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## WEST VANCOUVER MEMORIES

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### **Join us for our Annual General Meeting on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Place: Marine Room, Seniors Activity Center   Time: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Learn about the accomplishments of the WVHS over the last year and meet old and new friends

Our keynote speaker is **Mary-Ann Booth**, Mayor of West Vancouver. Her topic is “A Renewed West Vancouver: Liveable, Vibrant, & Inclusive”.



A long-time resident of West Vancouver, Mary-Ann Booth has worked in municipal government for over a decade and brings experience, vision and passion to her new role as West Vancouver's mayor. Serving on Council from 2011–2018, she was also a school trustee with the West Vancouver Board of Education from 2005–2011, the last three years as Chair. Holding both Commerce and Law degrees from the University of British Columbia, Mary-Ann practised law for almost 20 years, including positions as a civil litigator, business law lecturer, Provincial crown prosecutor and in-house counsel.

Mary-Ann has been appointed by her Council to the Board of Directors of Metro Vancouver, is the Chair of the Aboriginal Relations Committee and serves on the Intergovernmental & Finance and the Mayors' Committees.

Mary-Ann is driven by a desire to make West Vancouver as livable, vibrant and inclusive as possible.



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Laura Anderson  
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We gratefully acknowledge the support of the District of West Vancouver through its Community Grants Program.

## YOUR SOCIETY NEEDS YOU!

Could you see yourself helping out with any of the positions on this list? Or perhaps you know someone who would be willing to help. You don't necessarily have to be an expert, just willing to learn, and give a little of your time.

1. Board Members
2. Membership – requires Excel
3. Treasurer – requires bookkeeping skills
4. Newsletter Mailing Coordinator
5. Newsletter Stuffing Volunteer
6. BBQ Organizer

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## Upcoming Events

### Annual General Meeting

May 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 – 8:30 pm  
Marine Room  
West Vancouver Seniors Activity Centre  
Our featured speaker will be Mary-Ann Booth,  
Mayor of West Vancouver.

### Local Voices – On the Water

June 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm  
West Vancouver Memorial Library

### WVHS Annual Barbecue

September 9<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Check the Website ([www.wvhs.ca](http://www.wvhs.ca)) for more details on upcoming events, WVHS books, news, articles on pioneers, projects WVHS is involved in, and more.

## 2018/2019 President's Report ... by Rod Day

1. We mourn the death of **Michael Barnes**, our vice-president and board member. He was devoted to his family and to the community and was a distinguished architect, involved in numerous projects in West Vancouver, notably the Library.

2. We have had a busy and productive year. We are very pleased with the success of our book, *Dreamers & Designers*, by **Francis Mansbridge** and **John Moir**, published by Harbour Press. It is selling well in local shops, and several are close to being sold out. The book has very good reviews. The book is the third in a series of excellent books put out by the society: *Cottages to Community*, *Arrivals and Departures*, *Dreamers & Designers*.

3. **Dave Barker** is retiring from the Board, of which he has been a member for 21 years. He is a past president and has published our excellent newsletter "Memories", for the past nine years. He has also been closely involved in the publication of all of our books. He comes from a pioneering West Vancouver family and has a long record of public service as a teacher and citizen of West Vancouver. We will miss him on the Board, but we are happy that he will continue to be a member of our society and, as always, a valued contributor.

4. **Laura Anderson** continues to organize Local Voices and brings in excellent speakers for the sessions, held very few months.

5. In 2018, we awarded grants to the WV Art Museum for the Fulker/Pullan Archival Project (\$2500), and the WV Library and Archives for the digitization of WV Newspaper, 1926-1933 (\$3800).

6. We wish to call your attention to our new website. **Gail McBride** and **Laura Anderson** have worked very hard to set it up, and Gail maintains and updates the site. Gail has also been instrumental in the formulation of a new 3-year Strategic Plan for our society. It is posted on the website, and we encourage you to visit the site and read the Plan. We welcome any suggestions or additions you might have.

7. We publish four newsletters a year and have four general member meetings with speakers. **Mayor Mary Ann Booth** will be speaking to our annual meeting May 15. She follows several distinguished speakers: **Michael Kluckner** in March 2019, and **Isaac Vanderhorst** in November 2018.

8. We continue to search for new Board members to replace Michael Barnes and Dave Barker, and also to help with membership. We welcome any volunteers interested in joining our Board.

9. Our society continues to do well. We have close to 200 members and have good attendance at our general meetings and a great turnout for our barbeque in September. We thank you for your support and your contributions to our society.

## **The Society's Financial Role ...by Dave Barker**

Since its incorporation in 1982, the West Vancouver Historical Society has played a significant financial role in preserving and publicizing West Vancouver's history.

Back in 1992, the Society was the major force behind the raising of \$500,00 to aid in the purchase of and renovation of Gertrude Lawson House as a Community Museum

Since then, the society has raised funds for historical preservation projects through grants.

In 2013, the Society set up a grant giving program using the funds generated by the publication of books on West Vancouver's history. These grants are awarded to community organizations whose projects preserve, protect, and make available to the community of West Vancouver, its history.

### **Donations Made by the West Van Historical Society January 1, 2015 to March 1, 2019**

#### **From the Book Account (profit from sales of our first two books)**

• West Vancouver Archives	36,840.18
• West Vancouver Library	15,950.44
• West Vancouver Museum	10,473.00
• Hollyburn Historical Society	900.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$64,163.62</b>

#### **From the Operating Account (from outside grants to the Society)**

• Lighthouse Preservation Society	500.00
• Removal of lead paint - lighthouse	5,000.00
• Painting the Lighthouse	8,000.00
• Centennial Grant to the District of W.V.	7,000.00 (made in 2013)
• Hollyburn Heritage Society - Lodge	10,000.00 (funds put aside in the 1990s)
• W.V. Museum and Archives for Supplies	500.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$32,000.00</b>

**Total of Donations and Grants since 2015**

**\$96,163.62**

## West Vancouver Historical Society Strategic Plan (2019-2021)

Board members engaged in a series of meetings over 2018/2019 to develop a roadmap to guide its activities over the next 3 years. Many aspects were reviewed ranging from the business environment, membership interests, financials, partnerships and other factors influencing the ability of the WVHS to deliver on its mandate. Input was sought from members. The plan is a summation of the ideas and priorities determined by this process. The society gratefully acknowledges all those who contributed their time, energy and ideas.

### The Plan

In the next three years, the West Vancouver Historical Society will fulfill its mission and ensure a sustainable organization by focusing on the following 6-point plan:

1. Offer diverse event programs and partner with others to increase member and community engagement
2. Publish and promote West Vancouver historical information and oral history
3. Support preservation of historical materials
4. Support and advocacy for Point Atkinson Lightstation
5. Increase awareness of WVHS initiatives and WVHS influence through representation on municipal and local committees
6. Maintain WVHS sustainability with a strong board, membership and financial resources

Details on the actions in each of the 6 key areas can be found in the Strategic Plan posted on the WVHS website [www.wvhs.ca](http://www.wvhs.ca) under About Us/Governance/Reports. We welcome feedback!

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## Local Voices: *Wild West Van ... by Laura Anderson*

*Wild West Van*, the second of our Local Voices series held April 3, explored the natural world in our community through the voices of 4 speakers: **Dr. Jenny McQueen**, educator and scientist, **Lisa Brasso**, a member of the Suzuki Foundation's Blue Dot movement, and **Dave and Gerry Brewer**, who were among the founding members of North Shore Rescue in 1965.

Their stories launched a round of backcountry adventure tales, some challenging, most culminating in laughter and another round of mountain tales, all, believe it or not, true stories. Our thanks go to all for the foray into the wilds of West Van, and thanks to **Elwin Xie** and **Kerry Regier** who recorded the talk. Local Voices resurfaces Wednesday, June 5, with *On the Water*, at West Vancouver Memorial Library, Welsh Hall at 7 p.m.



## Mapping Change in West Vancouver ... by Reto Tschan, WV Archivist

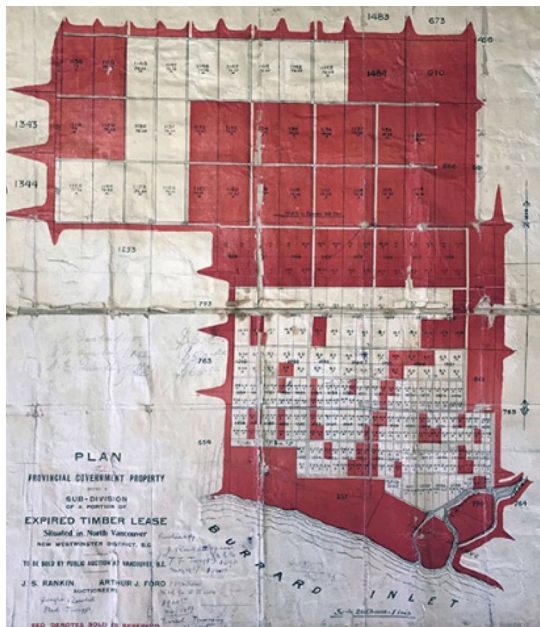
West Vancouver's development over the course of its 107 year history can be traced in many different kinds of records. Study old photographs, listen to oral histories, or read the earliest newspapers, and what is striking is the extent to which West Vancouver has grown. From several small communities of perhaps 700 year round residents, to a bustling suburb of more than 42,000, just over a century of development has transformed West Vancouver. One of the best ways of visualizing this change is by looking at maps.

West Vancouver Archives holds a number of historic maps, acquired from various District departments and from private donors. One of our earliest maps, from 1907, shows newly divided lots from an expired timber lease up for auction in the Ambleside and Sentinel Hill areas. At the time, this area was little more than cleared forest slopes. As though to emphasize its pioneering credentials, at some point the map was stitched onto an old cloth.

Around the same time, pioneers like Francis W. Caulfeild were tracing the first roads and drawing up plans for settlement. His hand-drawn map of 1904-1906, which alongside roads and trails identifies especially large trees and stumps, conveys in its simplicity how these trails were literally scratched into the surrounding forest.



Caption: Caulfeild map (part), 1907  
(054.WVA.CAU).

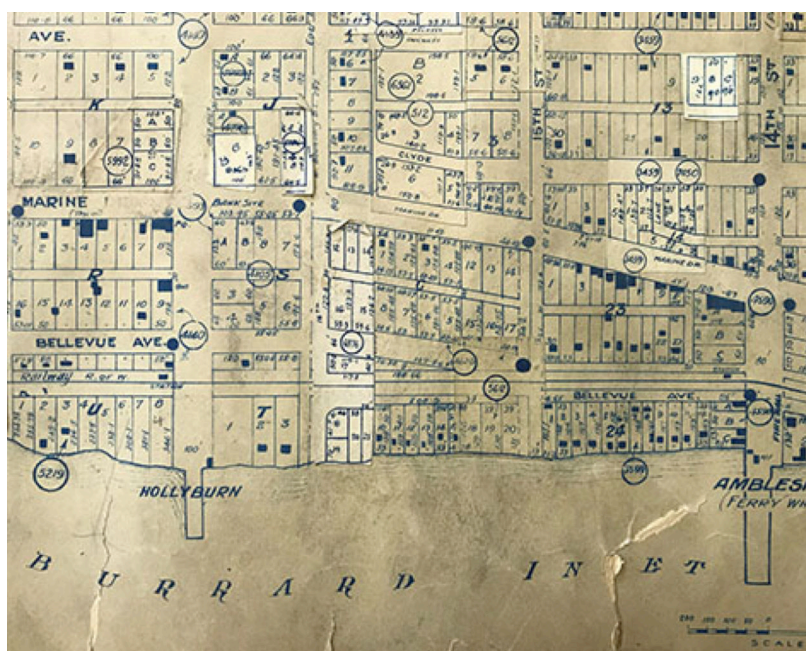


Within a few years, the District was preparing its first official map, drawn up by Municipal Engineer W.B. Carter in 1913. And by 1926, Richard Ford was producing an entire Atlas of West Vancouver consisting of 14 separate plates. It contains a wealth of information including the legal division of land, the location of buildings, roads and old lanes, P.G.E. railway stations, and much else.

Known as the 'Brown Book', the District's copy of Ford's Atlas was regularly consulted, annotated and updated over the next 30 years. Its damaged leaves are testament both to its heavy use and to its inherent fragility.

Ford's Atlas is a good example of how maps present their own unique challenges. Many are large in size. Our largest map is almost 2 square metres when unfurled. Being awkward to store and handle, and often incorporating chemically unstable materials, maps are also easily damaged. Creating digital surrogates for maps is, therefore, a particularly beneficial option. Unfortunately, it is also an expensive one. While some of our maps and plans are available in digital format, the majority of our collection must still be consulted in hardcopy at the Archives. Descriptions of all our map holdings are available through the Archives online catalogue. Simply navigate to our Advanced Search page, select 'Map' as the 'Physical format', and search your topic.

<https://westvancouver.ca/arts-culture/heritage/archives>



Caption: Atlas of West Vancouver, 1926 (1730-01.01).

## IN MEMORIAM – Michael Barnes

We are sad to announce the sudden passing of **Michael Barnes**, our WVHS Board member and Vice-Chair. A native of North Vancouver, a devoted family man, married to Geri for 55 years, with three children and four grandchildren, whom he adored, he was an enlightened citizen and a distinguished architect.

Michael was employed by the architectural firm of Toby Russell Buckwell (today Ratio Architects). He sat on the Architectural Institute of British Columbia (AIBC) council from 1987 to 1991 and was named Fellow of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada in 2010. He worked in many fields, notably in cultural and heritage projects. He designed the youth section of the West Vancouver Memorial Library blending the new and older sections of the library in a graceful synthesis. In Metro he participated in the design of the Burnaby Village Museum, the Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design, the Burnaby city hall renovation, and the Sinclair Centre Redevelopment



In addition to the fields of cultural and historic revitalization, he was active in the design of many public and institutional buildings and in the fields of infrastructure and transportation.

In West Vancouver he sat on the Heritage Advisory Committee, the Advisory Design Panel, the Art Museum Advisory Committee, the Hollyburn Historical Society, and the West Vancouver Historical Society. An environmentalist, he believed strongly in the importance of heritage preservation, intelligent planning, and good design as the means of creating a healthy and attractive environment. He was a person devoted to family and community who spent his life contributing to the public good. He will be sorely missed.

....Prepared by Rod Day, April 2019