner, a post that he served in until 2000.

THE VANCOUVER WHITECAPS

A LEGENDARY TEAMS TAKES ON PRO FOOTBALL



Photos by Dave Roels

On Saturday March 19, 2011, Vancouver embarked on a journey into pro football -- not American Football -- real football. As my father and I slowly made our way down to Empire Field, the excitement was building in our chests. We both knew this would be a special occasion as it is not often one gets to experience the first regular season game of a new franchise, especially in sport crazy Vancouver!

As we made our final approach to the Stadium, we saw the masses assembling. The South Siders were in full force, beating drums and chanting. It was game day for not only the Whitecaps, but their fans and the city. As we took our seats, the sky cleared and the sun began to shine.

The opening ceremonies saw our Premier, Mayor, and MLS commissioner joined by one of the best athletes our province has ever produced. With drums banging and fireworks exploding it was impossible to contain the excitement of the crowd who was eager for kickoff. As the play began, so did the chanting.

As the players relaxed into their historic match, it was easy to see that this would be a cracker.

As the players played, the fans chanted and danced; screaming at the boys in red and cheering the boys in white. The result was one that we all desperately wanted: we beat Toronto. As the final whistle blew, the final score was 4-2 for Vancouver, a historical result to a historical game. The Whitecaps were officially welcomed to the sport tapestry of Vancouver and I, along with many other Whitecap fans, anticipate many successes yet to come.

We now have a football team that will be able to attract some top flight talent through a combination of a winning culture but also an amazing city with a rabid fan base. Bring on Beckham, Henry, Donovan, and any other titans as our captain of the backline, Jay Demerit, will ensure that they will go no further. Come on Whitecaps!

Article courtesy of Matthew R. Greenwood, Vancouver Career College



THE VANCOUVER CANUCKS

MAKING US EVEN MORE PROUD

Who has ever travelled abroad and told someone that they're from Vancouver and got this response? "So you're a Canuck!" the person exclaims. Yes, our beautiful city is synonymous with our hockey team, and in their 40th anniversary year, they're doing us proud.

And if you watched the Canucks beat the Nashville Predators by 3-1 on March 29 in a comeback win, despite trailing for two periods, you would have seen a historic moment as our team clinched the #1 seed in the Western Conference. And it was Alex Burrows' special backhanded breakaway goal that roofed the Predator net with 2:29 remaining in the third period to give the Canucks the 2-1 victory lead.

Vancouver has never finished atop the Western Conference. And although the team has played extremely well on the road, striking with a top ranked offence, they will now have home ice advantage for most of the post-season. Stayed tuned Vancouver...we're on the big stage again!



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