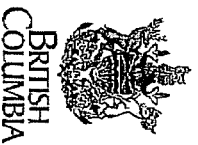


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**A MESSAGE FROM PREMIER GORDON CAMPBELL**

The Vancouver we live in owes much of its vibrancy and livability to Walter Hardwick. We could have become an ordinary city but Walter was not about to let that happen.

From his first years at UBC's Department of Geography, to his participation in the Vancouver Urban Futures projects in the 70's and 80's, to his publications laying the groundwork for Simon Fraser University and the province's network of community colleges, there are very few areas of Vancouver life that have not been touched by his vision and foresight.

Walter loved cities. He understood what they offered us all as cultural and economic places where we could all learn from one another. As a leader of Vancouver City Council, he initiated the transformation of False Creek to a unique neighbourhood of shops, restaurants and urban housing. As a provincial deputy minister, he was responsible for establishing the Open Learning Institute and the Knowledge Network, which firmly established the province's distance education system.

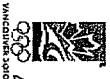
Walter received many awards and all reflected the gift he gave us all.

His sense of humour, his enthusiasm for new ideas, his constant quest for understanding, all defined his contribution to all of us. Walter's legacy is all around us. I am fortunate enough to have learned from him as well as to count him as a friend and a mentor.

For me Walter will always be a teacher. Standing at the front of the lecture hall, standing in front of his red council chair in Vancouver's council chambers, hands moving, how the brimming with colour at his chin, teaching us all to think beyond our selves and what is, to what could be. Opening our eyes to possibility. As you share in your own memories of this outstanding British Columbian, I know you will be celebrating Walter's extraordinary life and the contributions.

To all of Walter's family, thank you for sharing his time, his energies and his imagination with us. Our prayers are with you. Walter Hardwick's memory lives on in the life of the great city he helped to create.

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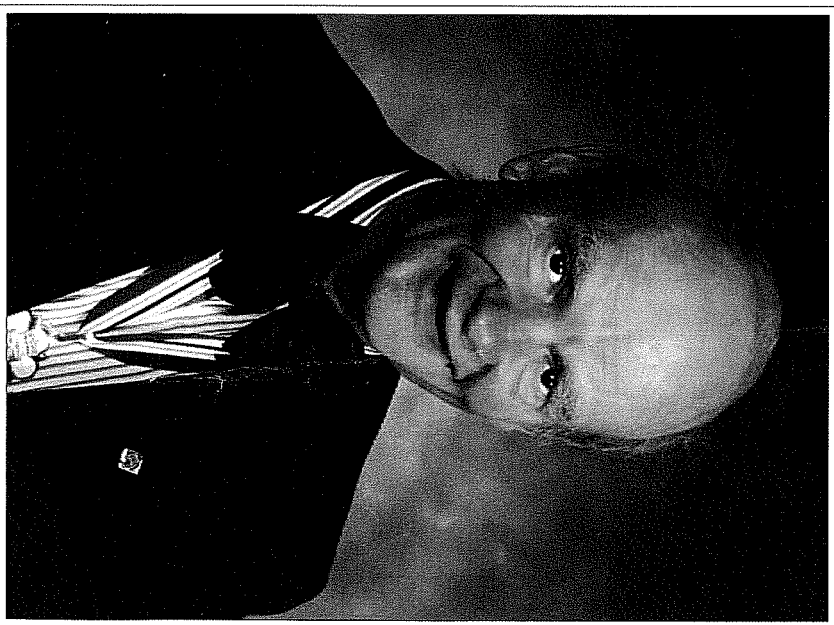


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 ● *Walter and Geography at UBC*

**DR. J. LEWIS ROBINSON,** Founding Head of Geography, UBC  
 ● *Walter's early days in the department*

**DR. EDWARD M. GIBSON,** Geography, SFU  
 ● *Walter's first graduate student*

**MICHAEL MORTENSEN,** Planning Department, City of Vancouver  
 ● *Walter's last graduate student*

**DR. J.D. CHAPMAN,** Second Head of Geography, UBC  
 ● *The MacDonald Report and the establishment of SFU and the college system*

**DR. PATRICK L. MCGEER,** Psychiatry, UBC, former Minister of Education, Province of British Columbia  
 ● *Knowledge Network, Open Learning Institute, Discovery Parks, etc.*

**ART PHILLIPS,** Former Mayor of Vancouver and Member of Parliament  
 ● *TEAM and remaking the City*

**MIKE HARCOURT,** Former Alderman, Mayor of Vancouver, and BC Premier  
 ● *Walter as civic politician and leader*

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 ● *Walter's planning vision*

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 ● *Walter and the GVRD*

**DR. DAVID F. HARDWICK,** Faculty of Medicine, UBC  
 ● *Walter's brother*

**COLLEEN HARDWICK NYSTEDI,** President & CEO New City Group  
 ● *Walter's daughter*

Dr. Walter G. Hardwick was a man of vision, leadership and commitment, expressed in many ways through his involvement in public life at the civic, regional, provincial, national and international level. He was honoured several times, most notably with the Order of British Columbia in 1997 and with an honorary degree from UBC in 2000.

Beginning in 1950, Walter attended UBC (BA, MA), the University of Wisconsin, and the University of Minnesota (PhD). He first joined UBC's Department of Geography in 1960, and until his retirement in 1997 taught courses in urban studies, urban geography, and political geography. He also headed the "Vancouver Urban Futures" survey project from 1971 to 1974, and a second related project called "Choosing Our Future" in the late 1980's - these projects served as a basis for urban planning in the Greater Vancouver Regional District and inspired the district's "Livable Region" strategy. He wrote the seminal book Vancouver (Collier-MacMillan Canada Ltd., 1974).

He was also a key figure in the grassroots movement to prevent the construction of a freeway system through Vancouver which would have destroyed the historic areas of Gastown and Chinatown. As an urban planner, Walter Hardwick has been credited with a formative role in the development of False Creek. He was a co-founder of TEAM and served on city council beginning in 1968 through 1974. During his time on council he initiated the transformation of the south shore of False Creek from industrial use to housing, which he had advocated as early as 1958.

He was instrumental in the 1963 "MacDonald Report," UBC President John B. MacDonald's report on post-secondary education which laid the groundwork for Simon Fraser University and the province's network of community colleges. Recognized as a visionary educator and informed public servant, Dr. Hardwick served as Deputy B.C. Minister of Education and UBC's Director of Continuing Education. The founding President and Chair of B.C.'s Knowledge Network, he also led the development of the Open Learning Institute.

Dr. Hardwick served on the Lower Mainland Regional Planning Technical Advisory Committee, 1968-69; as a Vancouver City Alderman for TEAM, 1969-74; on the City Library Board, 1969-72; as a Director, GVRD, 1973-74; and as Chair and President of Knowledge Network of the West Communications Authority, 1980-88. He was also on the Universities Council of B.C., Strategies Planning Committee, 1983-84; a member of the B.C. Association of Colleges, Committee on Distance Education, 1983-84; board member of the B.C. Health Research Foundation, 1977-80; and a member of the Medical Teaching Hospital Expansion Coordinating Committee, 1977-79. He was a B.C. Representative for Habitat 76 Canadian Steering Committee; a member of the Western Canada Post-secondary Coordinating Committee, 1976; co-chair of the Federal/Provincial Committee on Telecommunications and Satellites in Education, 1979-80; and a member of the National Capital Planning Committee, 1986-90 (chair, 1990).