

The E.S.L. News for March 21st.

Story One

Construction will cause delays along the Burrard Street corridor for the next eighteen months. The City of Vancouver is spending thirty-five million dollars on construction and repair of water and sewer pipes, and also street updates from Davie Street to West 16th Avenue. There will also be repairs to the Burrard Bridge. Cyclists and pedestrians will have access to the Burrard Bridge during construction. One lane will be open in each direction until the end of June. In the summer, there will be full road closures south of Broadway.

Story Two: Now on to police news.

The police have charged a thirty-eight-year-old Port Coquitlam man with fraud and possessing fake identity documents. A mother and daughter reported to the police that the man had sold them fake tickets to the March 11th Justin Bieber concert. The man had sold them the tickets on the Kijiji website. He had used the name "Joey". Police think he may have sold more fraudulent tickets. If you think you have purchased fraudulent tickets the police want you to call 604-945-1550 and use the file number 2016-7605 to report the sale.

Story Three: Moving on to local news.

The City of Vancouver and Canadian Pacific railway have reached an historic deal. The City has agreed to buy the Arbutus corridor from C.P. Rail for fifty-five million dollars. The nine kilometre corridor is an old railway line which runs from False Creek to the Fraser River along Arbutus Street in Vancouver's west side. The railway line hadn't been used by trains for many years and many local people have put in gardens on the unused property. Vancouver's mayor, Gregor Robinson, said the

Arbutus corridor will become a public green-way for pedestrians and cyclists and a new light-rail transit line.

Story Four: Now on to government news.

Next week, Parliament will announce the Canadian Government's budget for 2016. In the budget, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau will return the age of retirement to sixty-five years old. In 2012, Stephen Harper's Conservative government had decided to slowly raise the age that Canadians could apply for Old Age Security payments to sixty-seven. The U.S., Australia, the U.K., and many countries in Europe are raising their age of retirement. In Canada, keeping the retirement at sixty-five will help all Canadians and especially help low-income seniors.