



Japanese Canadian Citizens Association

Greater Vancouver Chapter

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING ON REDRESS

FROM: THE JCCA REDRESS STEERING COMMITTEE

TO: THE GREATER VANCOUVER JAPANESE CANADIAN COMMUNITY

This notice is a reminder that the next meeting of the JCCA Redress Steering Committee is scheduled for MONDAY, JULY 30th 7:30 PM, at the Japanese Language School, 475 Alexander Street.

Those who attended the previous meeting on July 9th were pleased with the Agenda and encouraged further similar meetings to increase community involvement in the JCCA redress program.

Charles Kadota, JCCA President, opened the meeting by emphasizing that the redress issue involves all generations of our community and that we should pool our resources and unify our efforts to resolve it co-operatively. He urged us to avoid confrontations that will destroy our community and to commit ourselves to a process of dialogue and decision-making based upon democratic principles. A lasting resolution to the redress issue must take into consideration the needs and views of a wide cross-section of our community.

After Mr. Kadota's well-spoken remarks, the Steering Committee presented a news update on the current situation with the government and the National Association of Japanese Canadians (the NAJC). The Minister of Multiculturalism, David Collenette, recently stated that Prime Minister John Turner is willing to meet with the NAJC to discuss the NAJC's request for a commitment from the government to negotiate a "just and honourable" settlement of the NAJC's redress claim. This decision is in direct contrast to former Prime Minister Trudeau's statement that he does not favour compensation for Japanese Canadians. The change in attitudes indicates that Prime Minister Turner is much more sympathetic to the NAJC's position that the government should acknowledge the injustices suffered by Japanese Canadians and agree to negotiate with the NAJC to resolve the redress issue.

The NAJC update was followed by an update on the JCCA redress program. At present, the JCCA Redress Steering Committee is preparing a proposal for the formation of a Vancouver JCCA Redress Committee to represent Japanese Canadians in the Greater Vancouver area. In doing so, we are asking for views and support from all members of our community.

Two local events of immediate interest, which are being organized by the Steering Committee, were announced:

- 1) "Redress for Japanese Canadians: A Community Forum", a public meeting on redress, is scheduled for Friday evening, August 3rd, at the Japanese Language School. The program will feature a panel discussion on redress with Tom Shoyama, David Suzuki, Joy Kogawa, and Ann Sunahara. Tim Otani, a representative from the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) will be present to report on recent developments in the Japanese American redress movement. There will also be updates on the Japanese Canadian redress program.
- 2) A JCCA Booth displaying community projects and activities supported by the JCCA is planned for the Powell Street Festival (August 4-5). Members of the Steering Committee will be at the booth to answer questions on redress and to distribute written information.

The meeting ended with a lively and informative question and answer period. A number of useful recommendations for organizing the JCCA redress program were offered. Some members stated that our community needs some printed material explaining the major reasons why the Japanese Canadian community is seeking redress at this time. To handle this request, the Steering Committee is presently preparing a pamphlet on redress issues, which will be published in both Japanese and English for distribution within our community. A draft of this Pamphlet will be ready for the July 30th meeting.

The Agenda of the July 30th meeting will also include discussion of a proposed JCCA Redress Committee to be formed this September. The Steering Committee welcomes advice on this matter. Come out and give us your views on the kind of JCCA Redress Committee you think will represent the interests and concerns of all generations in our community. The meeting will be conducted in both English and Japanese.

Unfortunately, the current bus strike prevented some members of our community from coming to the July 9th meeting. Volunteer drivers are available for the July 30th meeting. If you would like to be driven to and from the meeting, please call Irene Nemeth (926-0942) or Lillian Kadota (261-7478).

To those who attended the last meeting on July 9th, try to bring out some friends and relatives to the July 30th meeting. Everyone is welcome. For more information, please call Roy Miki (732-7760) or Irene Nemeth (926-0942); in Japanese, call Tatsuo Kage (324-1254).

If you attend the Powell Street Festival (August 4-5) at Oppenheimer Park, drop by the JCCA booth at the Powell Street Festival and talk to us.

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