

# 100 Years from Now

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In 1907, could the citizens of North Vancouver have imagined what their city would look like in 2007? Can we imagine it in another 100 years' time? As a part of the city's Centennial celebrations, local students took up that challenge in the Imagine Our Future City youth art contest. The black and white drawings reflected student's ideas, values, imagination and creativity. The results depicted a spectrum of possibilities from Utopia to wasteland.

Lori Phillips of the city's Public Art Department studied the almost 350 submissions. "I quickly realized this was more than just a drawing exercise," she observed. "After looking at the drawings I saw that we had a real snap shot of what's on the minds of our youth. Without question, the biggest issue for all age groups is global warming."

Although several of the children expressed their worries and concerns, not only through their drawings but also in the space provided below each picture for the artist's statement, there were as many who saw a brighter future, one where peace prevails and innovative technologies work to restore the vitality of the planet.

During May the pictures were exhibited at Capilano Mall where many people took the time to vote for their favourites. Judges representing youth, the arts, the municipality, the community and art education selected the top three pictures in the four age categories. Winners in each category were also chosen according to the popular vote. Awards were presented at the May 28th city council meeting in front of a full house of proud parents and family members.

#### Winners are:

##### Grades K-4

FIRST	Rowyn Dickson
SECOND	Jack Chen
THIRD	Sam Hughes
POPULAR	Abby Taylor

##### Grade 5 - 7

FIRST	Andy Park,
SECOND	Manuela Cruz
THIRD	Arianna Smith
POPULAR	Alex Hamilton

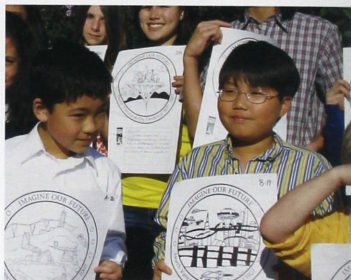
##### Grade 8 - 10

FIRST	Eric Park
SECOND	C35 - Joanna Balois
THIRD	C24 - Amy Jung
POPULAR	C18 - Mana Kazemi

##### Group 11-12

FIRST	D31 - Kimberley Lodoi
SECOND	D67 - Henry Wang
THIRD	D15 - Nicole Taylor
POPULAR	D50 - Kele Elliott

As North Vancouver steps into its next 100 years, let's hope that our citizens will work together to create the city and world we want to see. There's no doubt that many of our children are already on this path.



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