

Burnaby - Douglas Link



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Bill Siksay MP

Dear Friends

As I write Parliament has just recessed for the summer.

There were several controversial pieces of legislation introduced late in the session.

Just days before the House rose, the Conservative government tabled its new copyright legislation, Bill C61 (An Act to amend the Copyright Act). There have been several unsuccessful attempts to amend Canada's copyright legislation, and from the looks of the current bill, we may not be much further ahead with this proposal.

Many of the fears of those for whom this legislation is important were realized. Rather than developing copyright law that was specific to Canada, the Conservatives have copied many of the provisions of the US Digital Millennium Copyright Act. The US legislation was very pro-industry and strongly supported corporate interests, and has led to big US corporations frequently suing individuals for huge sums.

The Conservatives' new legislation is complex and the devil will be in the details. For instance, it appears to allow for the recording of television programmes to be watched at a different time than the broadcast time (time shifting). However, limitations are placed on the building of a video library using such recordings, and the sharing of recordings would be restricted. As well, content can be transferred to different platforms for personal use, but only if the producer has not used a digital lock. That means that a consumer who purchases a CD, only to discover that a digital lock prevents it being played on a car stereo, will not legally be able to override the digital lock. Huge financial penalties of \$20,000 plus would be levied if a digital lock was broken, even if for strictly personal use. These are just a couple of examples of the problems of this legislation.

I've already been up in the House during Question Period to express concern about Bill C61.

This bill has serious implications for artists and musicians, consumers, innovators, and educators. Full and detailed analysis of its provisions is now underway. However, given our early assessment, my NDP colleagues and I will oppose Bill C61. We will fight for legislation that ensures creators are compensated for their work but that also allows consumers to enjoy reasonable rights of access. We need a "Made in Canada" solution to these important issues.

If you have comments or analysis on the copyright bill it would be great to hear from you.

And as always, I do appreciate knowing your take on any of the important issues of the day. Please don't hesitate to contact me at 604-291-8863 (telephone) or Siksay.B@parl.gc.ca. My community office address is 4506 Dawson Street, Burnaby, BC, V5C 4C1. You will find more information on constituent services and issues before Parliament on my website at www.billsiksay.ca.

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What's Happening in Burnaby-Douglas

Summer Career Placement

This year, I worked hard to secure funding new jobs, especially for non-profit organizations in Burnaby-Douglas. The Conservative government once again failed to increase funding to this important programme. With more applications than ever, many organizations had their funding cut back from previous years to allow new projects to be funded. This programme is crucial to many community organizations, students, and families in Burnaby who benefit from the services that are funded. If you would like a list of the organizations that received funding, please contact my community office for a list.

HOME IN BURNABY

The next deadline for the Burnaby-Douglas Link is **July 15 for distribution after August 15**. Submissions can be faxed to my Community Office at 604-666-0727 or emailed to me at Siksay.B@parl.gc.ca.

* **Take the donor challenge and give life to save a life** – The City of Burnaby, in partnership with the BC Transplant agency and SUCCESS, has launched a campaign, **Project Give Life, to increase the numbers of Burnaby residents who have signed up for the provincial organ registry**. Burnaby's participation rate of 10% is below the provincial average of 16%. There are 15 Burnaby residents awaiting a life-saving organ transplant. To get involved with Project Give Life, call 604-877-2240 or register online at www.transplant.bc.ca.

* **Family Care Providers Help Each Other – a project of Burnaby Seniors Outreach Services Society (BSOSS)**. Are you providing care to a dependent older adult? Do you need assistance finding information or resource which might help? Would you like to learn new care skills to better handle day-to-day problems? **Would you like to be part of a network of caregivers providing mutual support?** The *Family Care Providers Helping Each Other* project features: a 6 week education/information session for family caregivers, a **self-help support group**, a **'Time for Me' social/recreation** programme, limited subsidies to help with respite, and confidential one-to-one support by BSOSS volunteer Senior Peer Counsellors. For more information about this free program, please contact Katherine Willett, BSOSS at 604-291-2258.

* **BC Fuchsia and Begonia Society is holding its Annual Show and Competition** on Saturday, July 26 from 10 AM to 5 PM and Sunday, July 27 from 10 AM to 4 PM at the Van Dusen Floral Hall. There will be a plant and craft sale, afternoon tea and door prizes. **This is the largest fuchsia and begonia show in North America**. For more information, call Fran at 604-591-3262 or Edith at 604-325-6255.

* **BC Fuchsia and Begonia Society** meets Monday, July 7 at 8 PM at St Helen's Catholic Church gym, 3871 Pandora Street, Burnaby. **Program: Preparing your fuchsia and begonias**. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call 604-299-5438.

* **Health Alert, Mondays at Bonsor Recreation Complex**, 6550 Bonsor Avenue, Burnaby and **Health Watch, Thursdays at Edmonds Community Centre**, 7282 Kingsway, Burnaby. Drop-in each week for blood pressure and weight monitoring, health, nutrition, and housing information and other services. Support from retired nurses, pharmacists and knowledgeable, trained volunteers can help you practice a healthy lifestyle. Weekly speakers keep you abreast of the latest health trends. \$2 suggested donation per session. **Bonsor sessions** run Mondays from 10 AM to 12 noon, guest speaker from 12 noon to 1 PM: July 14, **"Travel with us to the Baja peninsula"**; July 21, **"Foot Clinic (make appointment)"**; July 28, **"Travel with us to BC's wilderness parks"**. No programs for August at Bonsor. **Edmonds**

sessions run Thursdays from 10 AM to 12 noon, guest speaker from 12 noon to 1 PM: Please note that the Edmonds program will be closed for July and will reopen in August. For more information, contact Bonsor at 604-439-1456 or Edmonds at 604-524-4261.

* **Deer Lake Park Upcoming Summer Festivals** – The City of Burnaby has announced the dates for this year's summer festivals at the Shadbolt Centre for the Arts in Burnaby's Deer Lake Park. Come out and enjoy interactive arts activities, live entertainment and lots of opportunities for participation. **August and September events: 9th Annual Burnaby Blues and Roots Festival**, Sunday, August 10, 2 PM to 10 PM. Visit www.burnabybluesfestival.com for more details. **Night of 2008 Lantern Festival**, Friday, September 19, 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM. For more information, visit <http://www.city.burnaby.bc.ca/visitors/events.html>.

* **The Confederation Senior's Community Centre for 55+** located at 4585 Albert Street in Burnaby offers a broad variety of ongoing programs and special events. For more information on events, costs and dates please contact 604-294-1936. **Upcoming events: Bingo** at Confederation, 1st and 3rd Wednesday monthly from 1 PM to 3 PM and Thursdays from 1 PM to 4 PM; **Cozy Corner at Confederation Centre**, come and visit the shop today.

* **The Edmonds Community Centre for 55+** located at 7282 Kingsway in Burnaby offers a wide variety of programs and special events. To register or for more information about the costs and times of the program or event, please call 604-525-1671. **Upcoming events: Mini Bus Trip: Clayburn Village (Abbotsford)**, July 10; **Camp Adventure at Edmonds**, July 14, 21 and 28; **Mini Bus Trip: A Day in White Rock**, July 16; **Rama's Picnic BBQ Lunch**, July 16; **Mini Bus Trip: Deep Cove Heritage Walking Tour**, July 22. **Ongoing seniors' activities: Burnaby South Stroke Club** meets every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month from 10 AM to 1:30 PM. **Bingo** every Saturday – call Tom at 604-430-2763. **Snooker**, membership required – call Tom at 604-430-2763. **Carpet Bowling**, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 1 PM to 3 PM. **Partners Bridge** every Thursday from 6 PM to 9 PM – call 604-525-1671. **Saturday Night Dance for Seniors**, from 7:30 PM to 10:30 PM. Please contact Krisztina Vadasz at 604-525-1671 ext 2471.

* On Saturday, August 9, join us at the **Kensington Community Fair** (Kensington Park, Hastings and Kensington) from 10 AM to 3 PM. **There will be a mini midway, food, entertainment and dozens of community agencies on site.** Sponsored by Greystone Lochdale Community Association & Burnaby Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services For more information, contact Ken Ryan at 604-671-1000 or kalr@shaw.ca.

* **Saving Lives at Work, Home and Play – First Aid Training with St John Ambulance.** For more course information and registration, please call the office directly or our centralized registration line at 604-321-2651. **Course offerings: Occupational First Aid Level 3** (FT for 2 weeks) August 11-22; **Occupational First Aid Level 2** (FT for 1 week) July 14-18 or August 12-28 or August 25-29; **Emergency First Aid – Industry** (1 day course) July 16, 19, 23, 25, 28 or 30 or August 8, 11, 12, 16, 20, 22, 25 or 27; **Standard First Aid – CPR C with AED** (2 day course) July 12,13/17, 18/21, 22/26, 27, 31 and Aug 1/14, 15/18, 19/28, 29; **Emergency First Aid – Child Care** (1 day course) July 16 or August 16; **Emergency First Aid – Adult Care** (1 day course) July 19 or August 13; **CPR Level C with AED** (1 day course), July 27 or August 24; **CPR AED – Health Care Provider** (1 day course) July 9 or August 13; **Spinal Immobilization Endorsement** (1 day course) August 15.

* **July and August at the Burnaby Village Museum – Heritage Adventure Summer Camps**, July 2-31 and August 1-29; **Conservation Workshops**, July 19; **Basic Blacksmithing for Women**, July 26 or August 16; **Forest Lawn Cemetery Walking Tour**, July 12; **Skytrain Explorer Series, Royal Oak**, July 19 and **Edmonds**, August 16; **Grace Ceperley Garden Tour**, July 22; **Advanced Blacksmithing**, August 23; **BC Day**, August 4; **Blacksmithing for Beginners**, August 9; **Restoration Series 5 (Digital**

Photographs), August 14. For more information about these events and costs, please contact Nancy Stagg, Marketing and Sponsorship, Burnaby Village Museum at 604-293-6509.

* **Residents of North Burnaby who notice unusual sewer or chemical odours should report them to the Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD) Air Quality Line.** In order for the GVRD to investigate complaints, they will need your name, number, address, and where you noticed the odour. They will also need a description of the odour; does it smell like heavy oil, like home heating oil or more like gasoline, or is it a sewer smell? Provide whatever description you feel will help them identify the source of the odour. **The number to call 24 hours a day is 604-436-6777.** Please keep this number by your telephone and help improve our air quality. If odours are not reported, the GVRD cannot help us eliminate the source.

* **Burnaby Community Connections has launched their new website** – check it out at www.burnabycommunityconnections.com. The website features an innovative Community e-Calendar where you can post events up to 5 years in advance. Other features soon to be included are an on-line library of Community Resources and a Community Discussion Board. For feedback and assistance, please contact Burnaby Community Connections at 604-299-5778.

* **Burnaby Arts Council Deer Lake Gallery invites artists to apply for the 2009 Juried Art Exhibitions.** Entry on or before September 16, 2008. For entry forms, call 604-298-7322 or email info@burnabyartscouncil.org.

* **Burnaby's Beautiful Garden Tour** takes place on Sunday, July 20 from 10 AM to 4 PM rain or shine. This event is hosted by the Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society with sponsorship by the City of Burnaby. **This is a self-guided tour of seven unique, private gardens located throughout the City of Burnaby.** Tickets can be purchased for \$10 at Burnaby City Hall, Bonsor, Edmonds, Cameron and Confederation community centres. Each ticket includes a map and a brief description of the gardens. Master gardeners will be in attendance at each location along with the owners and volunteer hosts. They will be glad to answer questions and identify plants of interest. BRAGS is a non-profit society so proceeds will benefit the citizens of Burnaby. For more information visit our website at www.brag.ca, contact us at info@brags.ca or call Faye at 604-434-5921.

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