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VISIONING CONTINUES FOR THE RIVERVIEW LANDS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We would like to ask all our Members and Supporters to please circle the dates below for the next two Open House meetings for the Riverview Lands. Discussions will centre on goals and priorities.

The last two open houses with the government were well attended but we are asking you to persevere and give of your time.

A few points to remember:

- Riverview is a haven of care for the mentally ill - a Centre of Excellence is needed.
- A World Class Collection of trees from around the temperate world must be conserved.
- The entire remaining 244 acres must be kept in the Public Trust & managed as a single unit.
- Press for Provincial Heritage Designation. The Heritage Canada Foundation listed Riverview in the TOP TEN of Canada's most endangered places.

Thank you for the way you have supported us, writing letters, attending meetings, and joining us on tree tours and special events. Many of you have had the time and willingness to give so much. Thank you again.

Norma Gillespie

2nd Open Houses - May 24 & May 28

Please join BC HOUSING at their **next** open houses for the Riverview Lands Vision Process, or go to their site <http://renewingriverview.com> - They NEED your feedback.

Also come to OUR site for what we are saying at www.rhcs.org or on [Facebook](#)

Two dates and locations are scheduled to provide an opportunity for question, feedback and comments.

Saturday, May 24, 2014

**2 to 6 pm (drop-in) - Dogwood Pavilion, Mike Butler Room
624 Poirier Street, Coquitlam (entrance off Winslow Ave.)**

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

**4:30 to 7:30 pm (drop-in) - Kyle Centre
125 Kyle Street, Port Moody (entrance off St. Andrews St.)**

POSTERBOARDS presented at the open house are on their website.

SURVEY ONLINE May 25 till June 11 - go to RENEWINGRIVERVIEW.COM

Check out their Open House page to find out more about future open houses.

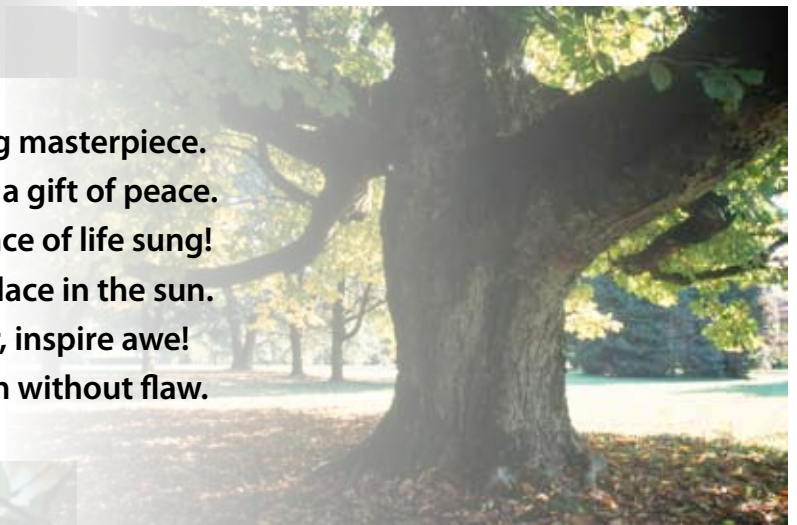
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A Place

There is a place of beauty not very far from here.
 In stroke of time, it stretches back many a year.
 It was all started with a vision, a few men saw.
 Build a safe haven for lost souls with a mental flaw.
 Dr. Henry Esson Young, one with heart a'glow.
 A visionary was he, with seed to sow, much to grow.

The pioneers lit the flame that would fire a living masterpiece.
 They set the stage, they played a role they gave a gift of peace.
 Trees majestic, flourishing beauty, natural balance of life sung!
 Unique ecosystem created, wildlife thriving, a place in the sun.
 Gardens now mature and buildings full of flavor, inspire awe!
 Landscaped by man, kissed by God, natural gem without flaw.



Days pass by melding into one another, and modern times told.
 And people numb with wanting more, zoom past, blind eye bold!
 This heritage site rich unmeasurable, and inheritance beyond gold.
 A place that holds times of old, where stories rich in life unfold.
 Pulse of progress unstoppable, removing "old" quick as a wink!
 There is a place not far from here, value rich in the soul ... think!

Photos by Ken Baker

*Taken from "A Place",
 18 verse poem by Ken Baker highlighting the history of Riverview*

[Read the Full version online-click here](#)

Supporter/Sponsor Renewal Due NOW - 2014

See Form on page 7 or pay online www.rhcs.org/membership.html



AGM Announcement!

EVERYONE is WELCOME

Please come join us for Our

Annual General Meeting

Thursday June 5, 2014 at 7:30 pm

Cottage 103, Riverview Hospital

call for more info: 604-290-9910

Hello RHCS Members & Supporters,

Information about the upcoming Open Houses **Saturday, May 24, 2014 & Wednesday, May 28, 2014** being hosted by **BC Housing** will be posted on their website

renewingriverview.com

Some of you may see this in the local papers.

We want to ensure a land use planning process that will build on the existing values of Riverview and respect its heritage. Please help us achieve this by participating in these upcoming Open Houses or submit your comments online; renewingriverview.com

If you are interested in READING the COMMENTS that were submitted by others at the 1st Open house events check online at:
[#1 Summary Report](http://renewingriverview.com)

WHERE:

by Kiyoshi Takahashi

- Cottage 103 is in Doctors Row on the highest road on the lands.
- It's the last cottage on the south end of the grounds.
- Cottages are marked on signage down below at intersection.
- Look for Riverview Horticultural Centre Society banner !!



Photo on cover by Hilary Maguire
Western Tanager at Riverview

Self-Sustainability?

by Niall Williams

Taken from my comments to the renewingriverview team. (Slightly edited from the original). I posted the comments using my own name, but the folks at Placespeak, decided to change my name to anonymous, along with a few other commentators without our consent.

When did the Province become concerned about self-sustainability of OUR assets? Will this apply to the parliament buildings? Government House? fair is fair.

Riverview was originally founded on the premise to lower patient costs, by attempting to create a more self-sustaining community for the patients; BUT that same premise NEVER applied to labor, building costs even though it did help to lower the costs. We have to go back to the 1970's to see where the costs rose considerably because the patients were not allowed to work anymore, which also lowered many of the patients own sense of personal worth.

Riverview should FOREVER be dedicated to the health care of the peoples of this Province, thousands of patients and staff over many generations worked hard to create Riverview, knowing that is was their SANCTUARY. Only recently has this Promise been broken, and trust violated.

In the normal world, people would look after their homes, and buildings, by doing regular maintenance, they may not want to, but when the roof leaks you fix it, or you may not have a healthy home to live in. At Riverview since the late 1970's, there has been this gradual lack of maintenance, until the 1990's when almost none was done, (leaky roof put a woven tarp on it, which in itself leaks, and makes the problem worse) The lack of maintenance of OUR assets has been glaring at Riverview. You either pay a little all the time, or end up having to pay a HUGE amount to fix it later. Sadly we are at that stage today. In private practice, anybody running a business like that would quickly be out of business.

Through the years many ideas were put forward to lower the costs at Riverview:

Education- Insist on using the site to educate students in the maintenance, construction, landscaping, tree care, painting,..... This idea has been said many times, and would have lowered to costs considerably, and would have given valuable insight to many students especially those who were interested in building restoration. BUT nothing was ever done.

Health Care- As the increasing needs of the geriatric community (grab a mirror) grow, Riverview will be needed more than ever, (remember we already OWN it).

No idea WHY Fraser Health is now building on expensive land in Port Coquitlam, much the same type of facilities that were provided at Riverview until recently. Want to lower Costs? ask Fraser Health why they

are wasting OUR money to buy private land, when they could have built for FREE on land that we already own. Sadly this whole exercise is all about privatization of health care, to the benefit of insiders, and to the detriment of the patients who are used as pawns in a sick game.

Riverview should first and foremost be used for health care, as has been for 110 years (this May 31). I understand the the Royal Columbian is expanding in Sapperton, at great cost because of the greatly constrained site where it is presently located. Why? are we not insisting on a new hospital being built at Riverview, since the population around this area is growing in leaps and bounds, and the Province itself recently sold off over 200ha in the area for development.

As a taxpayer I would never expect for Riverview, or health care to be self-sustainable in an economic sense; I would expect it to be looked after properly, maintained well, and only be sustainable in the sense of SUSTAINING a long and healthy life for the people who need health care at some stage in their life.

The buildings at Riverview, the larger ones being mostly fire-proof materials, are perfect for many government departments to be using, hopefully for services that would not greatly impact any patient health care services on the site. The greatest crime of all of this downsizing, cost-cutting, union-busting, de-institutionalization, whatever you want to call it, was to the the vulnerable older generations of the province, in shutting down Valleyview and North Lawn which provided specialized care to the geriatric population, which is increasing daily. Only to see them dumped into privately-held for profit large institutions, where they are now held hostage, and used as pawns to generate higher fees from the patients families.

And NO, I never worked there; just a historical researcher, who is still in awe of what was accomplished at Riverview by the past generations, where the patient was the customer, and not a for-profit-pawn as is the case today.



by Kiyoshi Takahashi



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Tree Tours Continue



photos by Andy Phillip & Kiyoshi Takahashi

2014 Tree Tour Schedule

June 1	Sunday	1 pm	Old Orchard & Riverview Creek
June 8	Sunday	1 pm	Early Summer Tree Tour
July 6	Sunday	1 pm	Linden Tree Tour & Tea (1)
July 17	Thursday	7:30 pm	Linden Tree Tour & Tea (2)
August 10	Sunday	1 pm	Catalpa & North-end Tree Tour
September 13	Saturday	11am-4pm	TREEFEST 2014
October 5	Sunday	1 pm	Tree Tour - Last of the Season

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

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2014

September 13th
Saturday 11 am- 4 pm



Treefest



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2014

Treefest

September 13 • 11:00 am - 4:00 pm



Riverview Hospital Grounds at 2601 Lougheed Highway.

*Rain or Shine
Free Family
Event*

Enjoy guided tree tours, heritage walk, history bus tours,
blackberry tea, entertainers, children's activities, food
concession and antique radio museum.

For more information visit coquitlam.ca/Treefest
or call 604-927-3583



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RHCS invites you to join us in supporting our efforts to keep the site of British Columbia's first botanical garden, the Riverview Hospital Lands/Arboretum intact.

Let BC HOUSING Know what YOU want Before it's too LATE!!

Learn more visit our website www.rhcs.org

PAY or DONATE ONLINE!

You can use a credit card to renew your membership online, www.rhcs.org/membership.html

Now with the BC Housing 'VISIONING' Process started we really need your continued support more than ever before.

Visit their site <http://renewingriverview.com/>, to find out how to tell them YOUR VISION.

The Heritage Trees & Buildings on the Riverview Lands

The Heritage Trees at Riverview Hospital form an irreplaceable asset for the people of BC, complementing the Metro Vancouver Park at Colony Farm, as a regional green space for Greater Vancouver.

Preservation of the site will enhance the quality of life in the Tri-City areas, & beyond.

Join us for one of our guided walking tours. Experience the legacy of BC's first Botanical Garden; a treasure trove of trees from the temperate world, some planted a century ago, allowed to grow to their full potential.

Our walks begin at the front door of the Henry Esson Young Building. Follow Holly Drive, turn uphill onto Oak Crescent then right onto Kalmia.

We go rain or shine.

2014 Tree Tour Schedule:

Tree Tours:	June 1, June 8, August 10 & October 5 - Sunday 1 pm
Linden Tree Tours:	July 6 - Sunday 1 pm & July 17 - Thursday 7:30 pm

Treefest 2014 takes place on SATURDAY, September 13, 11am-4pm:

Arborist-led walks, displays, art and music. This free Event is based in & around the Henry Esson Young Building.

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SUPPORTER/SPONSOR APPLICATION - FORM

RHCS invites you to join us in supporting our efforts to keep the site of BC's first botanical garden, the Riverview Hospital Lands, intact.

Supporter/Sponsor: (Adult/Family/Senior) **\$5**

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We Value your Continued Support & Appreciate all the help you can give.

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Total amount enclosed \$ _____

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