



Steveston Community Society / Richmond Agricultural and Industrial Society Spring 2022 Newsletter



Volunteering in Your Community

A Message from the Society President



Ready, Set, Volunteer!

Community volunteers are at the heart of many events and organisations in Richmond. Ranging from dedicated volunteers who sit on Community Centre Boards to passionate Community Arts volunteers and ardent Recreational and Sport coaches and mentors, our community is rich in enthusiastic and steadfast volunteers.

“When we cast our bread upon the waters, we can presume that someone downstream, whose face we may never see, will benefit from our action, even as we enjoy the fruits sent to us from a donor upstream.”
~Maya Angelou

The Steveston Farmers and Artisans Market is a popular addition to our community and beginning in May volunteers will be needed to ensure the market is “fruitful” and successful.

And let’s not forget that volunteers are an important and vital necessity as we celebrate the Steveston Salmon Festival in and around the village on Canada Day.

Communities where the citizens work together and play together are healthy and safer places. Let us all gather in different places, events and activities to help keep Steveston and Richmond a wonderful place to live, work and play.

Please visit *icanhelp* Richmond (<https://icanhelp.richmond.ca>) to view the many volunteer opportunities or contact the Steveston Community Centre (604-238-8080) and staff will forward your name and details to the Market and / or Festival coordinators.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, the Society and City staff, thank you for your caring and support and your willingness to step up and give back to your community.

Concept Design for New Steveston Community Centre is Underway

In December 2016, Richmond City Council identified the replacement of the Steveston Community Centre / Branch Library as a priority project for 2016 – 2026.



The process to develop a concept design is completed; we are now in the detailed design phase.

The “needs assessment” along with the location, size and layout of the new centre and library is complete. The feedback gathered through the initial phase of the public engagement was a key component of plans including room types and spaces and will address a number of community needs.

You can visit the City’s [Major Facilities Project 2016-2026](#) site for more information about the project and engagement opportunities.

Plans detailing the process and timeline for the New Steveston Playground are also underway. This project has a planning and public consultative process and the Society will provide updates to the members as details are made available.

Spring Registration

Looking for something for yourself, your family, with a friend, or on your own: Now’s the time to check out Steveston’s Spring 2022 Program Registration Brochure.

https://www.richmond.ca/_shared/assets/ST_-_Spring_2022_Brochure60033.pdf

The Society’s Executive Members:
President: Alan Sakai
Vice President: Alan Clark
Treasurer: Jim Kojima
Secretary: Johanna Stewart
(Admin Support: Debby Newton)

Steveston Farmers and Artisans Market 2022



The 2022 Market Coordinator and her team of volunteers are well into plans for this year's Market Season. The operation of last year's Steveston Farmers & Artisans Market was held with COVID-19 public health protocols in place and the Market will be required to follow similar orders this year. The impact of these safety measures has made the need for volunteers even more critical.

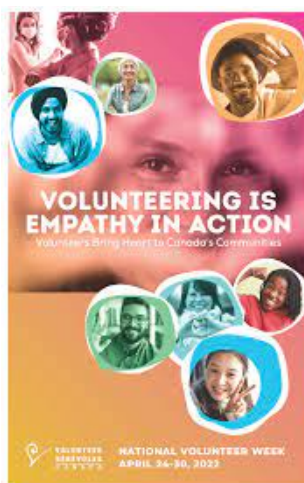
2022 Sunday Market Days
May 8 & 22 / June 5 & 19 /
July 3 & 17 / August 7 & 21 /
September 4 & 18

As in past years, the set-up and take-down of the Market requires many hands. Please consider volunteering at the 2022 Market. For more information on how you can help, send an email to the SFAM Manager: marketmanager@sfam.ca.

“If our hopes of building a better and safer world are to become more than wishful thinking, we will need the engagement of volunteers more than ever.”
~ Kofi Annan

National Volunteer Week April 24 – 30, 2022

The National Volunteer Week theme for 2022, *Volunteering Is Empathy In Action*, affirms the strong connection between volunteerism and empathy. This profoundly human connection is at the heart of healthier individuals and stronger communities.



Volunteering can help us develop empathy, to see the world through the eyes of others. It can connect people from diverse backgrounds and life experiences, expanding our views. It can build our capacity to work collectively and contribute to a vibrant, inclusive community and world.

Standing with Ukraine



As we watch events in Ukraine unfold, the power to imagine the previously unimaginable should inspire us to act differently. We are all global citizens.

How Old is Old?

The World Health Organisation (WHO) declared that 65 years old is still considered young. Before, based on the Friendly Societies Act (1875) in Britain, old was defined by age of 50. The UN has not adopted a standard, but lately 60 years old was referred to as the border age to the word “old”. Research conducted by the health organisation in 2018, based on average health quality and life expectancy, divides human age as follows:

- 0–17 years: underage*
- 18–65 years: youth / young people*
- 66–79 years: middle age*
- 80–99 years: elderly / senior*
- 100+ years: long-lived elderly*



Just how old are you? And remember, according to Joan Collins, “Age is just a number. It's totally irrelevant unless, of course, you happen to be a bottle of wine.”

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS:
The Centre and Society are always on the look-out for volunteers – The Farmers Market and Salmon Festival would love to welcome you to the joys of giving back to your community.

Steveston Salmon Festival



The Festival will be returning to Steveston in 2022, in a re-imagined way. Stay tuned for more details.

Gems of the Centre

Deep in the heart of the Village
Lies a Centre with a beating heart
And all of the staff share a vision
And each must take a part.

The goal is a thriving community
And so we each plot and plan
To ensure our success going forward
We salute where it all began.

Volunteers are the gems of the Centre
Without them we surely would fall
We rely on their wisdom and action
And are glad they answered the call.

It's a labour of love to bestow
To mentor, to aide, to donate
The hours of pure satisfaction
Are a reward that's immeasurably great.

If you too find a need to contribute
Steveston will open its door
We welcome all to the Centre
And know volunteering's no chore.

Debby Newton / March 2022

Daylight Savings Time

Why did daylight savings start?
The nominal reason for daylight saving time has long been to save energy. The time change was first instituted in the U.S. during WWI and then reinstated again during WWII, as a part of the war effort.

In Canada, daylight saving time (DST) is observed in nine of the ten provinces and two of the three

territories, though with exceptions in parts of several provinces and Nunavut.

Under the Canadian Constitution, laws related to timekeeping are a provincial and territorial matter. Most of Saskatchewan, despite geographically being in the Mountain Time Zone, observes year-round Central Standard Time (CST). In 2020, the Yukon Territory abandoned seasonal time change to permanently observe year-round Mountain Standard Time (MST).



In the regions of Canada where daylight saving time is used, it begins on the second Sunday of March at 2 a.m. and ends on the first Sunday in November at 2 a.m. As a result, daylight saving time lasts in Canada for a total of 34 weeks (238 days) every year, or about 65 percent of the entire year.

Port Arthur, Ontario (now part of Thunder Bay), was the first municipality in the world to enact daylight saving time, on July 1, 1908. (Germany later became the first country to adopt the time change, on April 30, 1916.)

April Fools' Day

What is the origin of April Fools' Day? The answer is: Nobody really knows. Some historians speculate that it dates back to

1582, when France switched from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar. In the Julian calendar, the new year began with the spring equinox around April 1. People who failed to recognise that the start of the new year had moved to January 1 and continued to celebrate it during the last week of March through April 1, became the butt of jokes and hoaxes and were called "April Fools." Historians have also linked the day to festivals such as Hilaria (Latin: *joyful*), which was celebrated in ancient Rome at the end of March by followers of the cult of Cybele. So, even historians can't pin down the origins of April Fools' Day.

Earth Day April 22, 2022

Invest in our planet and build a prosperous and equitable future.



Invest in our planet and build healthy cities, countries and economies.

At a clean-up, an Earth Day rally, with your vote, or your wallet, be heard however you are able. For all of us – today and for our future – let's **invest in our planet!**



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Steveston Community Society Application for Membership ~ 2021-2022

MISSION STATEMENT

The Steveston Community Society is an association of volunteers dedicated to maintaining a positive, pioneer “Spirit of Steveston” by providing cultural, social and recreational opportunities for all members of the community.

PERSONAL INFORMATION (“Become a Member”)

Name:		Email address:	
Address:			Suite/Unit/Apt.#
City / Province:		Postal Code:	
Tel:	Cell:	Bus:	

SKILLS AND COMMITMENT (“Join Us”)

Thank you for joining and supporting the SCS, a volunteer-driven Society. We utilise volunteers in our programs, particularly special events like the Steveston Salmon Festival (SFEST), the Steveston Farmers and Artisans Market (SFAM), etc. You don’t have to join a Committee to be involved...consider helping out as a crew member for SFEST, SFAM, or as a general volunteer at other special Society events, etc.

1. What special skills do you offer that would benefit the Society?
2. Please tell us why you are interested in being a member of the Steveston Community Society.

AREAS OF INTEREST (“Get Involved”)

Would you like more information about being on a committee* or volunteering? Yes No

*All Board and Committee members are required to successfully complete a Police Information Check (PIC)

If yes, please indicate your areas of interest:

<input type="checkbox"/> Board of Directors	<input type="checkbox"/> Parade Float	<input type="checkbox"/> SFEST Set-up / down Crew
Board Committees:	<input type="checkbox"/> Program	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Board Development & Governance	<input type="checkbox"/> Special Events	<input type="checkbox"/> SFAM Set-up / down Crew
<input type="checkbox"/> Finance	<input type="checkbox"/> Sponsorship	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Human Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> Steveston Park Upgrade	<input type="checkbox"/> General Volunteer
<input type="checkbox"/> Operations	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	_____

Please advise the best method for a member of the Executive to contact you to welcome you to the Society.

Telephone (Number above) or () Email (as noted above) or

Where did you hear about us?

The Steveston Community Society respects your privacy and adheres to all legislative requirements with respect to protecting your privacy. Please refer to the Membership Policy for further information.

Upon acceptance as a Member, you agree to abide by the Constitution, Bylaws and such policies as are established from time to time that relate to membership with the Steveston Community Society.

Applicant Signature

Date

Approved GM NVM Initial _____ Date: _____ Fee paid: \$5 N/A



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The Membership year is September 1 to August 31. The Annual General Meeting is typically held in February; however COVID-19 has necessitated several changes in how the Society reports to its membership. Some of these changes may result in a permanent change to the month in which the AGM is held.

Please refer to the Bylaws of the Steveston Community Society for detailed information regarding Membership.

Classes of Membership

There will be one (1) class of voting membership, called General Members, and one (1) class of non-voting membership, called Non-Voting Members. Membership rate for General Member is \$5.00; no fee for Non-Voting Member.

Eligibility for General Membership

A Person may be eligible to be accepted as a General Member if:

- 19 years of age or older;
- a resident of, or works in, the Steveston community or City of Richmond; and,
- interested in advancing the purposes and supporting the activities of the Society.

Eligibility for Non-Voting Membership

A Person may be eligible to be accepted as a Non-Voting Member if:

- 15 years of age or older
- not eligible as a General Member; and,
- interested in advancing the purposes and supporting the activities of the Society.

Membership not Transferable

Membership is not transferable by a Member to any other Person or entity.

Term of Membership

Once accepted as a Member, a Person continues as a Member until:

- the conclusion of the current Membership Year, unless membership is renewed in accordance with the Society Bylaws;
- or
- Membership otherwise ceases in accordance with the Society Bylaws.

Renewal of Membership

A Member, who remains eligible, may apply for renewal of his or her membership within 30 days of the conclusion of the Membership Year (September 1 to August 31) in such form and manner as may be determined by the Board from time to time. A renewal of membership must be accompanied by payment for applicable membership dues, as well as program fees owing by the Member, if any.

Rights of Members

General Member – a General Member in good standing shall have the following rights of membership:

- to receive notice of and attend all General Meetings;
- to propose Ordinary or Special Resolutions in accordance with the Society Act and these Bylaws;
- to make or second motions at a General Meeting and to speak in debate on motions under consideration in accordance with such rules of order as may be in place;
- to exercise a vote on matters for determination by Members, at General Meetings and otherwise; and,
- to hold office as a Director or elected officer of the Society.

Non-Voting Member – a Non-Voting Member in good standing shall have the following rights of membership:

- to receive notice of and attend all General Meetings; and,
- to speak in debate on motions under consideration at General Meetings in accordance with such rules of order as may be in place.

Compliance with Constitution, Bylaws and Policies

Every Member will, at all times:

- uphold the Constitution and comply with the Bylaws and the policies of the Society as established from time to time; and,
- further and not hinder the purposes, aims and objects of the Society.