



**EAST BEACHES**  
RECREATION AND  
WELLNESS COALITION INC.

## JANUARY 2009 MEMBER'S NEWSLETTER

### *We Asked for Your Opinion—WOW!*

#### **Board Members :**

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The polling results are in! We are very pleased with the response you gave us in such a short period of time. There were almost three hundred responses sent back to us within the two week period out of the nearly three thousand sent out. People responded not only from our local communities, but in some cases from winter homes in the far (warm) south.

Overall, it is abundantly clear that the vast majority of people are very passionate about the Wellness Centre. Many people provided anecdotal written responses as well which

helps us (the Board) to better understand your views and wishes. Replies varied from area to area, however you indicated that we must work closely with each of our communities to ensure your needs are met. Because of your fantastic responses, we will continue to explore all critical options for the Wellness Centre.

Once again, thank you for your participation in this polling and please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns you have.

### *Membership Renewals Now Due*

Included with this Newsletter you will find renewal forms for the 2009 membership in the East Beaches Recreation and Wellness Coalition, please take time now to fill yours out and return it along with your fees to the address on the form.

Our membership list has been critical during this entire process, and now it is even more so. Our members are entitled to:

- Receive continuous updates on our Wellness Centre progress via this newsletter
- Give direct feedback at our Annual AGM
- Vote on any critical decisions such as the location issue of our project. Even though we surveyed the entire East Beaches Community with our December Survey, any major decision will have to be decided by our membership.
- Be counted as a supporter and concerned community member regarding Wellness development in the East Beaches area.

The renewal sheet that accompanies this newsletter contains several forms. Help our project by encouraging others to become members: your spouse/partner, neighbours, friends and family.

As we enter this critical phase, we need to be able to demonstrate a strong, committed membership base. Please join now for 2009.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sat. May 23,  
2009**

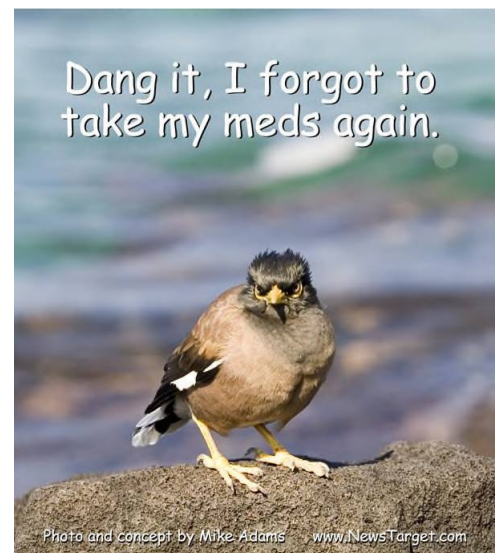
**50's & 60's  
Rock n' Roll  
Party**

**Sat. May 30,  
2009**

**AGM 2009**

**Sat. Sept. 26,  
2009**

**Ukrainian Fest**



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## Volunteer Wanted — Membership Coordinator

For the past two years our membership data base has been efficiently maintained by our Membership Coordinator Helen Hesse, however Helen is no longer able to continue in this role.

The Board is grateful for all the work that Helen has put into the membership database and will miss her greatly.

So the search is on for Helen's replacement.

Qualifications:

- Familiarity with Microsoft Excel
- Familiarity with Mail Merge
- Access to a computer

If you (or someone you know) might be able to help us please give our Membership Chairperson Dennis Wasyluniuk a call (754-2681).



## Membership Committee Initiates Email Alert System

The Membership Committee has announced that they will be developing an "Email Alert System" for the 2009 membership.

The system means that an alert will go out to all members, who have provided their email address on the membership renewal form, when there is a significant development that affects our project.

Some examples of events that would trigger an alert are:

- funding developments,
- crucial membership votes,
- significant information that has been posted on our website
- meeting and event announcements

## Are There Any Questions?

**Q** I read that the Coalition had hired a fundraiser to lead the campaign for funds for the Wellness Centre, when does he start work?

**A** Alvin Chartrand was hired by the Board and he has been on the job since December. Alvin is working closely with the Board's Capital Campaign committee, that is chaired by Audrey Litzenberger, to carefully put in place the strategies and tools for a successful campaign. Alvin, Audrey, the Committee and the Board are also working very closely together as the Board follows the advice that the community gave through the results of the December survey.

Do you have a question that was not answered in this newsletter or at the AGM because of time restraints? Send it to us and we will answer it here. We welcome any inquiries.

If you are wondering about anything related to this project or hearing anything in the community that you would like to clarify, please contact us by phone or Email.

## Coalition Fund- Raising Handmade Raffle

The Coalition's Special Events Committee has recently begun selling tickets for a "Handmade Raffle" with a first prize of a beautiful "Radiant Star" quilt that was donated to the Coalition by Louise Mitchell.

The committee is very grateful for Louise's kind gift to our cause.

Other prizes in the raffle are a handmade Afghan and a Hanging plant



Quilt Donated by Louise Mitchell

Tickets are \$1 each and are available from committee members.

The draw will be made at the May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009, **50's & 60's Rock & Roll Party**.