



INSIDE FEATURE: New Hyack Square opens **DP3**

YOUR SOURCE FOR LOCAL SPORTS, NEWS, WEATHER AND ENTERTAINMENT! : WWW.ROYALCITYRECORD.COM

**DCITY**

# Save those loonies

City's parking meters will be in effect on Sundays, holidays

BY JENNIFER MOREAU REPORTER  
 jmoreau@royalcityrecord.com

Start stashing your loose change. The days of free Sunday parking in New Westminster are numbered.

At the June 22 council meeting, councillors went ahead with a plan that will see meters in effect seven days a week and on statutory holidays.

The rationale is that charging on Sundays and holidays will help free up parking spots as meters encourage turnover.

Parking meters are now in effect from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Saturday.

There are roughly 1,300 parking meters throughout New Westminster, and most are in the commercial areas where the demand for curbside parking is high. Metered parking costs \$1.10 to \$1.35 per hour, depending on the area. The city expects the new rules will bring in another \$150,000 a year, minus costs of \$10,000 to \$13,000 to have someone check the meters on Sundays.

In a Feb. 19 report to council, parking services supervisor Dave Cole outlined the reasons behind the move.

"If seven-day parking were to be implemented, churchgoers, restaurants, merchants and hospital visitors will all benefit,"

**DParking Page 8**



Photos by Lisa King/THE RECORD

**Celebrations:** Carol Wierzbicki, Carol McLintock and Marg Ashdown offer up can-can dancing as the 12th Street Merchants' Association gets into the spirit of the trolley tour. Below, Dave Quinn of Razzmajazz entertains at one of the trolley stops on Sixth Street.



# Trolley tour explores neighbourhoods

BY THERESA MCMANUS REPORTER  
 tmcmanus@royalcityrecord.com

Hundreds of Royal City residents learned about the city's history during the heritage neighbourhood trolley tour.

The June 20 tour, which is one of the events being held as part of the City of New Westminster's 150th anniversary celebrations, allowed residents to hop on and off trolleys that made stops throughout the city. Along the way, participants picked up some historical facts about the city and enjoyed entertainment at various stops.

"We had over 1,000 people participate," said Jennifer Peyton, the city's celebrations coordinator. "The seven stops and the entertainment were really good."

Rob McCullough, curator of the New Westminster Museum and Archives, researched and prepared scripts that were used by guides along the tour routes. Peyton said she's received "huge accolades" for the tour guides.

"People told me over and over how great the tour guides were, the information they had," she said. "It was a really excellent day and a great way to celebrate New Westminster's 150th anniversary."

Stephanie Erdelyi, who was born and raised in New Westminster, was one of the residents who enjoyed the tour.

"I thought it was great. Even though I grew up in New West, there was so much about the city I didn't know. There is a lot

**DTrolley Page 8**

## Trolley: Tour shared history of the city

*continued from page 1*

I found out," she said. "I was just disappointed that I didn't get to go on all the routes."

Blair Fryer, the city's communications manager, was one of the tour guides for the trolley tour. He enjoyed learning, and sharing, information about New Westminster's history.

"I had a blast," he said. "It was a great experience. It was wonderful interacting with New Westminster residents and visitors alike, and really learning and sharing the wonderful history of New Westminster."

In addition to trolley rides and entertainment at stops along the way, the tour included a boat ride on the Fraser River, which was provided by Paddlewheeler River Boat Tours.

The boat ride was intended to shuttle passengers from the Quay to Queensborough, but logs and river debris accumulated near the docking spot in Queensborough so that turned out not to be possible.

For more about the trolley tour, see Theresa McManus's *Only in New West* blog. Follow the link under Blogs on The Record's website, which is at [www.royalcityrecord.com](http://www.royalcityrecord.com).