



## VCC's Broadway campus building expansion begins

## VCC adds \$50,000 toward new entrance awards



Above: Artist rendering of VCC's Broadway campus expansion when viewed from the park across the street.

## Ground-breaking to be announced soon

### Start your heavy equipment. . . .

VCC's Broadway campus expansion begins in earnest this month – with construction set to start on the college's new seven-storey Health Sciences building at Seventh and Glen.

"This is a major milestone," says Linda Martin, VCC's vice-president of advancement and education services. "Up until now the college community has only seen this project on the drawing board – but now they'll be able to watch the building take shape during construction."

First steps of the construction project call for site preparations that include

removing the building north of the campus loading bay – the day care facility is being relocated – and excavating the site; that's expected to run from early October through early December.



More details of the expansion plans on page 4

An official ground-breaking will be set for later this fall to give employees an opportunity to see the latest designs for the building, which will help alleviate the college's pressing space shortage.

VCC's new building is a major project – and that's going to mean the campus community will need to adjust to changing campus access, revamped parking and construction needs, notes Martin. ■

Vancouver Community College has expanded its student awards program with 50 new entrance awards that recognize academic achievement and community involvement.

The new awards – each worth \$1,000 – are open to students entering a full-time program in 2007.

"We're extremely excited about these new awards," says Linda Martin, the college's vice-president of advancement and education services. "This simply means more opportunities for students to take our programs."

Award-winners will be selected based on their academic achievement and community involvement; applicants must have a B average and include a letter of reference along with their award application form.

For more information: call 604.871.7023 or visit the Financial Aid section of the VCC website at [www.vcc.ca/students/services-aid.cfm](http://www.vcc.ca/students/services-aid.cfm) for application forms and details. Application deadline is June 1, 2007. ■

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### TransLink Employer Pass now tax deductible

Now VCC staff and faculty have another reason to take transit to work. In July, the TransLink Employer Pass program was made tax deductible. The program is available to permanent full-time or part-time college staff and faculty and provides discounted fares on annual transit passes. Participation is facilitated through the convenience of payroll deduction. Contact the facilities department at 604.443.8319 or e-mail spaterson@vcc.ca. Visit [www.translink.bc.ca](http://www.translink.bc.ca) for more details.

**EMPLOYER PASS  
2006**

### Connections new distribution schedule

Connections schedule has been modified to better match the college's calendar. It will now be published five times a year in September, November, January, March and June. See page 4 for submission deadline.

### Multicultural Day at Burnaby Village Museum

If only the summer was as long as it was hot! Several VCC staffers took part in Multicultural Day, held in July at the Burnaby Village Museum.



Roseanne Ashworth, executive assistant, and Barbara Ash, dean of student services, enjoy a break together near a VCC display table.

## VCC welcomes new colleagues

Several new members joined VCC this summer, including additions to the Board and administration.

### VCC Board

**Donald Fairbairn** and **Pamela Aikman** were appointed to VCC's Board this summer.

Fairbairn is president of DCF Consulting Ltd., and recently led contract negotiations and financing for the Canada line rapid transit project. Fairbairn, a professional engineer, served as vice-president at Terasen, where he focussed on infrastructure development and mergers and acquisitions.

Aikman has extensive experience in health sciences and is currently executive vice-president, operations with the Canadian Cancer Society - B.C. and Yukon division. She has held senior leadership positions with the Centre for Exceptional Leadership, the Fraser Health Authority and Vancouver Coastal Health.

### Administration

**Jonathan Rouse** is the new dean in the School of Hospitality. Rouse formerly chaired Capilano College's Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Management department and spent 11 years as a faculty member. Rouse holds a BSc in Geology from Mount Allison university and a MSc in Tourism and Hospitality Education from the University of Surrey, England.

**Sal Ferraras** has been named VCC's new director of music. The internationally acclaimed percussionist and award-winning artistic director has been a major force on the province's music and cultural scene. He has taught at VCC for 15 years and holds a PhD in ethnomusicology.

**Wynn Archibald**, confidential assistant, VP education.

Wynn has studied at VCC, Langara, UBC and BCIT in areas as diverse as legal secretary, journalism, agriculture, and accounting and business administration.

**Ann Johnson**, director of financial services. Johnson is a CA and has worked at Ernst & Young and KPMG. Most recently she served as controller of Hudd Distribution Canada Inc.

**Ruth Chan**, budget and financial projects analyst.

Chan is a CGA and joins us from the airline industry where has had extensive in financial planning and accounting.

**Sharon Carefoot**, human resources consultant (previously titled labour relations advisor). Sharon comes from Telus where she held a series of progressively responsible HR positions.

**Bruce Duff**, service manager, Centre for Transportation Trades. Bruce is an automotive technician with over 20 years experience as both a service manager and body shop manager at several GM dealerships in the Lower Mainland. ■

## First graduates of new degrees and certificates



### A degree of difference

Hospitality management degree students graduated in June, becoming VCC's first class to successfully complete the degree program. VCC was the first college in the province to get permission to offer an applied degree - one that is certain to set these students apart in this competitive, but thriving B.C. industry. ■



### Diesel and commercial transport mechanic apprentices celebrate

VCC's first-ever class of diesel and commercial transport mechanics celebrated their graduation in June, after writing the inter-provincial exam for their Red Seal endorsement. The 16 students are now certified apprentices with the skills and credentials to work anywhere in Canada. ■

## News Briefs

### Upcoming Info Night

**INFO  
NIGHT**  
OCTOBER 4, 2006  
4:30 - 6:30 PM

Potential students and visitors can learn about VCC's 150 programs and get a taste of the college through the many interactive displays.

### Lunch Money Day

VCC employees contributed \$412 to the Greater Vancouver Food Bank's "Lunch Money Day" held in July at both campuses. Employees who donated their lunch money received a lunch bag and wrist band.

Food bank donations drop dramatically during the summer months, and for every \$1 donated \$3 worth of food can be purchased.

### "Dear VCC Friends and Colleagues,

Thank you for all your good wishes and farewell events on my retirement. I will miss everyone and my work; I feel very lucky in my career at VCC.

Your good wishes must have worked - because I am re-employed! - which is where I wanted to be. I accepted a position as Education Fund Coordinator with the Facilities Bargaining Association. The FBA is an association of unions representing workers in long term and acute care facilities across B.C. I started in August on an 18-month contract.

The committee that I report to is interested in seeing public post-secondary institutions involved in training selected by their members. I am hopeful that there will be opportunities to work together in the future.

Thanks and best wishes to all of you." - **Mary Waddington**

## Former student donates artwork

A new and special piece of artwork is hanging on the wall of the 4<sup>th</sup> floor foyer at the Broadway campus, thanks to a donation from former student Toni Gladstone this summer. The work was donated to the college and career access and humanities departments in appreciation for the help instructors gave her to complete Grade 12.

The mirror etching, designed by Gladstone's father and created by her son, Gerald Baker, depicts Raven, widely considered to be among the most important symbols in Pacific Northwest Aboriginal culture.

In the story of Raven, the sun was taken from the sky and kept in a bent wood box by a very powerful chief who would not share it with others. Raven, a very clever bird and trickster figure, stole the sun back by

turning into a pine needle and dropping into the chief's daughter's water glass. Later, the chief's daughter bore a son, who cried and pointed at the box until the chief gave him the box as a toy. He pulled the sun out of the box and disappeared into the sky, leaving the world flooded with light.

"The story of Raven exemplifies what we do here at the college," said Ron Johnston, director of Aboriginal education during an acceptance speech. "Education is housed here and it shines on all who seek it, who want to grow in mind, spirit and body."

The summer solstice, June 21, was proclaimed National Aboriginal Day in 1996 to celebrate and recognize the valuable contribution that Aboriginal people make to Canadian society. ■



### NOTICE OF ELECTIONS - October 2006

#### REPRESENTATIVES to the EDUCATION COUNCIL

##### STUDENTS

Broadway Nov 1, 2006 - Oct 31, 2007 - 2  
Downtown Nov 1, 2006 - Oct 31, 2007 - 2

##### FACULTY

College-At-Large Nov 1, 2006 - Oct 31, 2008 - 1  
Student Services Nov 1, 2006 - Oct 31, 2008 - 1

#### REPRESENTATIVES to the BOARD OF GOVERNORS

##### STUDENTS

Broadway Nov 1, 2006 - Oct 31, 2007 - 1  
Downtown Nov 1, 2006 - Oct 31, 2007 - 1

### NOTICE OF BY-ELECTION - October 2006

#### REPRESENTATIVE to the EDUCATION COUNCIL

##### STAFF Term Vacancies

Support Staff - Broadway campus  
Nov 1, 2006 - Oct 31, 2007 - 1

#### Validation of Nominees/Voters

To be eligible to nominate, to stand for nomination or to vote, all parties must be registered (students) or employed (faculty and staff) as of September 11, 2006.

For student nominators and nominees, all applicable fees must be paid by 3 pm, September 22, 2006.

#### Nominations -

**Monday, Sept. 11 to Friday, Sept. 22, 2006**

**Deadline 3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22**, to receive forms in the Registrar's Office.

Nomination forms are available from Sept. 11 at:

Downtown Registrar's Office  
Monday to Thursday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Friday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Broadway campus Registrar's Office  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Wednesday 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
Friday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**Campaign Period - Monday Sept. 25 to Friday Sept. 29**

Campaign materials, forums, etc. are the responsibility of the candidates.

Candidate information may not be posted before the close of nominations at 3 p.m. on Friday, September 22.

**Advance Poll - Wednesday Sept. 27**, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Registrar's Office,

Broadway campus and downtown campus.

**Voting - Tuesday Oct. 3, and Wednesday Oct. 4.**

Downtown campus - concourse near Dunsmuir entrance 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Broadway campus - 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, outside cafeteria 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. ■



# VCC's Broadway campus expansion continues

## Some key changes during construction:

**McGregor Day Care:** VCC is relocating the day care to the second floor of the northeast corner of the campus, which has been specially refitted to accommodate a child care facility.

**Parking:** all parking will be shifted to the north lot to accommodate construction supplies and equipment; the parking pay station has been relocated to the centre of the north lot to serve parkers there.

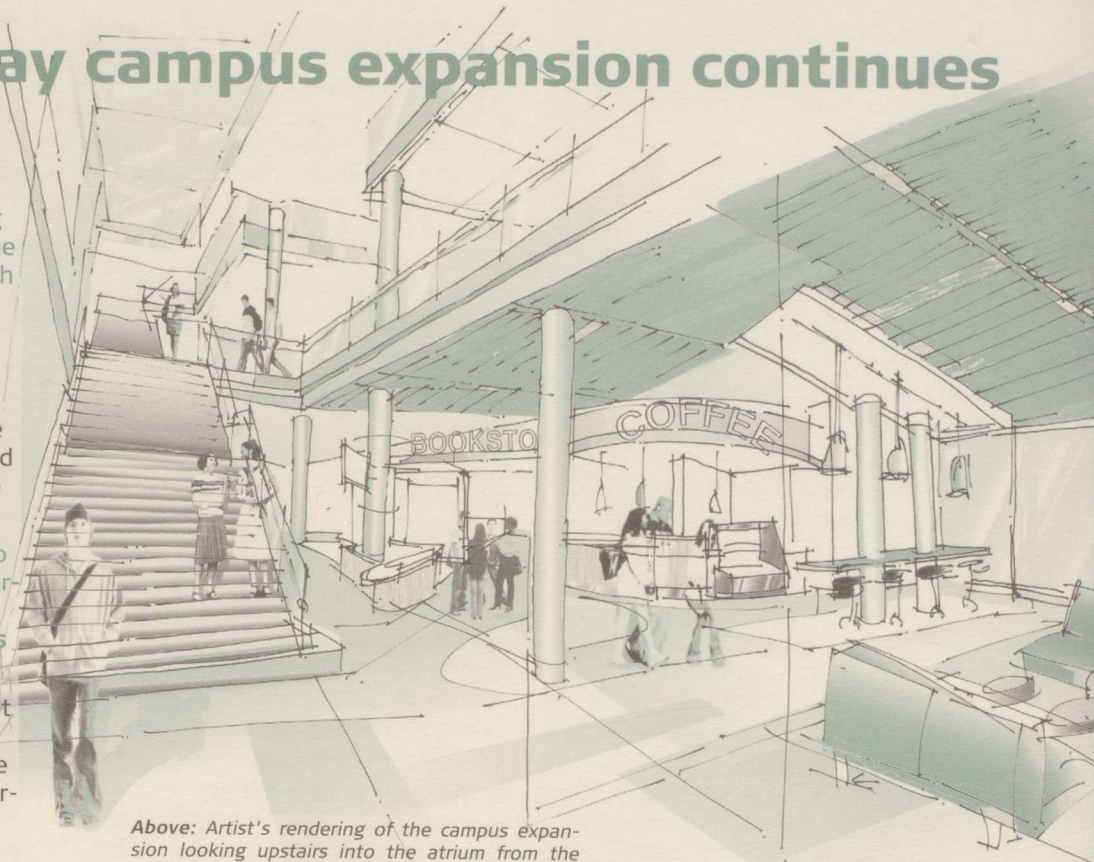
**Pedestrian access:** walkway access to the back entrance of the campus – currently near the loading bay – will be limited; instead, use the entrances off either Glen or Keith Drives.

**Loading bay:** the receiving department will remain open, although vehicle access to the loading bay – including the parking stalls there – may be temporarily restricted during certain phases of construction.

**Truck traffic:** Glen Drive and Seventh Avenue are expected to see increased truck traffic over the coming months, particularly as the site is excavated and the concrete foundation poured. Drivers will experience minor delays at times as they try to reach the north parking lot.

"VCC has been waiting for this new building for a long time – and it's going to make a significant difference to our entire community: students, employees and the industries we serve," says Martin.

"It will mean significantly more space for both our main campuses," she says. "We'll be relocating Health Sciences programs from downtown, which in turn will free up considerable space there." ■



Above: Artist's rendering of the campus expansion looking upstairs into the atrium from the coffee shop and bookstore on the lowest floor.

## Details on VCC's new Health Sciences building:

- Seven storeys high
- Approximately 133,000 square feet or 12,367 square metres
- Total cost: \$55 million
- A five-storey atrium will provide a bright, open central space; plans call for décor featuring artwork through the city's public art program
- Projected opening for the fall 2008 semester
- Roughly 36 classrooms
- Roughly 24 labs of various kinds
- State-of-the-art training labs for nursing, resident care attendant, laboratory assistant and other health programs
- Simulated hospital wards and pharmacies to give students hands-on experience in a realistic setting
- Much-needed student study space; enhanced event space
- Services, including health services and an expanded bookstore
- A new day care facility, located on the roof, with outdoor play space
- A strong sense of campus; the new building will be the central hub linking the existing facility with future development
- Offices and work stations for program and service departments

## Connections

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Send details of your upcoming events, department news and achievements to Connections. Due to time constraints, we can only accept electronic submissions. We do, however, accept photos.

Submit your pieces via email to:  
**Karen Wilson, kwilson@vcc.ca.**

Deadline for submission for next issue:  
**October 20, 2006.**

**Please note:** Material may be edited for clarity and length.

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