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Futures Conference participation tops 130

The VCC Planning Team has announced that so far there are more than 130 people who have indicated their willingness to participate in the Futures Conference, January 13-14.

For those who wish to make a contribution but are unable to attend, you can express your thoughts to one of the following Planning Team constituency representatives:

KESA Dwayne Rhodes
VCCFA Ian Forsyth (CC)

Nina Kozakiewicz (KEC)

VMREU John Roberts (CC)

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"We are looking forward to a stimulating and exciting dialogue to help craft draft vision, mission and values statements and broad goals for the new VCC," said Wayne Penny, the conference facilitator from Pacific Leadership Inc.

Copies of the pre-work package which participants have already received are available at campus libraries. Draft documents for vision,

mission, values and goals will be distributed after the conference for further input and discussion.

MacDonald returns to classes

President John Cruickshank has accepted a letter of apology from student Ron MacDonald regarding a December 6 incident in which MacDonald mimicked a machine gunner during a remembrance ceremony for the Montreal Massacre.

As well, MacDonald has attended the first of ten counselling sessions which--along with the letter of apology--form the basis of the requirements for his re-admission to studies at the College's City Centre Campus. Consequently, MacDonald was able to resume classes on Monday, January 10.

"I'm delighted that Ron has already begun the counselling sessions," said Cruickshank. "As he continues these sessions, our job as educators will be to open up this issue to some thoughtful discussion and hopefully a more sensitive understanding of some of the emotions that are dividing our society as a whole.

"I think that every student and every employee in this institution can learn a lot from the events of the past few weeks."

Pay parking begins Jan. 17

All employees will be receiving a detailed memo this week regarding the new pay parking program at KEC which will go into effect Monday, January 17.

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In brief, the charge will be \$1 per day from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., payable at the coin and credit card dispensers which will be located in the parking lots. (The charge will apply to night parking after April 1 once all CE students are notified). This charge will apply to every employee, including all administrators. The lots will be patrolled and managed by Impark.

One concern that has been heard is that there is not a pay-in-advance system which would allow employees to buy parking tickets which would cover a longer period, perhaps for a long as a year. Others have asked for a payroll deduction system to accommodate payments.

"The pay parking is expected to generate over \$200,000 a year, and, of course, we want to keep our administration costs at a minimum so that all of those funds can be put to the best use," said John Cruickshank. "However, for convenience sake the College will be evaluating different pay-in-advance systems to determine what might be feasible."

If you have any comments or questions, please send them to Chuck Poulsen, Manager of The Exchange, in care of College Administrative Services.