

BCNU Shaughnessy Heights Region  
**LOBBY CO-ORDINATORS REPORT**  
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In the recent past and the near future our foci are as follows :

**The Overcapacity Campaign**

Suzie Ford and I collected and collated surveys completed upon 'Overcapacity' from both acute and long term care. Robert MacQuarrie at BCNU Hqs is in the process of analyzing them. Suzie, Angela Dublanko, and myself are to expand the campaign following our training in September.

**Agency Nurses**

I continue to provide Ross Early with data upon the use of Agency Nurses at St. Jude's where I work and am in the process of connecting with other facilities to promote/stimulate this data collection. What have you to report ?

**Elections**

Soon, we are to have Elections, Municipal on November 15, 2009; Provincial on May 12, 2009; and possibly the Federal either in the Fall or the Spring. We now have a complete collection of electoral maps for entire GVRD region. We need further input regarding lobbying of the principles.

Where do you live ? What is your electoral region ? Who are your candidates ?

Please remember that we are a non-partisan organization.

**Women in Politics**

Alice Edge, our former Chair, is organizing a meeting for 'Women candidates.' The date is to be announced.

**Speakers**

The following people have now expressed a willingness to speak at one of our Regional meetings on dates as yet to be determined :

**Libby Davies** Member of Parliament for Vancouver East  
NDP Deputy Leader, House Leader, critic for Labor, Deputy critic for Drug policy and Solicitation laws, Deputy Critic for Infrastructure and Communities (Greater Vancouver Area)

**Bill Siksay** Member of Parliament for Burnaby-Douglas  
NDP critic for Culture and Heritage, Housing, Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transsexual and Transgender Issues

**Tom Koch** Adjunct Professor of Gerontology at Simon Fraser, Adjunct Professor in medical geography at UBC, and bioethicist at the Canadian Down syndrome Society; Tom was also a research associate in bioethics at the Hospital for Sick Children, in the 1990s.

**Hans Schmid** President of the Right to Quiet Society

**Cheeying Ho**, B.Sc., M.Ed.  
Executive Director of SmartGrowthBC

[I refer you to her article 'Fitness Levels affected by land-use patterns' page A9 The Vancouver Sun, Monday, July 07, 2008. It can be accessed via the papers archives.]

Is there anyone that you feel would be of value as a speaker ?

**WALKABOUTS and BROWN BAG DAYS**

These appear to be what satisfies memberships need for contact and information, and the Lobbyist Coordinator intends to continue attending.

What do you think ? What do you want ?

**SAFE SHARP DEVICES**

Are all LTC Facilities compliant ?  
Please let us know.

**THE KEY DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH**

We are now using this conceptual expression as an interconnector of all health issues, all life issues, those

that are apparent and those that are covert.

#### **BUY-A-NET**

I now have sample of the nets and campaign literature to be distributed to any interested persons.

#### **THE BLOG** Shaughnessy Heights Regional

We are now collecting and publishing material upon the several times a week, promoting the reading of, and inviting input from members.

Do you have anything for publication ?

#### **BASIC COMPUTER EDUCATION**

It has been suggested that Stewards might appreciate a Basic Computer Education, especially regarding access to the Blog and websites.

What do you think ?

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