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## Autumn Greetings

Welcome to Autumn on the North Shore.

Autumn has always been a favourite time of year for me. However, when I grew up in Edmonton, the change in weather from summer to winter seemed to exclude autumn altogether. Here, on the North Shore, the change of seasons is a more subtle and enjoyable process.

There is nothing that says autumn in our Riding more than the spectacular salmon run on the Capilano River. If you ever feel like giving up on something, go to the Capilano River Hatchery and watch the salmon on the fish ladder. It is inspiring to see a salmon's single focus and commitment to complete their journey.

It has continued to be a challenging time for everyone over this past year. What I have seen in our community, however, is a sense of optimism and an eagerness to support and help others. Businesses, individuals and non-profits have been creative and quick to respond to residents' needs. We have come together as a community and have one of the highest vaccination rates, not only in BC, but in Canada.

I wish you all a happy Fall and Holiday Season. I am very proud to represent West Vancouver-Capilano in BC's Legislature and will continue to advocate for those things in the best interest of our community and our Province.

Best wishes,

Karin

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karin".

## In the Community



### Avalon Recovery Society

Avalon Recovery Society has changed the lives of countless women dealing with addiction. The organization provides a safe, relaxing and inviting space for women who require support.

It was an honour to visit the centre and meet with Jenn Morrow, the Manager at Avalon. For more information on their programs click [here](#)

### Capilano Community Services Society

Capilano Community Services Society is a non-profit organization that provides services for seniors and youth in the Capilano Highlands community. Since its inception in the 1970s, it has continued to provide valuable and sought after programs.

Some of the services offered include:

[Youth Outreach](#)

[Seniors' Hub](#)

[Red Cross Health Equipment Loan Program](#)



### Cystic Fibrosis

CF families in my constituency have been advocating for access to a revolutionary drug treatment called Trikafta and I'm pleased that there has been progress in this regard. See news article [here](#).

CF is a genetic disease that mainly affects the lungs and digestive system. For more information on CF and how you can support them please visit [Cystic Fibrosis Canada](#).

## In the Community cont'd

### Royal Canadian Marine Search & Rescue

I had the pleasure of visiting the highly trained volunteers of the Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue Station 2 at Lynnwood Marina in North Vancouver. They cover a large area from English Bay up to Indian Arm, through one of the most challenging and busiest ports in Canada.

With a coastline of 26,000 kilometres, RCMSR stays busy throughout the year. There are 40 stations that work on keeping our waters safe. Last year there were more than 600 on-water emergencies recorded. We are grateful for the dedication of all the volunteers who are ready to assist at a moment's notice.

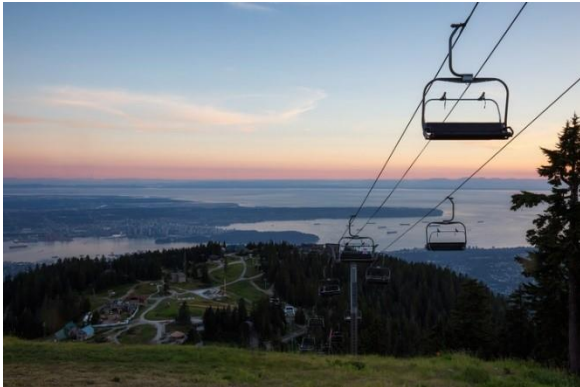


### West Vancouver Police Ride-Along

In August I had the opportunity to join Constable McGuffie on a ride-along with the West Vancouver Police. It was interesting to see the variety and complexity of the work they do on to keep our community safe. This experience will also be beneficial to me as I continue my Legislative work on the Select Standing Committee to Reform the Police Act.

### Grouse Mountain

A popular summer and winter destination, Grouse Mountain has something for everyone.



I recently visited Grouse Mountain to learn more about the many attractions the mountain has to offer. If you are an outdoor enthusiast, you have a choice of conquering the grouse grind, a 2.9 kilometre hike straight up the mountain, or you may prefer a more leisurely stroll on the mountain with the family.

I recommend meeting Grinder and Coola (if they haven't gone to bed yet), the local grizzly bears at the wildlife refuge, watching a Birds of Prey demonstration, or enjoying something a little more adventuresome like zip lining. When the snow arrives, you can ski, snowboard, snowshoe or skate on the outdoor rink. Our community is fortunate to have such a wonderful family destination in our backyard.



Shaun Hollingsworth, Chair of the Seymour Salmonid Society, explaining the remarkable Seymour River Rock-Slide Mitigation Project to me.

I participated in the McKay Creek Volunteer Restoration blitz in August – a chance to see firsthand critical habitat restoration work on the North Shore.



## Videos

### Streamkeepers

## Recognition and Retirements

### Pastor Axel Schoeber

In July, Lead Pastor Axel Schoeber retired from West Vancouver Baptist Church. I wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

### ParticipAction Challenge

Congratulations to the District of West Vancouver for being awarded 'British Columbia's Most Active Community'. In June residents of West Vancouver took part in a nationwide ParticipACTION Community Better Challenge. West Vancouver came 2<sup>nd</sup> in Canada next to North Grenville in Ontario.

For more information please visit the [2021 ParticipACTION Community Better Challenge | ParticipACTION](#)

### Order of BC Recipient Debra Doucette

Congratulations to constituent Debra Doucette on being recognized with the Order of BC for 2021. Debra is known as a philanthropic community leader, and a pioneer in a traditionally male-dominated industry. She became the first female leader in Odlum Brown's 84 year history in 2007.

The Order of BC is the highest form of recognition the Province can give, and Debra is a well-deserved recipient of this distinguished honour.

## In the Legislature



A few weeks ago in the Legislature, I was finally able to sign the Parliamentary Roll, pictured here in the Chamber with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Kate Ryan-Lloyd and Opposition Leader Shirley Bond. When I first took my oath a year ago it was done virtually so I was unable to partake in this tradition. The Parliamentary Roll has been signed by all Members upon their election since 1917, so I am honoured to have my name now included in this historic record.

### MLA Youth Advisory Group

I'm asking the high schools in West Vancouver-Capilano to consider appointing a student to my MLA Youth Advisory Group. This is an opportunity to share ideas about issues that are important to our youth, and for them to learn more about the inner workings of our provincial government.





## Remembrance Day

Celebrations in West Vancouver will not be held at the Cenotaph this year. However, the West Vancouver Library will be open with programming and displays. More information can be found [here](#)

In the Legislature I was honoured to give a 2 minute statement about my grandfather and his legacy:

[Remembrance Day Statement](#)



## THINGS TO KNOW

### COVID-19 updates from the BC Centre for Disease Control

[Register with the get vaccinated system](#)

You can register yourself or a parent, grandparent or child online or by phone. Vaccinations for children ages 5-11 are coming soon, and you can now register your child in advance.

[Get your 3rd dose](#)

You will be contacted by the Provincial Get Vaccinated system about how and when to book a third dose. If you've selected email or SMS communication, you'll be sent a link to book an appointment online.

If you've asked to be contacted by phone, a call centre agent will call you to book an appointment.

If you believe you meet the criteria of people who are moderately to severely immunocompromised and haven't been contacted, get in touch with your health care provider.

[BC Vaccine Card](#)

You don't need a third dose to be considered fully vaccinated on your BC Vaccine Card. To be considered fully vaccinated a second dose must be received by October 24<sup>th</sup>.

The Vaccine Card is available through the BC Health Gateway [www.healthgateway.gov.bc.ca/vaccinecard](http://www.healthgateway.gov.bc.ca/vaccinecard) or if you would prefer to have a paper copy sent to you please call 1-833-838-2323 and request your card to be mailed.

[Other COVID Information](#)

For medical info, visit [covid-19.bccdc.ca](http://covid-19.bccdc.ca) or call 811

For vaccination info, visit [gov.bc.ca/getvaccinated](http://gov.bc.ca/getvaccinated)

For seniors looking for additional support or for those looking to support seniors please call 211 or visit [bc211.ca](http://bc211.ca)

**Flu Shots Are Now Available** – please contact your family doctor or pharmacy to make an appointment.