

Subject RE: locating historical enrolment numbers
From "Cantelon.MLA, Ron" <Ron.Cantelon.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Date Wednesday, December 15, 2010 2:43 pm
To Warren Munroe <qualicumvillage@shaw.ca>
Cc "Grey, Karen" <Karen.Grey@leg.bc.ca>

Thank you for keeping us informed of your initiatives progress . The MLA's office is a front counter office to direct and sometimes correct servicing issues and program/grants/products that impact constituents. Historical research and data collection are not within the constructs for a office with two staff and approximately 40 thousand constituents. I appreciate that you have an interest in this historical record but it would not be appropriate for MLAs staff to take on any individuals' data collection project. You can always contact Citizens Services or the Legislative Library website <http://www.leg.bc.ca/> for further information on where data may located. The larger question of policy redundancies and suggestions you have for efficiencies in data retrieval would be best directed to the Ministry of Community services . All the best Caroline

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From: Warren Munroe [mailto:qualicumvillage@shaw.ca]

Sent: December-09-10 1:20 PM

To: Cantelon.MLA, Ron

Cc: barry avis; Brad Bird; Bernice Hannam; Cilla Lewenhaupt; cora purdon; danielle gayton; dianne collery; ephesus@shaw.ca; Gaylan; hanna saefkow; Jesse Witte; jill pinkerton; karen katchur; karen zimmerman; kelly wray; lauri gwilt; Leona Matte; Lil Rasa; Lisa; louise mccormick; lynette kershaw; marie sudyko; michelle deakin; mimi shewchuk; miranda jo andersen; mirella trozzo; patti pearce; pattie brown; phil spencer; rene child; ruth mandt; sandy collery; Fraser, Scott; tim daniel; scott munro; Visitor Centre; ryan lay; Candice Morgan; Eve Flynn; Bernice Hannam; Graham Roberts; Gillian Wilson; Grey, Karen

Subject: locating historical enrolment numbers

Hello Mr. Cantelon and Ms. Waters,

After writing the following letter, I received some enrolment numbers from Ms. Morgan. Nonetheless, I would like to let you know how the search for the full dataset, as per your directions last week, has gone to date....

On behalf of citizens concerned about the proposed closure of the only high school in the Town of Qualicum Beach, I would like to thank you for your suggestions regarding where the enrolment numbers (used to justify the closure) may be.

Please recall the requests were

- 1) How do we get to see the historical enrolment numbers? (going back to at least 1983 when KSS opened)?, and
- 2) Are they kept at the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Citizens' Services, or at another location?

...and your reply was

- 1) contact a research librarian,
- 2) use the Internet or web to search for data from sources like BC Stats, Canada Census, and agencies (births and deaths) including NGO's, and
- 3) VIRL has a very broad database and our local Librarians are very highly skilled archivists and may be able to direct your search.

I contacted the Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL) and they researched our request and called back to say that they searched the Internet to no avail but they suggested that I contact the BC Ministry of Education.

The BC Ministry of Education was very helpful and suggested that the enrolment numbers since 1983 maybe in the BC Legislative Library. As I understand it, this library is for public servants and ministers but not open to the public.

Also, as you can appreciate, this search for relevant, public data is resulting in many people doing the same searches over and over again, to no avail. Indeed, I had already searched the internet and only found what you had found ... BC Stats has the enrolment numbers online but only since 2005.

As well, people in school districts across the province, are doing the same searches with the same difficulties. Cumulatively, this redundancy is substantial and deserves correction.

As a Member of the Legislative Assembly, perhaps you could recommend to the appropriate body (e.g. The Ministry of Citizens' Services?) that the BC School District historical enrolment numbers be located and made available so that people across the province, in any school district can access the enrolment numbers.

Please understand, it is important to look at the enrolment numbers as far back as possible, before considering options such as closures. In this manner, issues of class size and course availability, as well as utilization rates can be considered in light of full information.

Thank you for helping us stay informed.

Sincerely,

Warren Munroe

----- Original Message -----

From: "Cantelon.MLA, Ron" <Ron.Cantelon.MLA@leg.bc.ca>

Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2010 10:48 am

Subject: RE: thank you for helping find the historical enrollment numbers

To: Warren Munroe <qualicumvillage@shaw.ca>

Cc: Candice Morgan <cmorgan@sd69.bc.ca>, "Grey, Karen" <Karen.Grey@leg.bc.ca>

> Your request for some research you need on historical numbers
> may be best served by contacting a research librarian or using
> the Internet or web to search for data, from sources like BC
> Stats, Canada Census, and agencies (births and deaths) including
> NGO's that may be able to provide numbers that you can
> extrapolate your data questions and research requirements
> from the compiled information. VIRL has a very broad database and
> our local Librarians are very highly skilled archivists and may
> be able to direct your search.

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> From: Warren Munroe [mailto:qualicumvillage@shaw.ca]

> Sent: November-26-10 3:06 PM

> To: Cantelon.MLA, Ron

> Cc: barry avis; Bernice Hannam; Cilla Lewenhaupt; cora purdon;

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> saefkow; Jesse Witte; jill pinkerton; karen katchur; karen

> zimmerman; kelly wray; lauri gwilt; Leona Matte; Lil Rasa; Lisa;

> louise mccormick; lynette kershaw; marie sudyko; michelle

> deakin; mimi shewchuk; miranda jo andersen; mirella trozzo;

> patti pearce; pattie brown; phil spencer; reate child; ruth

> mandt; sandy collery; Fraser, Scott; tim daniel; scott munro;

> Visitor Centre; ryan lay; Candice Morgan; Eve Flynn; Bernice

> Hannam; Graham Roberts; Gillian Wilson; ERIC VAUSE; Grey, Karen;

> Waters, Caroline

> Subject: thank you for helping find the historical enrollment numbers

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> Thank you Mr. Cantelon, for making an effort to help us find the

> historical enrollment numbers. This is the kind of responsive

> representation that promotes good relations between tax payers

> and the public service and is an important step towards building

> trust.
> Also, I am very pleased to see that an effort is being made by
> BC Stats to make the enrollment numbers available via the
> internet; however, currently, the numbers only go back to 2005.
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> We look forward to the full historical dataset being made
> available online as soon as possible. Among other things, this
> will help to reframe the chart used to justify the
> recommendations to close KSS (see attachment)
>
> How do we get to see the historical enrollment numbers prior to
> 2004? Are they kept at the Ministry of Education, the Ministry
> of Citizens' Services, or at another location?
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> As you can appreciate, in order to make informed decisions
> during the public consultation process, we benefit from full
> information.
> Thank you for helping us stay informed.
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> Sincerely,
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> Warren Munroe
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> Subject
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> <http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/data/lss/social.asp#educ>
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> These are the statistics we found that are available through the
> Ministry website. Thank you for contacting the MLA with your
> enquiries.
> Caroline Waters
> Constituency Assistant
> Ron Cantelon MLA
> 100 east Jensen Avenue
> www.roncantonmla.bc.ca
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> ----- Original Message -----
> From: "Cantelon.MLA, Ron" <Ron.Cantelon.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
> Date: Monday, November 15, 2010 11:50 am
> Subject: RE: Consultation process to address enrollment
> fluctuations rather than enrollment decline
> To: Warren Munroe <qualicumvillage@shaw.ca>
> Cc: "Grey, Karen" <Karen.Grey@leg.bc.ca>
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>> Thank you; your questions and enquires should be directed
>> at the appropriate and legally elected representatives and their
>> organization regarding any local, general information ,
>> educational statistics and or policy questions. Your Board of
>> Education are duly elected and charged with the legal
>> responsibility to make decisions for students education in your
>> area. The Board Chair Eve Flynn or the representative in your
>> community elected by the residents of Qualicum is Inez
>> Hutchinson. Both will undoubtedly be able to answer your
>> questions about the language and broader issues of SD 69
>> policy that you seem interested in discussing.
>> [cid:image001.jpg@01CB84BA.254B0C90]
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> > From: Warren Munroe [mailto:qualicumvillage@shaw.ca]
> > Sent: November-12-10 11:12 AM
> > To: Cantelon.MLA, Ron
> > Cc: barry avis; Bernice Hannam; Cilla Lewenhaupt; cora purdon;
> > danielle gayton; dianne collery; ephesus@shaw.ca; Gaylan; hanna
> > saefkow; Janet Dunnett; Jesse Witte; jill pinkerton; karen
> > katchur; karen zimmerman; kelly wray; lauri gwilt; Leona Matte;
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> > michelle deakin; mimi shewchuk; miranda jo andersen; mirella
> > trozzo; patti pearce; pattie brown; phil spencer; rene child;
> > ryan lay; ruth mandt; sandy collery; Fraser, Scott; tim daniel;
> > scott munro; Visitor Centre; Eve Flynn; Bernice Hannam; Graham
> > Roberts; Gillian Wilson; Candice Morgan
> > Subject: Consultation process to address enrollment fluctuations
> > rather than enrollment decline
> >

> > Thank you for your considerate reply Mr. Cantelon,
> >

> > We share the goal of working together to provide the best
> > education experience for all of our students. This goal
> > benefits from the legitimate requirement to use a proper public
> > consultation process when considering closing schools.
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> > Regarding your statement,
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> > "... the School District consultative process to address
> > declining enrollment."
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> > ...since the enrollment will likely increase again, (please see
> > the article for the Beacon, May 2008, "School Age
> > Population Change in BC and Canada, 1971 to 2007", at
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> > <http://www.wminfomatics.com/WManalytics/Articles/080515/SchoolAge1.html>), may I suggest, the
School District consultative process should also address the times when there are stable as well as
increases in enrollment, rather than only the times when there are declines.
> >

> > Therefore, may I suggest it is more accurate for ...
> >

> > "...the School District consultative process to address
> > fluctuating enrollment."
> >

> > Indeed, the School District consultative process to address
> > fluctuating enrollment, provides an excellent education
> > experience for all of our students, as well as the public.
> > Learning about making decisions, using a proper consultation
> > process with access to full information, is an excellent
> > learning opportunity.
> >

> > To date, we have only received paper copies of enrollment
> > numbers since 2004. You may find it interesting (as many
> > citizens do) that when KSS opened, the grade 12 enrollment was

> > approximately 75 students, or approximately half the current
> > number of students, and lower than the forecasts.
> >
> > In an effort to provide the best education experience for all of
> > our students, as well as to provide full information to the
> > public, access to the requested enrollment numbers is a
> > necessary starting point. We certainly do not want to be
> > closing schools after looking at only a small portion of the
> > enrollment numbers. Making decisions in this manner would not
> > provide a good example for the students.

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> > Could you, as our Member of the Legislative Assembly, please
> > help provide
> > 1) the enrollment numbers for the high school slated for
> > closure, namely Kwalikum Secondary School (KSS), as well as
> > 2) the enrollment numbers for all grades in the Qualicum School
> > District (69), since numbers have been kept.

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> > Thank you very much for your commitment to provide the best
> > education experience for all of our students, including the
> > School District consultative process.

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> > Sincerely,
> >
> > Warren Munroe

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> > ----- Original Message -----

> > From: "Cantelon.MLA, Ron" <Ron.Cantelon.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
> > Date: Monday, November 8, 2010 11:59 am
> > Subject: RE: access to educational facilities
> > To: Warren Munroe <qualicumvillage@shaw.ca>
> > Cc: "Grey, Karen" <Karen.Grey@leg.bc.ca>

> >
> > > Thank you for your message regarding the School District
> > > consultative process to address declining enrollment .The Board
> > > of Education has extended the consultation and input
> > > timeline to
> > > allow broader dialogue opportunities for parents in our schools
> > > to discuss impacts to learning in all the schools in the
> > > district. The goal for all our elected Board of Education is to
> > > provide the best education experience for all of our students.
> > > You can contact your representative at the SD69 website
> > > www.sd69.bc.ca or by mail; Qualicum School District No. 69 | 100
> > > East Jensen Avenue, PO Box 430, Parksville, BC V9P 2G5 | 250-
> > > 248-4241

> > > [cid:image003.jpg@01CB7F3C.714DCAC0]

> > > Thank you Ron Cantelon

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> > > From: Warren Munroe [mailto:qualicumvillage@shaw.ca]

> > > Sent: November-07-10 7:18 AM

> > > To: Cantelon.MLA, Ron

> > > Cc: barry avis; Bernice Hannam; Cilla Lewenhaupt; cora purdon;
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> > > trozzo; patti pearce; pattie brown; phil spencer; rene child;
> > > ruth mandt; sandy collery; Fraser, Scott; tim daniel; scott
> > > munro; "Visitor Centre info"@qualicum.bc.ca; Eve Flynn; Bernice
> > > Hannam; Graham Roberts; Gillian Wilson; Candice Morgan
> > > Subject: access to educational facilities

> > >

> > > Hello Mr. Cantelon,

> > >

> > > I am sending a copy of an email (see emails below) to you
> from a

> > > person who spoke with you about the proposal to close the high
> > > school in Qualicum Beach.

> > >

> > > The author points out that, like myself and many others, access
> > > to educational facilities for our children is an important part
> > > of our decision to move to the town.

> > >

> > > Please understand that some people, especially parents with
> > > children of school age, prefer to move to towns with schools.

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> > > Yours truly,

> > >

> > > Warren Munroe

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> > > Subject

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> > > RE:

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>>> Date

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>>> Friday, November 5, 2010 10:11 pm

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>>> To

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> qualicumvillage@shaw.ca<java_script:addSender(%22qualicumvillage@shaw.ca%22)>>> >

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>>> Hi Warren,

>>> I can tell you that KSS played a huge part in our decision

>>> to move here, and I can also tell you that I told Ron Cantelon

>>> the very same thing after the meeting at KSS. You'll

>>> recall he spoke, and afterwards I approached him to tell him

>>> that (a) notwithstanding the comments he made at the meeting as

>>> far as I he was concerned he was very much involved in this

>>> issue (b) I thought that the Matrix report was a snow job , and

>>> (c) KSS played a big part in our decision to move here.

>>> There were other parents that I met at that meeting who also

>>> told me they would not have come to QB if they thought KSS was

>>> going to be closed. I wish I had taken their names and

>>> contact info. I've also spoken with another family with

>>> young children that said they would consider leaving if KSS

>>> goes. I know I would start looking at opportunities

> elsewhere.>> Ron also gave the impression that he agreed with

> my assessment

>>> of the Matrix report. So I'm not sure where Ron Cantelon is

>>> coming from on this, but it would be nice to know. His

>>> publicly declared non-position seemed odd to me, and his

>>> comments to the Mayor make it seem even stranger. If he

>>> really doesn't want to get involved or doesn't care, that's

>>> fine. But if that is the case, I am surprised to learn he

>>> has such well defined views on whether or not KSS is a

>>> consideration when families are thinking about coming to QB.

>>> I'll check out the Beacon this weekend. See you Monday.

>>> -Ryan

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>>> Date: Fri, 5 Nov 2010 13:40:47 -0700

>>> From: qualicumvillage@shaw.ca

>>> Subject:

>>> To: robertryanlay@hotmail.com

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>>> Hello Ryan,

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>>> We just spoke and I look forward to meeting with you on Monday,

>>> Novemebr 8, at the QF cafe upstairs at 10am.

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>>> We have yet to receive the enrollment numbers, but the Mayor

>>> showed me a report with more years of data then I've seen

>>> before; nonetheless, I do look forward to seeing the full

>>> dataset from the School District....step by step.

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>>> Also, I should mention that the Mayor said he had a meeting with

>>> the MLA Ron Cantalon who did not agree with the Mayor that

>>> people consider the High school when moving to Qualicum

>>> Beach. It made a difference to me, and many others I have

>>> spoken to.

>>>

>>> Grab a copy of the Beacon for an article about the numbers.

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>>> Warren

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