

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Vancouver International Writers Festival brings Writer in Residence Program to Dover Bay Secondary & McGirr Elementary**

*C.C. Humphreys' visit to Lantzville & Nanaimo funded by BC Transmission Corporation*

**VANCOUVER/NANAIMO, BC** – The Vancouver International Writers Festival was in Lantzville and Nanaimo last week with its Spreading the Word - Writer in Residence Program. This program brings published writers to BC schools thanks to funding from BC Transmission Corporation (BCTC).

Author C.C. Humphreys, who has published five historical fiction novels, visited Dover Bay Secondary School in Lantzville to work with high school students to encourage and foster their development in creative writing, drama and film/television classes. He also did two readings to grade six and seven students at McGirr Elementary in Nanaimo.

The Writer in Residence program provides communities that have limited access to enhanced educational resources with the opportunity to experience a world-class program that celebrates and encourages reading and writing.

"It is always fantastic to get out and meet other writers and encourage them in their own writing," says C.C. Humphreys. "Everyone has stories inside them and thanks to the support of BCTC, I hope that I was able to help these students get their stories out."

"We're proud to support this worthwhile program that brings world-class Canadian authors into BC communities," added Judy Dobrowolski, BCTC Community Relations Coordinator. "At BCTC, we are committed to education. By supporting today's students we are helping to foster tomorrow's leaders."

The Vancouver International Writers Festival is a cultural and literary organization with a strong educational component. Their mandate is to promote literature, learning and a love of books and the mission is to encourage an appreciation of the written word and promote literacy by providing a place where writers and readers of all ages can converge. In addition to the annual festival in Vancouver each October, the organization coordinates education outreach programs for grades K-12 and special events throughout the year.

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