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## LEAVES Newsletter



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#### THE BC GOVERNMENT'S HERITAGE CONSERVATION PLAN (HCP)

For the first time in over a decade, the Provincial government is asking us to tell them what we think about the Riverview Lands. Many of us have a great deal to say! Our comments will be considered when the Liberal government creates a Land Use Plan for Riverview after the current hospital is closed. It is crucial to let them know that we value the whole site – not just token pieces.

#### URGENT MESSAGE FROM THE RHCS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Over the past couple of weeks, we have come to better understand how the HCP process is designed and how the information is likely to be used. Participants are asked to identify features at Riverview – specific buildings, landscape elements, and other aspects – that they feel represent its most important heritage values.

**This is a risky game!** Since all other parts of the questionnaire are vague, the only specific data that can be inferred from it will be the features most frequently mentioned. **We can therefore expect the subsequent land-use plan to suggest dividing up the Riverview property so that only the most valued features, or "character defining elements" are preserved while the rest is sold off to be developed for housing.**

We urge you to keep this in mind when writing your response. RHCS has always maintained that the entire remaining Riverview site must remain publicly owned, accessible, and dedicated to mental health treatment and horticulture. The trees, landscapes and buildings were planned to work together to create a "campus of care". The awe-inspiring place that is Riverview today is the legacy of the visionaries who imagined it and the patients who built it. Such a sanctuary is needed now more than ever. We are a long way from solving the problems of mental illness and addiction and we believe that the resources at Riverview should be re-designed to serve the purpose to which they were dedicated a century ago.

#### **We need to save all of it!**

**If you agree, please be sure to emphasize this in your response and let the planners know that you value the entire site – ALL OF IT!**

#### EXPRESS YOUR OPINION LOUDLY AND FREQUENTLY

If you have not yet submitted a questionnaire, please go to the government site to fill in the questionnaire & submit. If you have already sent your response, please pass this address on to someone else. Questionnaires will be accepted by mail or on-line up to July 31, 2012.

Heritage Conservation Plan Website: **[www.riverviewvalues.info](http://www.riverviewvalues.info)**

We strongly encourage you to "Join the Conversation" and submit additional comments to be displayed on the website.



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Have You ever gone by an area you once remembered you walked?

You once remembered you skipped a stone in the creek?

You once remembered that special moment when a deer looked you in the eyes?

You once remembered just how beautiful and necessary all this greenery was to all of us, especially our future...Our children.

You walked by and said, How and When did this happen? It's GONE.

You may soon go by RIVERVIEW LANDS and say such words.

Clearly today's society is built on the almighty dollar, building beyond necessity!  
In truth there is no need for this growth given that you 'take the life of such places away!'

The only way to make a change is together.

- A. Hale

**2012 Tree Walk Schedule**

July 5	Thursday 7:30 pm	Linden walk & Tea - 2
July 15	Sunday 1 pm	Summer Tree Tour
August 12	Sunday 1 pm	Catalpa North end Tree Tour
August 19	Sunday 1 pm	BMN Heritage walk
Sept. 15	Saturday 11-4	TREEFEST 2012- walks on the hour
October 14	Sunday 1 pm	Public Tree Tour - Last of the season

All walks start at the HEY building at 1 pm unless stated otherwise.

2012 Tree Tour  
Schedule On-line at  
**www.rhcs.org**

Crocus Time  
at  
Riverview

March 2012



**EXPRESS YOUR OPINION LOUDLY AND FREQUENTLY**

Our newsletter this issue was a SPECIAL MAILOUT.

Usually this issue is not printed but because of the urgency of this issue we decided to mail our members.

If you are viewing this issue online you have 2 options:

1) Complete the questionnaire **Online & Submit.**

or

2) Print the 10 page Questionnaire & then Mail in to the government at:

**Riverview Heritage Values 2012  
c/o Suite 700-865 Hornby Street  
Vancouver, B.C. V6Z 2G3**

(note: if printed on both sides the questionnaire can be 5 sheets of paper, 4 if you do not require the last 2 pages asking for additional information)

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