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Thank you all for your continuing support of your local newspaper by sending us photographs and articles.

Please remember that the deadline for submissions is the 20th of the month!

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Sept 6th	Labour Day
Sept 6th	New Moon
Sept 7th	Back to School
Sept 7th	Council Meeting
Sept 14th	BGC Meeting at 4.15pm
Sept 20th	Full Moon
Sept 20th	Canadian Federal Election
Sept 27th	Council Meeting
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COVER ART

Our front cover features a photograph
submitted by Cathy MacDonald

"Fraser & Cathy MacDonald are delighted
to announce the wedding of their daughter
Jamie.

On Saturday, August 7, Jamie married Travis
Herrington at our family home.

This was an intimate ceremony for immediate
family.

It was a magical evening as the sun broke
through the clouds just as the bride walked
down the aisle.'

The back page features a photograph
submitted by Lorill Estar

Do send your favourite local photos and
artwork to the Barnacle.

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TransLink Mask Mandate, Fall Service Changes and Kids Ride Free

Following the recent mandate from the Provincial Government reinstating mask-use in all indoor public places, TransLink customers must wear masks again while using public transit. This includes while they are boarding, or waiting to board, vehicles.

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Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department is in Belcarra.

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Yesterday our crew was given an overview on Belcarra's water system infrastructure.

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#firefighting #fireservice
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Belcarra Blockwatch

Submitted by Diana Drake

and Carol Drew

During the summer months local RCMP were reporting an uptick in property crime - particularly theft from vehicles - in the Tri-City area.

Early in July there were several vehicle break-ins in the Village, one on Senkler Rd. and another on White Pine Beach or Farrer Cove Rd.

Police are encouraging residents to lock their cars, whether leaving them in a garage or parked outside. Here is a quick review of the RCMP's tips to help prevent theft from a vehicle:

- roll up all windows and close sun roof, even if only parking for a short time.
- remove all valuables; especially all electronics, cash (no matter how small an amount,) shopping bags, and luggage. If these cannot be removed, place out of sight in trunk of car.

Thieves will automatically search under seats and in glove compartments.

- if parking your car outside, park in what will be a well-lit area at night; and one that is visible, if not to you, then to other residents.
- do not leave your garage door opener in your vehicle. This is a common way for thieves to access residences.
- do not leave any personal documentation (ie. mail) in your vehicle as this can be used in identity theft.

- keep garage doors closed and locked even when you are home.

- ensure licence plates are securely bolted.

Please be alert to any suspicious persons or activities near a vehicle and report, if concerned, to the RCMP. Do not confront suspects on your own.

Bear B&E- During a heat wave in August, a bear invaded the kitchen of a house on Coomb Lane. Access was through a side door that had been left ajar for cooling purposes. Residents of the home were unaware of the presence of the Bruin Burglar until alerted by their panicked cat.

The bear made its escape after a quick search, absconding with a tub of margarine and a loaf of bread. Sandwiches anyone?

Keep in mind that open doors (and windows) are 'open invitations' to any number of furry (bears, raccoons, skunks and bats) and feathered (hummingbirds and perching birds) creatures in our village.

Finally - Please watch your speed in the Village and elsewhere. School is back in session for another year and children of all ages are walking/biking on the sidewalks and roads.

Just a reminder that it is, once again, 30 km/ per hour in school zones from 8am to 5pm.



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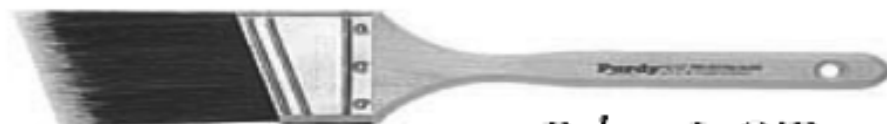
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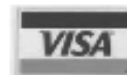
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Stories From The Archives

A Short History of the Woodhaven Subdivision

Researched and written by Ralph Drew, Belcarra, BC,
August 2021.

The building of the 'Canadian Pacific Railway' (CPR) across the continent as a condition of British Columbia joining the 'Dominion of Canada' resulted in the creation of the 'Railway Belt' and the transfer of all provincial Crown Lands within the 'Railway Belt' to the 'Dominion Government'. The anticipated arrival of the CPR also sparked land speculation in and around Port Moody which was named as the railway terminus. In 1887, as a result of the land speculation, the 'Dominion Government' placed a "reserve" on the sale of Crown lands at the western terminus of the 'Railway Belt' which included all lands around Belcarra Bay, Belcarra Peninsula, Bedwell Bay, Sasamat Lake and Farrer Cove. As a consequence, the subsequent sale and settlement of lands around the Belcarra and Bedwell Bay areas would not begin until 1905 when the 'Dominion Government' began to accept applications for the sale of federal Crown lands. These events had a profound effect on the development of the area.

In 1870, the 'Bedwell Bay Timber Lease' (Timber Lease 'M') was issued to the 'Moodyville Mill' by the 'Colony of British Columbia'. During the 1890s, there was a depression in the lumber industry, and in 1901 the 'Moodyville Mill' shut-down and went into receivership. It was probably at that time that the (already logged) 'Bedwell Bay Timber Lease' reverted to the Crown. After the provincial timber leases reverted to the Crown, the 'Dominion Government' began issuing federal timber harvesting rights ('Timber Berths') adjacent to Bedwell Bay and Farrer Cove.

In 1907, the western portion (96± acres) of the 'Bedwell Bay Timber Lease' (T.L. 'M') was sold to Florence Blanchard Bole and was inherited in 1928 by John Percy Hampton (J.P.H.) Bole when his mother died. In 1966, J.P.H.

Bole died and his estate was subsequently purchased by the 'Greater Vancouver Regional District' (GVRD) in 1971. (The J.P.H. Bole estate included all of the land southwest of West Road down as far as the 'Admiralty Point Military Reserve', but excluded 'District Lot 229' from which the 'Belcarra Bay' subdivision was created in 1908.)

Woodhaven Subdivision – Phase One

Prior to 1907, many individuals applied to the 'Dominion Government' wanting to buy Crown Land adjacent to Bedwell Bay in order to subdivide it and market lots for summer residences.

In 1907, the 'Dominion Government' proposed creation of a new subdivision to be called 'Woodhaven' from the eastern portion of the old 'Bedwell Bay Timber Lease' (T.L. 'M') and part of federal 'Timber Berth 228'. 'Timber Berth 228', granted by the 'Dominion Government' in 1900, was located west of 'Sasamat Lake' and covered most of the proposed 'Woodhaven Subdivision' area. 'Timber Berth 228' was cancelled in 1909.

Federal 'Timber Berth 463' at Bedwell Bay was granted in 1906 and the waterfront portion of 'Timber Berth 463' was cancelled effective 1st July 1909 when the land was required for creation of the 'Woodhaven Subdivision'.

In 1908, the 'Department of the Interior' initially identified 1250 acres (507 ha) of Crown Land surrounding Sasamat Lake for "special survey". However, only the Crown Land on the west side of Sasamat Lake, adjacent to Bedwell Bay, was subsequently surveyed. The subdivision was surveyed by the 'Department of the Interior' (A.W. Johnson, D.L.S.) with the road alignments and lot layouts designed to follow the contours of the Bedwell Bay hillside. The survey for the first phase was completed in late 1909 and cost \$10,000 (about \$250,000 today).

The one-third, one-half and one-acre lots — average lot size about one-half acre — each had a view of the water, the North Shore and Mount Seymour. The first 191 “villa lots” in the proposed 637-lot ‘Woodhaven Subdivision’ (Plan 3014) were sold by auction on 6th April 1911, and 186 of the lots sold for an average price of \$325 (about \$8,000 today). At the time the first lots were auctioned by the ‘Dominion Government’, no roads had been opened, nor improvements made, and there was no community wharf in Bedwell Bay. The lots were only accessible either from the Bedwell Bay foreshore or via a trail (an old logging road) from the wharf at Belcarra Bay.

Most of the lots in the ‘Woodhaven Subdivision’ were never developed and most of the roads never built. By 1911, only about 10 cottages had been built that varied considerably in size and ranged in price from \$400 to \$1400 each (about \$9,000 to \$32,000 today). However, as a result of the 1913 depression prior to ‘World War One’, the post-WWI mini-recession, and the ‘Great Depression’ of the 1930s, most of the undeveloped properties reverted back to the Crown due to non-payment of taxes.

Woodhaven Subdivision – Phase Two

The extension to the ‘Woodhaven Subdivision’ (‘Phase Two’) proposed in 1912 covered the area south and east of ‘Phase One’. Main Avenue was to run through and join-up with ‘East Road’ (called ‘Bedwell Bay Road’ today) where it runs along the west side of ‘Windermere Lake’ (called ‘Sasamat Lake’ today). The survey work for the ‘Phase Two’ extension was eventually completed at a cost of about \$20,000 (about \$500,000 today) and registered in the ‘Land Title Office’ in 1917. However, only a handful of the 446 lots within the ‘Phase Two’ extension were ever sold (along Main Avenue), and the roads were never built.

In 1930, the ‘Dominion Government’ returned the former provincial Crown Lands within the ‘Railway Belt’ back to the Provincial Government which included all the unsold properties located within the ‘Woodhaven Subdivision’ and the large tracks of Crown Land around ‘Sasamat Lake’ and south of the ‘Woodhaven Subdivision’.

In the 1940s, there were no more than 10 year-round homes in the combined area around Belcarra Bay, Belcarra Peninsula and Bedwell Bay. The remainder were either summer cottages or squatters’ cabins, accessed by boat, or by hiking the trail from Ioco, around ‘Sasamat Lake’, and along Bedwell Bay to the picnic grounds at ‘Belcarra Park’.

During ‘World War Two’, a substantial portion of the 637 lots that comprised the ‘Woodhaven Subdivision’ (Plan 3014) was placed in “reserve” and land sales halted, but some Crown-owned lots were subsequently offered for sale again after ‘World War Two’. In 1946, lots began to sell for a dollar a foot frontage and many purchasers bought two to four lots each. In 1948, the Provincial Government initiated a “Plan Cancellation”, to show intent to cancel a large portion of the ‘Woodhaven Subdivision’, in order to save the cost of building roads in the area.

Roads & Utilities

The first rough gravel road from the ‘Imperial Oil Company’ pump house at ‘Sasamat Lake’ into the ‘Woodhaven Subdivision’ was built as far as Senkler Road in 1952, extended to Kelly Avenue in 1953, and further extended to the top of the hill in 1954, but the road was subject to wash-outs during the heavy winter rains. Gradually, the road was good enough to drive on with a car as the loggers kept pushing it westward, and by the spring of 1955 the dirt and gravel road was above West Road. Along with road access, electricity and telephone (party line system) services also arrived to the Bedwell Bay area in 1955. However, electrical power didn’t reach the Belcarra picnic grounds until 1959 due to the absence of an easement for the powerline.

During the summer of 1955, the company that was logging in the Bedwell Bay area cut a temporary road down to the waterfront through J.P.H. (Percy) Bole’s property. Percy and his wife Kathleen owned the property adjacent to West Road and provided local cottage owners with access down to the Bedwell Bay shoreline.

Percy Bole put a gate on the road with a lock and key, and this was used until the provincial government built a proper road. Prior to 1965, there was no bridge across 'Sasamat Creek' so people had to cross via an old cedar log to get to the trail on Senkler Road and the old logging road that went to YMCA's 'Camp Howdy'.

There was no legal road right-of-way connecting the 'Woodhaven Subdivision' with the Belcarra picnic grounds until 1964 when the 'Ministry of Highways' surveyed a road right-of-way from West Road across J.P.H. Bole's property to 'Bedwell Bay Road' (called 'Midden Road' today). It was at that time that the several sections of road with different names going from First Avenue in loco to the Belcarra picnic grounds were collectively renamed 'Bedwell Bay Road'.

Parcel 48

The Provincial "reserve" was partially removed from the 'Woodhaven Subdivision' in 1948 and, in 1964, the Provincial Government finally cancelled the portion of the 'Woodhaven Subdivision' that was still under "reserve" southeast of Main Avenue and Bedwell Bay Road, merged the undeveloped lots and labelled the consolidated Crown Land as 'Parcel 48'.

The '[Village-GVRD Agreement Package](#)' dated April 1983 (the 'Agreement Package') marked the completion of three years of negotiations between the parties regarding proposed boundaries, management of the park, and impacts on the community. The substance of the 'Agreement Package' was documented in 35 pages of maps and text, with another 27 pages of appendices. The 'Agreement Package' was subsequently ratified by 'Village of Belcarra' municipal Council on May 3rd, 1983, by the 'GVRD Park Committee' on May 11th, 1983, and by the 'GVRD Board' on May 25th, 1983.

The 'Agreement Package' documents the extensive negotiations with the GVRD and the commitments from those negotiations are embodied in Belcarra's '[Official Community Plan](#)'. Also, since the 'Agreement Package' was formally endorsed via resolutions by both the GVRD Board and Belcarra Council it is also a legal document that both parties must respect.

'Parcel 48' was all of the consolidated provincial Crown Land located northeast of West Road between the 'Woodhaven Swamp' and the residential properties along Main Avenue and Bedwell Bay Road. A significant portion of 'Parcel 48' was NOT transferred to the GVRD to become part of 'Belcarra Regional Park' and remains provincial Crown Land today.

It is also important to note that the Park land located southwest of West Road, which includes the picnic grounds and adjacent areas, was NOT provincial Crown Land. It was fee-simple land that comprised J.P.H. Bole's estate purchased by the GVRD in 1971.

The 'Belcarra Regional Park' boundary was established along the height-of-land above the 'Woodhaven Subdivision' and the provincial Crown Land below the height-of-land was reserved as 'watershed' and is still zoned as 'watershed' today. The 'Woodhaven Watershed' area is still legally known as 'Parcel 48' and was NOT transferred to the GVRD as part of the Park.


The many issues negotiated became a "package of items" mutually agreed by the parties — there was NO one-for-one deal regarding 'Parcel 48'. One of the "big ticket" items to which the GVRD had to commit was construction of the 'Woodhaven Bypass Road' (called 'Tum-tumay-whueton Drive' today). In 1983, this was a huge commitment for the GVRD estimated at the time to cost \$4 million (nominally \$10 million today). The GVRD did NOT get a "free lunch" as some try to suggest. Does anybody today question the significance of having a separate bypass road which removes the Park traffic from Bedwell Bay Road?

Any topographic map of the area shows that 'Tum-tumay-whueton Drive' was constructed along the optimum alignment between the 'Woodhaven Swamp' (part of 'Parcel 48') and the height-of-land Park boundary. In addition, where 'Tum-tumay-whueton Drive' meets the 'Burrard Thermal Plant' road there are two exit options. The first option is east past 'Sasamat Lake' and the second is south to the 'Burrard Thermal Plant' site which has dock access on Burrard Inlet. This makes 'Tum-tumay-whueton Drive' an excellent emergency escape route for Belcarra residents.

People have to remember that the nascent 'Village of Belcarra' did not have "veto power" over the province's disposal of the Crown Land that comprised 'Parcel 48'. The shared allocation of 'Parcel 48' was a discretionary decision by the province who gave direction to the negotiating parties to "come to an agreement or they would make the decision for them". The GVRD had requested that ALL of the Crown Land be transferred for 'Belcarra Regional Park' but in the end the GVRD only got about half of the Crown Land it requested plus it had to make a number of significant commitments to the 'Village of Belcarra'. For example, the lease of the 'Civic Recreation Area' (West Road to Ray Creek) and subdivision of residential properties on the south side of Bedwell Bay Road (~5 acres) and on the north side of Senkler Road (~5 acres).



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On the Water
Submitted by Lorill Estar

VILLAGE NEWS

Quips & Quotes

Submitted by Barbara Shelly

“You own the present, Mr. Prime Minister,
but the centuries belong to art.”

Salman Rushdie, p. 118, by Joseph Anton

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BELCARRA GARDEN CLUB

Submitted by Les Bramley

If you have any gardening questions or wish to become a member please contact us at. 604-937-7103. e mail lesbramley@shaw.ca

The Belcarra Garden Club has resumed meeting at the village hall car park.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday September the 14th at 4:15pm.

If you are interested please join us, bring a deck chair we sit socially distanced.

We have twenty members now, some with vast knowledge so if anyone among us is having gardening problems, we seem to be able to solve them.

In October we are trading seeds again from this years plants.

If you need further information you can contact Les Bramley at 604-937-7103 or at lesbramley@shaw.ca





CRAB

Submitted by Dave Warren

Unfortunately Mr. Dithers opted to cancel the previously almost promised proposed CRAB Picnic in the Park for September 2021 due to the onerous threat of the 4th wave. Despite all the challenges of our era concerning Covid-19 epidemic including a multitude of variants and mutants, CRAB will rise as the phoenix out of a dormant state to offer future both adult and family venues.

Presently CRAB is seeking ideas in lieu of a children's Halloween party for 31st October. Last year Michelle with aid of her kids distributed candy from the village hall parking lot. Your concepts of a modified 'trick or treat' event utilizing social distancing are welcome and needed. Besides fresh ideas, CRAB and the community could benefit from some new directors to continue planning and delivering social events.



Submitted by Lorill Estar



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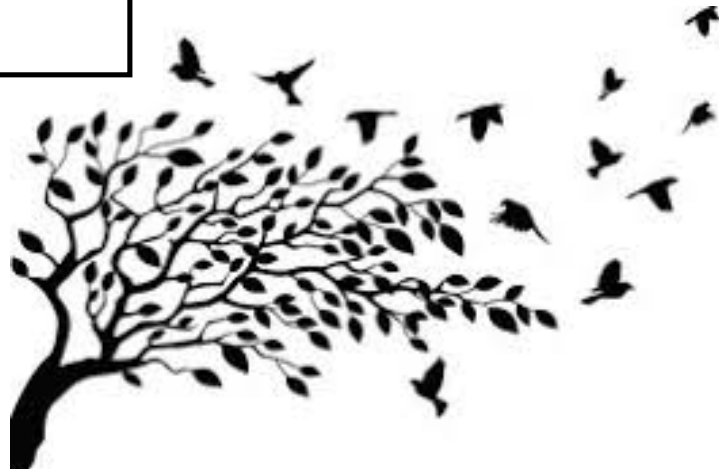
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Belcarra Blessings

Deborah Struk

Whoosh!! September here we are! Oh and what a month it shall be. Given the craziness of all the things about (including an election) it is imperative to look to the blessings that abound.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 says to give thanks in every circumstance. Sometimes, it is in trying to focus on what we are thankful for, the negative dissipates.

So here we go...

What have I found to be thankful for:

- the glorious rain
- Peter's creativity and ingenuity in building a battery for his old eBike (and for using some of his overly abundant batteries)
- fresh beets from the garden
- an abundance of bees buzzing about the flowers
- the Belcarra Garden Club
- friends and neighbours throughout Belcarra
- the beautiful sunrise to each new day
- new potatoes fresh from the garden
- the birth of an eaglet in Belcarra
- warm water to wash the dishes
- neighbours sharing a bountiful harvest
- chickens in the village

- bears roaming about staying out of trouble
- hearing children playing
- gorgeous gardens with flowers throughout the village
- the Belcarra Barnacle
- being able to hug and play with my granddaughter
- seeing young families with children in the village
- delicious afternoon tea at 8 Corners
- smiles and conversations with fellow Belcarrians along the streets, across the fence, and on the water
- gorgeous trails to explore
- warm summer nights
- the fact we can say with certainty we had a 'summer'
- my family
- glorious sunsets across the water
- grace, forgiveness, understanding and compassion from others who do not always agree
- an evening paddle
- a full and delightful July and August
- democracy and the ability to vote in Canada, glorious and free

I could go on, but I encourage you to add to this. Create your own list or simply ponder.

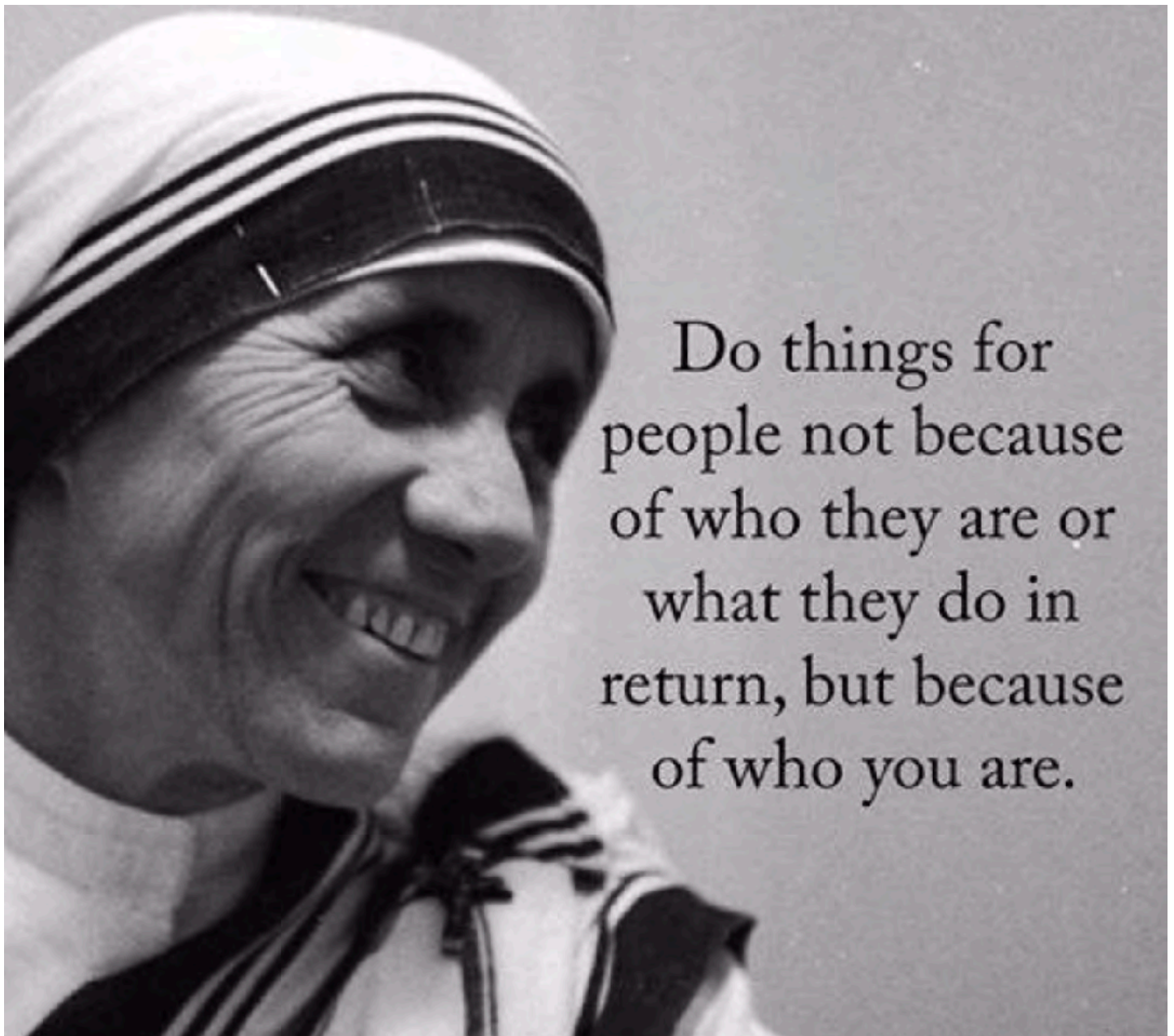
Much love to you all.

Here is hoping Canada maintains integrity as a free country. So many of our relatives fled countries decades ago because Canada was a land of glory and freedom. We are so blessed. Here is hoping we maintain that distinction. Get out and vote!

Many blessings to you and yours.



Submitted by Deborah Struk



Kid's Space

Kids Ride Free!

From this Wednesday, September 1, children 12 and under will be able to ride TransLink services free of charge as part of a new provincial program. This program will make transit more affordable for families and help to encourage children to become lifelong transit riders.

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Submitted by Deborah Struk

Moths are a flying insect that belong to the Lepidoptera order. It's estimated there are 160,000 species of months worldwide, with many species yet to be described. A Moth is not butterfly, the difference between a moth and a butterfly is vague. Moths antennas are usually feathery and don't have a ball on the end.

They are closely related to [butterflies](#), which evolved from them. Most [species](#) of moths are active only at night. They can be told apart from butterflies in several ways. Moth antenna look like little feathers, and their wings are held flat on their backs when they are not flying.



September Shadows
Submitted by Deborah Struk





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