



NEWSLETTER

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Clubs for retired and semi-retired professional and business persons, former executives and others

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday June 18, 2002

TIME: 9:30 AM

**LOCATION: H.R. MacMillan Planetarium
and Space Centre - Lower Level**

**SPEAKER: John (Jack) McGee - President
Justice Institute of B.C.**

Minutes of May 21, 2002

Attendance: 121 with 4 guests

President opened the meeting shortly before 10 A.M. advising that **Pidge McBride** was just back from Toronto (Probus Canada Board meeting), that he and **Don Farquhar** were just back from Duncan (B.C. Probus Club AGM). After introduction of the four guests, the President introduced **Reg Whynot**, Past President and current General Manager of Probus Canada and **Ken Leaney**, current Vice President, Probus Canada.

June's speaker, announced by **Fred Cotton**, will be John Magee, President of the Justice Institute of B.C. **Tom McCusker** advised that the Harbour Boat tour (June 4) was in trouble with a further 20 or more people needed and that 40 seats had been reserved for the performance of Henry V at Bard On The Beach on July 16, the same day that the Artistic Director, Christopher Gaze would speak to the Club at it's regular monthly meeting.

After a brief introduction by **Pidge McBride**, **Reg Whynot** spoke on the background of Probus Clubs internationally, in Canada and B.C. (see the insert in the last newsletter entitled "The Origins of Probus").

Our guest speaker, Jack Poole, Chairman of the Board, Vancouver 2010 Bid Corporation (Vancouver/Whistler 2010 Olympic Winter Games) ("Bid Corp.") was introduced by **John Catchpole**. Jack spoke at length and answered a number of questions on his "retirement project", largely from a business stand point i.e. MONEY, Bid Budget, 34 million, Capital Budget, 620 million, Event Budget,

1.2 Billion, creating 1.3 billion to 2.5 billion in total tax revenues from incremental visitors. **IF Bid Corp. MAKES IT** (after being shortlisted in **August 2002**, and selected as the host of 2010 Winter Games in **July 2003**) there will be 5,000 Athletes (housed in a village to be built on City land in S.E. corner of False Creek, - permanent housing mix, post Winter games) and 10,000 journalists (media centre in the Trade and Convention Centre and T.V. Centre in Richmond). Some of the other projected venues: PNE (figure skating, short track), SFU (long track), Cypress Bowl, (snow boarding), GM Place/UBC (hockey), Opening/Closing Ceremonies (B.C. Place), Whistler/Blackcomb (alpine events), but we're getting ahead of ourselves. Remember the Bid budget? Well, the 34 million is funded 9 million (B.C.), 9 million (Fed), 16 million (corporations/sponsors) and to date about 30 million has been raised. "Look on the bid budget as the cost of the lottery ticket", there are 8 competitors for 2010. Poole thinks 4 will be "knocked off" at the short listing.

N.B. If Bid Corp. not short listed in August and you are re-reading in August, read no further. The rest of these minutes are N/A.

Poole also said that there are **two "must happens"**:

A - "Fixing" of the Sea to Sky transportation corridor and

B - "Expanding" the Trade and Convention Centre.

In addition Poole would like to have a rapid transit connection between YVR and Downtown Vancouver but "we could live without this one". He feels that the Provincial Government will make an announcement in September or October of this year and that the "fix" will be an upgrade of the highway. He is equally upbeat about the Trade and Convention Centre (joint B.C./Fed) with an announcement expected in late fall of this year.

Assuming Vancouver is designated as the host city of the 2010 Winter Olympics the Event

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Budget (everything to do with the actual games) is projected to cost 1.2 billion with revenue of 1.3 billion (Salt Lake City had a 57 million profit). There will be no government spending in this phase, revenue will come from T.V. rights, sponsorships, tickets etc.

Poole was very supportive of "his team" and stated that the Bid corp. would be the best technical bid "We can win this thing" but he became more guarded in his comments on Bid Corp.'s actual chances of hosting e.g. IOC has 126 directors, largely Eurocentric, who do what they want and are not governed by any particular rules and Vancouver is a long way from where the votes are.

Question Period brought out the following additional points:

1. The proposals for the Sea to Sky corridor consist of highway upgrade, rail upgrade (slow) and the bid team planned to look at the French, African IOC Directors in the light of the Canadian Government's G8 Kananaskis aid to Africa proposal and thought had been given to having PM make contact with.

6. That Dick Pound's influence at IOC level was not now clear and that the new IOC T.V. Director's (from Norway) first T.V. contract would be the 2010 Winter Games.

7. That since U.S. would be competing for the Summer games in 2012 that Vancouver's 2010 bid raised real problems i.e. we can't look to them for any help.

8. That there are other road accesses to Whistler that are good from an engineering standpoint but bad from political options, e.g. thru watershed and that bid

but scenic, ferry to Squamish, buses to Whistler, buses in dedicated lane and helijet (VIP's etc.). Poole felt there was obsess about transportation (Oxford Dictionary of Current English - "be thinking about something continually and disturbingly")

2. The incremental tax figure was not generated by Poole's team - Provincial Government was responsible. Salt Lake City had some 250,000 visitors.

3. Weather is not a problem. Study done and only 1 event in February in Whistler's history had been canceled due to weather.

4. B.C. and Fed. Governments underwrite any loss - part of final bid. i.e. the cost of the Event Budget, not Capital or Bid budgets.

5. That revised bus crossing discussion but very tricky to find a cost formula that would pay for everything e.g. tolls etc.

9. That a recital of the "stakeholders" in Bid Corp. (Government of Canada, Province of B.C., the City of Vancouver, the Resort Municipality of Whistler, the Canadian Olympic Association, First Nations etc.) shows the political aspect of Bid Corp.

10. That retrofit cost of the Garage for the larger international hockey rink size would be costly but it would be "mechanical" thereafter i.e. could be switched to NHL size in 2-3 days.

Cliff Wyatt thanked Jack Poole and the meeting adjourned at 11:10 A.M.

Denis Creighton, Secretary

June Greeters: June Cash Desk: Member Services:

Don Milliken
Grant Hammond

Bob Weese
Hank Ballou

Don Farquhar

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

As announced at our May meeting, we will be hosting the Annual Meeting of the B.C. Probus Clubs next spring. We can expect approximately 40 delegates and their spouses to attend. This "Convention" is relatively short and begins with an evening banquet, then breakfast and meetings the following morning and winds up with a casual lunch.

The event that will appeal to many of our members is the banquet which is open to all Probus members. It offers a great opportunity to socialize with Probus friends from across B.C. Vice President Don Farquhar has already researched a venue for this affair and ideas for staging this event have begun to flow.

A Convention Committee will be formed in the near future. If you have any suggestions or would like to be involved on our Committee give Don or myself a call. I can assure you it will be a pleasurable experience.



Norm Weitzel
President

NOTICES:

NEW MEETING DATES ESTABLISHED

Commencing with our October meeting, we will meet on the 2nd Tuesday each month. This change is being made to ease the parking congestion which occurs occasionally on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. This change also distances our meetings from certain Monday holidays. We are aware of members who desire a consistent meeting day, so we plan to change from the 2nd Tuesday only to accommodate a special speaker or for some unforeseen happening. *Mark you calendars for the 2nd Tuesday beginning Tuesday October 8th and for every 2nd Tuesday thereafter.*



**MARK
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DATE**

It is with regret that we announce the passing of Dewar Cooke on May 5. Our condolences to the family. A donation will be made by Probus to St. Mary's Anglican Church in his memory.

John (Jack) McGee **President Justice Institute of B.C.**

Employment:

- President, JIBC, September 1, 2000
- President St. Clair College, Windsor, Ontario 1994-2000
- Dean of Science & Technology, George Brown College, Toronto 1994-2000
- Various positions and posting with Canadian Forces 1958-1992
 - Base Commander, CFB Comox 1989-92
 - Director, Canadian Forces Command and Staff College 1986-89
 - Commanding Officer, 412 (VIP) Squadron (flying members of the Royal family, the Prime Minister and other dignitaries) 1978-81
 - Retired with rank of Colonel, with Canadian Forces Decoration and Special Service Medal (NATO)

Education:

- MacDonald Consolidated School, Guelph
- Guelph Collegiate and Vocational Institute
- Saint Mary's University (BA. Political Science)
- Auburn University (Master of Public Administration).
- Awarded a Doctor of Laws (Honoris Causa) in 1997, University of Windsor

Associations/Memberships, etc:

- Chair, Council of Presidents, Western Region (Ont.) 1995-96
- Vice Chair, American Council on International Intercultural Education
- Board Member, Association of Community College Foundation 1996-2000
- Founder & Board Member, St. Clair College Foundation 1996-2000
- Vice Chair, Windsor & District Chamber of Commerce 1996-2000
- Board Member, Community Colleges for International Development 1996-2000
- Hon. Aide-de-camp, Governor General of Canada 1990-92

Personal:

- Born Guelph, Ontario, April 18, 1940
- Married to Donna (McNeil)
- Three grown children - Michael, Patrick, Nicole

