



Interview with Mary Lumby by Kathy Bossort January 8, 2016 - Track 3

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Repository:	City of Burnaby Archives
Summary:	This portion of the interview is about Mary Lumby talking about the link between the communities of Forest Hills and Forest Grove, about Forest Grove Elementary School, and about how residents advocated for community services, particularly parks for children. She talks about how neighbourhood design balances protecting the natural environment with needed community services, and the problem of isolation for the communities.
Date Range:	1983-2003
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Name:	Forest Grove Elementary School Burnaby Mountain Conservation Area
Subject:	Public Services - Municipal Services Geographic Features - Neighbourhoods Geographic Features - Parks Persons - Volunteers
Geographic Access:	Burnaby - Burnaby Mountain Burnaby - Forest Hills Burnaby - Forest Grove Burnaby - Burnaby Mountain Conservation Area
Planning Study Area:	Lake City Area
Interviewer:	Bossort, Kathy
Interview Date:	January 8, 2016
Scope and Content:	Recording is of an interview with Mary Lumby conducted by Kathy Bossort. Mary Lumby was one of 23 participants interviewed as part of the Community Heritage Commission's Burnaby Mountain Oral History Project. The interview is mainly about Mary Lumby's experience living in Forest Hills, raising her children there, and her involvement in community groups and advocating for improved community services in the Forest Hills and Forest Grove neighbourhoods, and her later move to UniverCity. She talks about the history of the Forest Hills subdivision and what she liked about living there, its links with Forest Grove, and challenges facing both communities as a result of their isolation. Her description of living in UniverCity provides an interesting comparison in how community is created. Mary Lumby also talks about her teaching career, her volunteer activities especially related to the environment, the relationship Trans Mountain tank farm had with adjacent neighbourhoods when she lived in Forest Hills, and what the Burnaby Mountain Conservation Area means to her.
Biographical Notes:	Mary Lumby was born in Vancouver B.C. She moved to Burnaby and the Parkcrest area in 1977, and then to the new Forest Hills subdivision. Later she moved into another developing community, UniverCity, at the top of Burnaby Mountain and adjacent to the Simon Fraser University campus. Mary has been an active community member, volunteer and community advocate. She has been particularly interested in environmental issues, as a teacher, volunteer coordinator for civic events, and citizen representative on Burnaby's Environment Committee. She continues to be active in community affairs and enjoys living on Burnaby Mountain.
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Interviewee Name:	Lumby, Mary M.
Interview Location:	Mary Lumby's home in Burnaby
Interviewer Bio:	Kathy Bossort is a retired archivist living in Ladner, BC. She worked at the Delta Museum and Archives after graduating from SLAIS (UBC) in 2001 with Masters degrees in library science and archival studies. Kathy grew up in Calgary, Alberta, and, prior to this career change, she lived in the West Kootenays, earning her living as a cook for BC tourist lodges and work camps. She continues to be interested in oral histories as a way to fill the gaps in the written record and bring richer meaning to history.
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