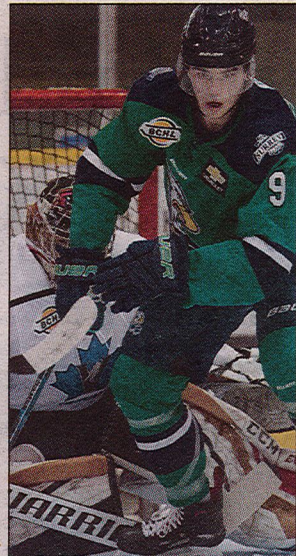


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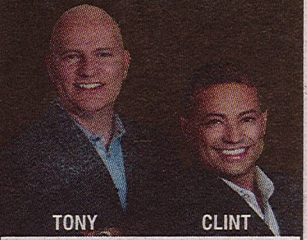
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Volunteers at the Cloverdale Community Kitchen pack food hampers that will be delivered to people in self-isolation because of positive COVID-19 tests. (Photo submitted)

Community Kitchen provides COVID hampers for those in need

Malin Jordan
Cloverdale Reporter

The Cloverdale Community Kitchen has created a new hamper program. On the heels of their decades-long Christmas Hamper Program, Matthew Campbell and the Communi-

ty Kitchen have launched a hamper program to deliver food to people in isolation because of positive COVID tests. "We partnered with the United Way to help people who aren't able to get food during their COVID quarantine for various reasons," said Campbell,

CCK director. Late in the summer, the United Way first identified people who were having a hard time getting food because of pandemic-related problems. "It's a new thing," he said. "We

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Heritage rail may be extended into Newton

Tom Zytaruk and Malin Jordan
Cloverdale Reporter

Surrey's city staff is working with the Fraser Valley Heritage Rail Society (FVHRS) to explore expanding beyond Sullivan Station into Newton.

Councillor Linda Annis's motion was passed unanimously at the city's last council meeting.

"I think it has real value from a tourism perspective," Annis said. "What a great thing to be able to come and ride the rail train from Newton and go into Cloverdale, visit Cloverdale, go to the museum, go to the truck museum, visit the whole heritage notion of Cloverdale."

"I think it will do a lot to build traffic going to Cloverdale both for retail and businesses but also making it more of a destination of historical significance."

Michael Gibbs, communications director for FVHRS and commissioner for the Surrey Heritage Advisory Committee, told the *Cloverdale Reporter* earlier this he's excited about the idea of expanding into Newton. "If you look at the Newton



Linda Annis

town plan, you'll see the station is still there. This idea's been toyed with for a few years."

A new plan for Newton was put out by the City of Surrey in July 2020. It replaced Newton's previous multi-year plan.

According to the Newton Town Centre Plan, the original Newton Station was built in 1910 (Page 12) and was part of the B.C. Electric Railway line.

The report notes if the FVHRS is expanded into Newton, then a new station would need to be built at the corner of 71st Avenue and King George.

"To enable this future service

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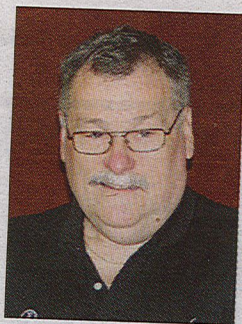
Annis: 'real value from a tourism perspective'

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extension, a future heritage rail station and spur line would be required in the BC Hydro railway right-of-way south of 71 Avenue," the report states. "As the heritage rail station would be very close in proximity to a future rapid transit station, it would also provide a regional connection (on weekends) and expand tourist opportunities for the City."

Gibbs said any delays once the plan is OK'd would likely revolve around costs to prepare the railway crossings into Newton and costs to build a new station there.

Gibbs also said at the time the FVHRS wants to refurbish Sullivan Station so it can actually be used when their trains arrive from Cloverdale Station.



Michael Gibbs

(First the railway must raise funds to put in a siding so the train can stop at the station. Right now the station is fenced off and there is no access.)

Annis noted the Fraser Valley Heritage Rail Society, formed in 2001 at council's direction, is entirely run by volunteers who donate thousands of hours each year to

operating and maintaining the rail line, which has been temporarily closed in 2020 because of the pandemic.

When the rail line is running, you can catch a 55-minute return trip departing from Cloverdale Station at Highway 10 and 176th Street to Sullivan Station at 64th Avenue and 152nd Street and back.

The society was formed to obtain and restore what remains of the BC Electric Railway Interurban trains. The original line, which still exists, carried passengers between New Westminster and Chilliwack. The BCER was incorporated in 1897.

FVHRS volunteers stand on the train platform in Cloverdale. (Photo: Malin Jordan)



Council permits second hair salon to serve liquor

Tom Zytaruk
Black Press Media

Surrey council has approved a second hair salon's request to serve liquor to its customers, this one in Cloverdale.

It did so on a five-four vote following the last public hearing before the Christmas break, with Safe Surrey Coalition members Mayor McCallum and councillors Doug Elford, Allison Patton, Laurie Guerra and Mandeep Nagra voting in favour and councillors Linda Annis, Jack Hundial, Brenda Locke and Steven Pettigrew voting against.

This latest application, for a salon at 17796 65A Ave. owned by Bayshore Canada Ventures ULC, involved rezoning the site from business park zone to comprehensive development zone to permit liquor service at The

Warehouse Hair Co. hair salon and also sought a liquor primary licence for the business for a maximum capacity of 25 people, operating from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Saturday.

"I find it odd that they would be putting a liquor primary, that's a pretty significant liquor licence to have in a place that's only ancillary," Locke said, "so I won't be supporting that. I probably would have if it wasn't a liquor primary but I'm not going to support a primary licence in that kind of facility."

Council decided last May, amid blistering opposition, to permit a South Surrey barber shop to serve liquor. In that case, applicant TPC Holdings Ltd. asked for a liquor primary licence for the Trendzone Barber Shop. at Unit 110 3211-152 St., to serve liquor as an "added ser-

vice for customers," proposing a maximum occupant load of 25 people with proposed hours of operation for alcohol service from 11 a.m. to no later than 9 p.m. Sunday through Saturday.

Clayton resident Debbie Johnstone said at the Dec. 21 public hearing that she finds it "alarming" that the Safe Surrey Coalition has put "its eggs in this basket while our public safety is in jeopardy. Yeah, let's give the liquor licence to the hairdresser but no way are we going to hire any additional RCMP officer. Not one in two years, Mr. McCallum, just where the heck are your priorities, sir?"

Annie Kaps, a resident of Cedar Hills, said she's "worried" about the precedent council set by approving the liquor licence for the barber shop in May.

Program launched Dec. 1

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started it in the summer for anyone in need."

As the fall began and COVID cases started to rise, Fraser Health started calling.

"They started calling the United Way and saying, 'Hey! How can we get food to people that are in need, but can't leave their apartment?' And so we sat down, virtually, with the United Way and started to figure out how we could do this."

Campbell said they then decided to pivot in order to help those directly affected by COVID.

That pivot created the brand new program and the United Way then began to identify people who were both low income and had tested positive for COVID, having to self-isolate, or others who simply had no friends or family who could help bring them food and other grocery items while they were sitting out life for two weeks.

Now that the COVID-hamper program is in full swing, Campbell said their weekly deliveries stretch into every corner of the city.

"We deliver to people throughout all of Surrey who can't get out. People who can't get out and get food for two weeks."

Now when Fraser Health identifies someone

who must isolate because of COVID and can't get out to buy the essentials, they contact the Community Kitchen.

"The health nurses call us," explained Campbell. "We get their addresses and then we add them to the hamper program and get food out to them as fast as we can."

Campbell said all of his COVID hamper delivery drivers are volunteers. He noted they use full PPE and all of them are trained to deliver the hampers in a safe way.

"They leave the hampers on the doorstep, or they go into apartment buildings and leave them in the front of people's doors."

He explained that most people stay on the COVID-hamper program for two to four weeks, depending on how each one is recovering.

CCK officially launched the new program Dec. 1 and it's set to run until March 31.

Campbell said they put most of the hampers together on Tuesdays and deliver them on Wednesdays and Thursdays each week. He said they give out an average of 35 hampers per week.

"On a really busy week, we can deliver up to 50 hampers."

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