



**Building a Stronger Community - One Person at a Time  
Tom Watson to Speak on the Sunshine Coast March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012**

**Motivational Speaker ~ Author of *Man Shoes* ~ Respected Businessman  
Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 7:30 pm  
Chatelech High School, 5904 Cowrie Street, Sechelt**

We all long to make a difference. How we choose to **act** on that longing is our life's journey.

Tom Watson will share his stunning story of one man's determination to live life to its fullest, that new beginnings are possible at any age and stage of life, no matter what obstacles get in the way. His story is an important reminder that we CAN live a better life and influence others to do the same. It's a story you won't want to miss!

*"Tom Watson's inspiring story of overcoming adversity and choosing optimism over negativity when life throws you the tough challenges is told with honesty and humility. I learned early on to never give up on my dreams and that anything is possible; **Man Shoes** resonates with that belief from the first page."*

**Rick Hansen, President & CEO, Rick Hansen Foundation**

*"Tom Watson has a powerful message as a devout family man who grew up in care and out of a background of child abuse. Many share this background, but rarely do they share it publicly, let alone as passionately and accessibly, to help others break the cycle. Tom also celebrates the incredible, long-term impact of foster parenting in filling a bleak and traumatic void for our most vulnerable children; the importance of the role of foster parents in our communities, and the need for more of us to take up the rewarding challenge, definitely deserve a voice as candid, caring and strong as Tom's."*

**Silas White, Chair of the Sunshine Coast Board of Education**

*"Tom's book is a must read for anyone who might like to live their life in complete authenticity. It truly showed me that no matter what your truth is in this life, you are able to make a positive choice about how you create the rest of your days, years and decades. I think this reminder has made me more ambitious about loving my family and friends with a completely open heart."*

**Brenda Wilkes, Community Health Nurse, Sunshine Coast**

*"... On the Sunshine Coast, we don't often get the opportunity to hear, in person, a motivational speaker demonstrate to us how to make more of our lives. I think an opportunity to hear businessman, author and speaker Tom Watson on becoming a better parent, husband or friend is too good to be passed up."*

**Peter Bogardus, Chair, Sunshine Coast Community Foundation**

**Tickets are \$15 each. Limited number of tickets available.**

**They can be purchased at the Sunshine Coast Volunteer Centre, Sechelt  
or the Black Bean Roasting Co., Gibsons. Cash only please.**

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