

**Response from the Planning and Building Department**

(Mark Sloat)

The Rivershed Society of BC is not a regular participant at Burnaby Rivers Day events. They have sometimes been invited but usually don't participate in our event, at least in the last 10 years. That being said, I spoke with Mark Angelo and he noted that the Rivershed Society of BC has always been a fantastic supporter of BC Rivers Day and World Rivers, but at a broader level. I suppose they may not have the capability to be an exhibitor at a specific event, but are able to support Rivers Day in different ways.

For what it's worth, the swim down the Fraser River by Fin Donnelly 20 years ago was a significant event in BC's river conservation history. I certainly remember it. I think it would be a worthy event to support. Their schedule suggests they will be in Burnaby on the Friday before our Rivers Day event, which is on Sunday. There might be some ways to cross promote these events.

**Response from the Rivershed Society of BC**

(Christa Montpetit)

Please see the attached list of communities that have been contacted. At this point, we have submitted a full proposal (at their request) to the City of New Westminster and we are waiting to hear back regarding the level of commitment they intend to provide. We will also be scheduling a meeting with two Vancouver Councillors that we have been referred to by the Mayor. The City of Coquitlam has also asked us to submit a full proposal. If you like, I can update you when we hear back. On the day we are proposing in New West, we will be working with the Fraser River Discovery Centre. They have an annual event that runs the entire weekend and we are proposing to be the kick off on the Thursday evening (5:00pm – 9:00pm).

This is not (has not) been a yearly event. Fin Donnelly did his first swim in 1995 and his last swim in 2000.

I have contacted Peggy McMillan in the Parks Department and she was extremely helpful. I am in the process of putting a package together for her based on the requirements as listed in their application.

I had a brief chat with Fin and he confirmed that not only has he attended the Rivers Day event in Burnaby as a spectator but that he has also been a speaker at the event as well (I don't know the dates). The Rivershed Society of BC has also participated in the past with a booth display.

With respect to the festival booths and activities, families and school children will be invited to come and join the musical performer's Up Your Watershed!; where possible we would like to have a salmon BBQ; in addition to the speeches we will welcome the swimmers when they reach this stop; educational displays and informative booths will be set up by local environmentalists and conservation groups, First Nations and local community organizations (we have not confirmed anyone at this point but I can keep you informed as we confirm commitment). We would like to have First Nations groups provide ceremonial drumming, dance and sing along, which will have a strong focus on the youth component.

As we are in the prelim organizing stage I apologize that I cannot confirm community groups/businesses/governments/environmentalists etc., that we have on board but I am hoping this all comes together very soon as I hate to say it but September will be here before we know it!

**Rivershed Society of BC's**  
**20th Anniversary**  
**Fraser River Swim Relay**  
***Headwaters to Sea***

**August 25th - September 27th 2015**

*Draft Itinerary (04/01/15)*

<b><u>Day #</u></b>	<b><u>Day</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Community Festival</u></b>
1	Tuesday	August 25th	Mnt Robson
2	Wednesday	August 26th	<b>Dunster</b>
3	Thursday	August 27th	McBride
12	Saturday	September 5th	<b>Prince George</b>
14	Monday	September 7th	<b>Quesnel</b>
15	Tuesday	September 8th	<b>Xat'sull Heritage Site</b>
16	Wednesday	September 9th	<b>Williams Lake</b>
20	Sunday	September 13th	<b>Lillooet</b>
22	Tuesday	September 15th	Lytton
23	Wednesday	September 16th	<b>Yale</b>
24	Thursday	September 17th	<b>Hope</b>
25	Friday	September 18th	Agassiz
26	Saturday	September 19th	<b>Chilliwack</b>
28	Monday	September 21st	<b>Mission</b>
29	Tuesday	September 22nd	<b>Pitt Meadows</b>
30	Wednesday	September 23rd	<b>Coquitlam</b>
31	Thursday	September 24th	<b>New Westminster</b>
32	Friday	September 25th	<b>Burnaby</b>
33	Saturday	September 26th	Jericho
34	Sunday	September 27th	<b>VANCOUVER</b> <i>World Rivers Day</i>

\*Communities not in bold may be media only events\*

\*\*Itinerary subject to change - please confirm community festival date with  
FRSR organizers closer to the event