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Spring has arrived in the Cut Flower Garden with a spray of hot pink cyclamen coum, crocus and snowdrops (2013)

Her Honour

The Honourable Judith Guichon, OBC

Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia

Thank You and Miscellany

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A film revisited. We recently sat again to view "The Gathering Storm", a superb characterization of Winston Churchill's discouraging years in the 1930's.

He was out of the U.K. government and a lone voice warning against the rising power of the German military power. The situation is well-known to all.

What one can marvel at again is the work of Albert Finney and his portrayal of Churchill. In our view, it stands as very special!

The Year of the Horse. Chinese New Year is the longest and most important celebration in the Chinese calendar. The Chinese year 4712 begins on Jan. 31, 2014, the Year of the Horse.

Chinese months are reckoned by the lunar calendar, with each month beginning on the darkest day. New Year festivities traditionally start on the first day of the month and continue until the fifteenth, when the moon is brightest. In China, people may take weeks of holiday from work to prepare for and celebrate the New Year.

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Orders of the Day was conceived, named and produces in its early stages by Bob McClelland, former MLA and cabinet minister, following his retirement from office.

Vancouver Social Service Agencies call for made in B.C. social policy framework

by Craig East

Five of metro Vancouver's largest social service agencies are calling for a province wide discussion to create Social Policy Framework that would define how we can build better lives for our children, our parents, and ourselves.

At a meeting organized by Board Voice, the boards of Family Services of Greater Vancouver, Greater Vancouver Community Services Society, Options Community Services of Surrey, Pacific Community Resources, and PLEA Community Services jointly drafted and approved *There is a Better Way*.

The statement calls on community leaders and provincial and municipal governments to partner with the social services, health care, justice, and education sectors to begin a conversation with British Columbians to create a plan to meet our social needs now and into the future.

"We believe how we as people, as communities, as organizations and governments respond to the needs of our children, our aging parents, new immigrants and victims of violence defines us," says Michael Davis, a Director of Family Services of Greater Vancouver. "We are calling for

a vision that will guide all the people that work to make our lives better."

The statement points out that virtually every family in the province will access social services at some point in their lifetime. The services that are trying to address some of the most pressing social issues cross ministerial silos, bridge across the government, non-profit and corporate sectors, and lack a common vision.

"The needs are increasing while resources get tighter," says Carol Matusicky, the Chair of Board Voice. "We think a well-developed social policy framework that is pragmatic in delivery and measured by outcomes could streamline delivery of critical services and improve the results for those who need it most."

Board Voice will be talking to service delivery and government partners to build support for the province-wide initiative.

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