

## Postcards From Amor.

### The Script Story Outline.

On first discovering the role Amor played in the local history of B.C. I was astonished that I had not encountered his name prior to delving into the excellent archives we have here in Victoria, B.C. It revealed a wealth of background information, photos, letters, anecdotes, rumours and contrasting opinions of a man who would change his name from Bill Smith to Amor de Cosmos (Lover of the Universe). But the facts do speak for themselves. He was a major influence on shaping this province and is also often acknowledged as the ‘Godfather of Confederation. Yet there is little that celebrates him for his contribution not only to British Columbia but also to the vision of a united Canada.

Max Fawcett\* [maxfawcett.com](http://maxfawcett.com), as an established contributor and magazine editor-in-chief suggests in several published quotes, that when we are addressing the history of B.C we need to get the legacy of Amor De Cosmos acknowledged. He points out, this has been unfairly neglected. In one examples he states; ‘Canada’s Conservative government is trying to rewrite the country’s history books, ostensibly in an attempt to elevate the militaristic, and likely at the expense of its lesser-known iconoclasts”. – And whether one agrees with everything Mr Fawcett has to say, he continues; “When will essential figures such as B.C.’s Amor De Cosmos get their due?” – That is a fair question.

### My Script Approach

Initially I envisioned the screenplay as a full- length feature film. A story of his life starting in Nova Scotia and ending up in Victoria by way of the California. A pioneer who had traversed from East to West joining the gold rush like an early hero from an adventure story. However; for a number of reasons including the budget requirements to accomplish this, the way of telling his story changed several times along the way. I will leave that for another day. I am proposing a simpler version. Almost a ghost story.

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