



NEWSLETTER

PROBUS CLUB VANCOUVER

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

NEXT MEETING: Annual Meeting
Tuesday September 17, 2002

TIME: 9:30 AM

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

SPEAKER: Craig Richmond
Vice President, Airport Operations

Minutes of August 20, 2002

Attendance: 71

The meeting was chaired by **Roy Williams**. Three guests were introduced. Doug MacKay, Peter Stanley and Peter Farrell, the latter from Perth Australia. Peter told us of Probus Club activities in Perth, where there are several chapters of the Club.

Doug Lambert gave the report from the Nominating committee, which follows. The following have agreed to stand for office:

- **Don Farquhar** President
- **Tom McCusker** Vice President
- **Bill Wallace** Treasurer
- **Dennis Creighton** Secretary
- **Norm Weitzel** Past President

Additional nominations should be received by the Probus office by September 15, 2002.

Remember that effective October, the meeting date will be on the second Tuesday of each month.

No report from the Membership Committee.

Our speaker, W.T. Lane spoke about, "A Half Century of B.C.'s Land Use Wars" Background

B.C. in general, and Vancouver in particular, benefited from the work of Ebenezer Howard who launched "The Garden City Movement" in England in 1903. His ideas may have influenced the C.P.R. in its pre-W.W.I. development of "Old Shaughnessy".

The former Municipality of Point Grey encouraged by Professor Frank Buck, may have produced Canada's First comprehensive zoning bylaw. Back East, residential property was protected by "districting" whereby both sides of a given street were reserved for residential use.

Perhaps the most important preamble to the "Half Century of B.C.'s Land Use Wars" was the Vancouver Town Planning Commission engaging Harland Bartholomew to create "A Comprehensive Town Plan for the City of Vancouver and a Regional Plan for the Contiguous or adjacent territory". This resulted in the unification of the City of Vancouver and the former Municipalities of Point Grey and South Vancouver. After considerable concern had been voiced by "Old Shaughnessy" property owners, the Shaughnessy Heights Building Restriction Act was passed in 1922 - making Shaughnessy probably the only place in the world where an Act of the Legislature was required to change the zoning.

The Half Century

Vancouver's post World War II "Half Century" commenced with Canada's Central Mortgage and Housing Corp. appointing Tom McDonald to operate a public society in B.C. to encourage good town planning. This was done to protect the vast amounts of tax money available for post-war mortgages. The Community Planning Association of B.C. was thus formed, and 50 years ago today Bill Lane became a member through a chance encounter with the C.P.A.C. booth at the P.N.E. - thereby beginning his involvement with planning in British Columbia.

Slides were shown to illustrate examples of good and bad planning practice in the past and the present. Some slides showed early attempts to do away with rooftop billboards that often were supported by massive "A-frames". Advertising displays were encouraged behind the store windows. Shop identification was to be on

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simple signs at right-angles to the storefront so that the pedestrians could easily locate the shop he or she was seeking.

Other slides showed how the continued use of above ground utility wiring creates an eyesore on our streets. An example is the cutting out of huge notches of the cluster of overhanging branches to accommodate heavy cables. The otherwise attractive Angus Drive is an example.

Slides were shown to illustrate some planning successes - the development of Robson Square in place of the original planned 52-storey skyscraper, with the attendant recreational area and Art Gallery site, and the orderly attractive streetscape of Kerrisdale.

As to the layout used for contemporary town planning, encouraged by C.P.A.C. in the 1960's the straight section line roads such as in Richmond were deemed to be suitable for through traffic. The residential roads were to be developed by cul de sacs to discourage speeding traffic.

Development in Richmond was guided by the creation of a comprehensive subdivision contract. It permitted services to be put underground in utility corridors, including sewers and underground wiring, thereby avoiding the necessity of individual negotiations with thousands of property owners. Applied planning in Richmond included such projects as the purchase of the Brighthouse Estate to permit development of the City Hall, Minoru Park, a cultural centre, and industrial park and a major shopping mall.

Solutions to land use problems in B.C. led to the creation of Regional Districts, Regional Parks, the Fraser Valley Authority, the Agricultural Land Reserve, and the Islands Trust. Present population pressures the posing problems for planning and development in B.C.

The Canadian system of local land use policy is the envy of many American jurisdictions. The system of "presidential" mayors who are not the head of Council like their Canadian counterparts, "presidential" governors who often have an adversarial relationship to their respective legislatures, home rule concepts in the founding of American cities, limited planning powers of Council through the creation of independent planning commissions, are only some of the problems.

Our speaker was introduced by Don Mann and thanked by Hugh Legg.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Our Annual Meeting scheduled for September 17th is fast approaching. At that time I will step down as the President and join you in welcoming Don Farquhar to this office.

It has given me much pleasure to serve as your President and I am in debt to the members of our Management Committee and many other volunteers for all the support and effort which they offered in making this Club year such a success.

I am particularly pleased to see such a strong group who will lead us through the coming year.

Our Club, as always, is in strong hands.

Sincerely,

Norm Weitzel, President

September Greeters: Stan Clarke,
Ken Meredith
September Cash Desk: Bob Weese,
Hank Ballou
Member Services: Tom McCusker



NOTICES:

Roster Update!

We will be bringing the Roster up-to-date in the near future. Please make sure your entry is complete and accurate. If you do not have a Roster, one is available at the Member Services Desk. Please turn in any changes in your entry to the Member Services Desk.

Reminder

OCTOBER MEETING - will be on the 2nd Tuesday, October 8th!

BOWEN ISLAND EXCURSION

Arrangements have been finalized for a trip to Bowen Island to enjoy lunch at the highly regarded BLUE EYED MARYS RESTAURANT. Participants can plan to walk about the Island and visit the interesting shops and other attractions either before or after lunch.

Ferries leave Horsehoe Bay at 5 minutes after the hour in the morning. Therefore, plan to take the 11:05 AM ferry or an earlier one.

DATE: Thursday, October 3, 2002

LUNCH: Noon

The price for the special lunch is \$25.00 (plus tax and gratuities) per person payable at the restaurant. Blue Eyed Marys Restaurant is a short walk from the ferry terminal. If you are planning to participate in this trip, please complete the enclosed REGISTRATION FORM.



NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee comprised of Norm Weitzel, Don Farquhar and Doug Lambert *McKusker* submitted the following slate of nominees to the members present at the August 20th meeting:

President - Don Farquhar
Vice-President - Tom McCusker
Treasurer - Bill Wallace
Secretary - Denis Creighton
Norm Weitzel becomes Past President

The following have agreed to serve as Committee Chairmen:

Speakers Committee - Fred Cotton
Membership Committee - Dick Matthews
Visits and Entertainment - Gordon Thom
House Committee - Doug Lambert
Newsletter Editor - Roy Williams
Greeters Committee - Leo Sauve
Rotary Liaison - John Hoyle
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Any additional nominations (with prior agreement to stand) must be conveyed to the Nominating Committee at least 24 hours in advance of the Annual Meeting.

Mr. Craig Richmond

Vice President, Airport Operations Vancouver International Airport Authority

The Vice President Airport Operations is responsible for the safe efficient movement of passengers and aircraft at the airport. Departments include Security and Emergency Planning, Aviation Operations, Airside Operations and Planning, Airside Safety, Terminal Operations, Contracts and Business Processes, South Airport, the Operations Centre, Construction Co-ordination and Customer Service.

Mr. Richmond started as a consultant to the airport authority in 1995 and shortly thereafter became the Manager, Airside Operations. In 1998 he became Vice-President, Airport Operations.

Mr. Richmond was born in Vancouver and grew up in Kamloops, where he learned to fly. He joined the Canadian Armed Forces in 1980 and earned his wings in 1981, going on to fly CF-104 Starfighters and CF-18 Hornets in Europe and Canada. In 1990 Mr. Richmond left the forces to return to school, where he earned a BA and a Masters in Business Administration. During university Mr. Richmond served with the Air Force Reserve in Winnipeg, flying the military version of the Dash-8.

Mr. Richmond is Chair of the British Columbia Aviation Council and is a Director of a British Columbia Institute of Technology subsidiary, TTA. He is an avid snow boarder, backpacker, reader and music lover.

