

The Sick Government BCers Just Re-Elected

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\$2m is less than 50 cents/resident of BC.

Matt Good's profound review of contradictions in, around, during and after Woodlands will pummel your soul, but in a good way, unless you're a heartless misanthropist. And this first bit is just emblematic of how this government views its social responsibilities:

*In 2005, Stan Hagen, BC's Children and Family Development Minister, claimed that the Provincial government **did not subscribe to the view** that systematic abuse took place at Woodlands despite the fact that in 2002 the Provincial government issued an official apology to some 1,500 survivors of Woodlands, Essondale, Valleyview, and Tranquille. Unfortunately, the \$2 million dollars promised to provide counseling for them **has never materialized**.*

Decades ago, as families picnicked across the highway in Queen's Park, children were being tortured within view of it. The headstones of those unclaimed victims of Woodlands were, over the years, thrown in the nearby ravine, used to build a staff barbecue patio and stairs, and 1,800 of them were ripped out of the ground in late 70's so that a park could be built. All that is left now is a small memorial that some believe to be enough to mark their passing, a small park in which local residents allow their dogs to defecate and urinate, were graffiti defames shattered headstones.

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