

## ***TEEN SCENE***

### **New Westminster City Council Meeting**

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1. Young people across the city are getting excited about the opening of the new Youth Centre. Construction is on schedule with the official opening expected this summer. The youth facility task force has currently raised 55,000 dollars of their 200,000 dollar goal so far to equip and furnish the Youth Centre and welcomes more donations. For more information visit: [www.youthcentreatmoodypark.ca](http://www.youthcentreatmoodypark.ca)
2. The Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament is a chance to meet youth from around the region who share a common interest in politics. This is a great leadership opportunity for New Westminster youth to experience our parliamentary system. Members give back to the community with service projects throughout the year. For more information visit: [www.bryp.org](http://www.bryp.org)
3. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, is a self directed development program for young people age 14 to 25. The award was founded by His Royal Highness, Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh in 1956 and has developed into one of the world's most prestigious youth programs. Over 36,000 young people across Canada are involved with the program and the awards component is searching for more participants from New Westminster. For more information, check out their website at: [www.dukeofed.org/bcyukon](http://www.dukeofed.org/bcyukon)
4. The British Columbia Girls choir is based in New Westminster and brings the "joy of music" to communities throughout the province. This award winning choir is for girls between the ages of 5 to 25. The choir performs a variety of international music in addition to Canadian works, fostering respect and appreciation of music from around the globe. They have performed in countries around the world and even for the Prime Minister of Canada! If you are interested in joining the British Columbia Girls Choir contact: [\(604\) 542 – 1698](tel:6045421698)
5. At this time of year, everyone is excited about the arrival of someone who comes only once a year, the Easter bunny! And like every year, Easter in Queen's Park is a great way to kick off the spring season. This event is a fun way for youth to get involved in their community. If you are interested in volunteering contact: [\(604\) 519 – 1023](tel:6045191023)
6. The Rotary Club of New Westminster is searching for young people aged 16 to 18 with leadership potential to participate in the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA). RYLA is an intensive leadership program for community youth leaders. Selected youth will attend an all-expense-paid camp this April where they will learn leadership skills that can be applied in the community, career and everyday life. For more information visit: [www.Rotary.org](http://www.Rotary.org)