

## TEEN SCENE

### New Westminster City Council Meeting

April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Ceilidh Millar- Youth Reporter for Teen Scene

**1. B.C. Youth Week May 1 - 7, 2011** - Youth Week is an international celebration of youth held annually during the first week of May. It is a week of fun, interaction and celebration intended to build a strong connection between young people and their communities and to profile the issues, accomplishments and diversity of youth across the province. The City of New Westminster annually recognizes youth that have made a positive contribution in the following categories:

1. Adult Ally Award
2. Youth Group Award
3. Youth Arts Award
4. Youth Volunteer Award
5. Youth Leadership Award

To nominate a New Westminster youth, go to the city's website. Nominees will be recognized at the Youth Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011. **Nomination Deadline: April 22, 2011.**  
[www.newwestcity.ca](http://www.newwestcity.ca)

### **2. Youthink Magazine Recruiting Writers -**

- \* Is writing your passion?
- \* Are you reliable?
- \* Do you have a positive attitude?
- \* Are you persistent?
- \* Are you good with deadlines?
- \* Do you get high marks in English and writing classes?

Youthink is a magazine for teens, written by teens. They are currently looking for new student journalists to join their team! If you're in grade 8 to 11 and would like to apply to be a writer, email Youthink's assistant editor, Oliver Lam. [oliver@youthink.ca](mailto:oliver@youthink.ca)

**3. The G(irls) 20 Summit 2011 – Oct. 18-20, Paris, France** - The G(irls) 20 Summit is a global and viral campaign to raise awareness of the potential for women to be agents of economic prosperity, social responsibility and stability as well as political change in their communities and modeled after the G20 Summit. You could be a voice representing the 3.3 billion girls and women around the world. The goal is to ensure that the role of girls and women claims a place on future G 20 agendas. The G(irls) 20 Summit is an exceptional opportunity for your opinions to be heard and ultimately, translated into policy. If you are a young woman 18-20 years old, you can apply to be Canada's delegate. One delegate will be selected from each of the G20 countries. All expenses are covered for the selected representatives including travel, accommodations, visas and meals.

For more information on how you can be part of this social movement contact:

[www.girlsandwomen.com](http://www.girlsandwomen.com) **Application Deadline: April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

**4. 2011 Maple Leaf Youth Awards** – The Canadian Club of Vancouver promotes Canadian identity and nurtures a sense of nationhood. To instill pride of Canada, they've launched the Canadian Club's Maple Leaf Youth Awards. These awards recognize exemplary achievements of students and youth in our communities in the following areas:

- \* Arts
- \* Community Service
- \* Athletics

Grade 10 to 12 students may apply. **Applications must be received by April 26, 2011.** For information contact: [www.canadianclubvancouver.com](http://www.canadianclubvancouver.com)

**5. Rotary Adventures in Citizenship Award – Ottawa May, 2011** - Every year, the Rotary's Adventure in Citizenship Program invites 220 youth between the ages of 16 and 19 to meet in the Capital and get to know their fellow Canadians from different provinces and territories and share in their cultures, languages and lifestyles. The young Canadians who participate in this program get a privileged glimpse into the inner workings of our democratic institutions with tours, briefings, discussions and debates, along with various meetings with political leaders and senior officials.

I wish to thank The Rotary Club of New Westminster for sponsoring myself and 2 other New Westminster Secondary students to represent our city in Ottawa. The program is hosted by The Rotary Club of Ottawa and we are looking forward to the wonderful activities and events they have planned for the lucky participants!

For information on how you can get involved with Rotary Youth Programs, contact:

[www.royalcityrotary.ca](http://www.royalcityrotary.ca)

**6. Grease Update** – New Westminster Secondary’s Musical Grease was an outstanding success! The staff and students of NWSS’s Performing Arts Department wish to thank the community of New Westminster in supporting the production and filling Massey Theatre for all 4 performances! Stay tuned for their next musical, coming in 2013!