

**Report of the Vancouver Burnaby New Westminster Richmond Sub Division 2016.
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A couple of years ago I regretfully reported the last runs on two significant model railway layouts located within the Sub-Division. This year I am pleased to advise that like the “Mythical Phoenix” reconstruction and replacement activities been continuing.

Colin Dover is investing lots of time and effort on his new BC Hydro Central Park Line HO scale layout. Colin has now completed track laying, and there have been some preliminary operating sessions arranged. This is to be a simpler model railway with less maintenance and requiring a smaller crew.

Over the summer I had the opportunity to visit Steve and Mary Stark in their new home on Vancouver Island, Steve is making great progress reconstruction this N scale Esquimalt and Nanaimo railway reusing several sections of his original E&N which have been relocated to form a basis for his new layout.

This year as part of the First Annual Railway Modellers Meet of British Columbia operating sessions have been arranged both on Thursday and Friday evenings. The Thursday evening sessions are intended to provide operating session opportunities for guests who are usually involved in show set up, to participate in Model railroad operations. This year Brian Morgan will be opening his new version of his Burlington Northern Layout for operations.

The long awaited Evergreen extension of the Skytrain system is an 11-kilometre extension to the existing SkyTrain system in Metro Vancouver. It will be a fast, frequent and convenient SkyTrain service, connecting Coquitlam City Centre through Port Moody to Lougheed Town Centre in approximately 15 minutes. The Evergreen Line will be complete and in service in late 2016 and is now undergoing testing and crew training., Several trains have been observed moving up and down the new guideways along North Road, and along the CPR right of way between Port Moody and Coquitlam Central Station and above Pinetree way to Douglas College Near LaFarge Lake. This new line is expected to be fully operational sometime before Christmas 2016.

More Skytrain Evergreen extension news is available online at

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Local Activities are happening within several Local Unknown Groups who are helping constructing, maintaining, and operating on each others layouts throughout the year. In addition there are social occasions to meet, to share conversation, fellowship, and stories.

While there have been no organized sub divisional activity or meeting in 2016. I would solicit ideas and reasons for arranging such a meeting. I do believe that there is benefit in such a gathering, however unless I hear from some sub division members, nothing will happen.

In closing I would like to shout out a BIG THANKS the members newly formed committee tat arranges the new Railway Modellers Meet of British Columbia. This year this event is being held on the same weekend as the Vancouver Train Expo Committee who this year have again organized a large and comprehensive show at the PNE. I know from many years of experience that these show/meets do not just happen, they always require a lot of energy, time, and commitment by those involved to “Make it Happen” for other modelers and members of the public to enjoy.

I am sure that the organizing committees both for the Vancouver Train Expo [VTE] and for the Railway Modellers Meet of BC [RMMBC] would welcome new people to help arrange these annual events. Keeping in mind the old adage “Many hands make light work”, I would encourage members to step forward and help to organize and support these events.

Respectfully Submitted by John Green.