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Next Meeting: August 10th, 2010

Time: 9:30 am

Location: H.R. MacMillan Planetarium and Space Centre, Lower Level

Speaker: Dr. Brian Riddell

Topic: "Conservation of Pacific Salmon. Who is responsible?"

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 24th—Walking Tour of Coal Harbour

September 16th—Tour of New Simon Fraser University Woodward's

DR. BRIAN RIDDELL



After almost thirty years of service to the public service of Canada, Dr. Riddell recently accepted the position of CEO and President of the Pacific Salmon Foundation (PSF), a non-for-profit charitable foundation dedicated to the conservation of Pacific salmon and restoration of their habitats. During his tenure with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, he established a strong reputation for objective accurate advice to senior management and integrity with all users and conservation groups in Canada and throughout the North Pacific region.

Dr. Riddell graduated from Guelph University with a B.Sc.(Honors Marine Biology) in 1974. He received his doctorate from McGill University in Population Biology/Genetics in 1979.

Prior to his recent appointment, he was Division Head, Salmon and Freshwater Ecosystems, Science Branch of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Pacific Geological Station in Nanaimo, B.C. Since graduating in

1979, he has served as a research scientist and program manager for various programs and organizations related to Pacific salmon stock assessment, population genetics research and international fishery issues.

In an advisory capacity, he has served on numerous committees including the SFU Leadership in Salmon Conservation and Management as well as Canadian Member of the North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission.

Dr. Riddell has received many public service awards. These include: Canada Medal (125th Year Commemorative Medal)... for citizenship in the community and contributions to the conservation of Pacific salmon and the Public Service of Canada; Public Service Distinction Award for development of Canada's Policy for the conservation of Wild Pacific Salmon and the Deputy Minister's Prix d'Excellence Award for contributions to the Department and the Public Service of Canada.

He is frequently requested to address national and international conferences and is widely published with over 100 publications in the primary scientific literature and secondary literature for the provision of advice to the Department of Fisheries.

Dr. Riddell and Dr. Dick Beamish have jointly presented a 4th year course "423: Fisheries Management and Climate" at Vancouver Island University.

Report of the July 13th Meeting

Attendance: 138 Members and Guests

President Nick Thornton called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. **Brian Wasson** acted as Secretary.

Activities Chairman, **Bill Robertson** spoke about three forthcoming events: the Walking Tour of Coal Harbour on Tuesday, August 24th (see details inside); the Tour of the New Simon Fraser University Woodward's on Tuesday September 16th (see details inside) and the Tour of Boeing Aircraft Facilities in Everett, Washington on November 17th (details in next newsletter). Bill concluded his remarks by asking for volunteers interested in joining the Activities Committee to contact him (604-269-8745).

Treasurer Wayne Audette reported succinctly that the financial year end is two weeks away and the results were within \$600.00 of forecast. Preparation of the budget for next year is in progress.

John Ross spoke of the North Shore Hard of Hearing guide that was available after the meeting which is complimentary but that a contribution to defray the printing cost of \$2.00 would be appreciated.

Jack Zaleski, Chairman of the Rotary -Probus Bridge Club awarded the overall High Point trophy to **Conrad Rademaker** and **Lindsay Mann** together with monogrammed playing cards to keep them going. He asked for two to six new players to join the group. Contact Jack or **Gordon Thom** to register.

Phillip Owen introduced the two speakers, Jane Bird, former Chief Executive Officer of Canada Line Rapid Transit Inc. (CLRTI) and Roger Woodhead, Technical Director CanadaLine SNC Lavalin.

Jane Bird's presentation detailed the political and financial evolution of the Canada Line project whereas Roger Woodhead ex-

panded on the technical and engineering aspects. Both are proudly conscious that the project came in on time, on budget and prior to the contract completion date, unlike other tunneling projects in Canada undertaken at the same time.

It is a project requiring the cooperation of three levels of government, Vancouver Airport Authority and the private investors in a two billion dollar P3 commitment. The route was chosen some ten years ago with the objective of complimenting the Millennium and Expo lines to be completed prior to 2010 and to have a high capacity.

Jane Bird described the governance structure of CLRTI as a separate corporation under TransLink with a nine member board of Directors. It entered into a 35 year concession agreement with SNC Lavalin to construct and operate the line. The scope of the project is impressive; 19 km of line with three water crossings, half the line underground and the other half elevated with sixteen stations.

A payment schedule was developed for the construction and an operating payment mechanism formulated based on volume of ridership, availability of vehicles and stations and the quality of the stations.

Jane Bird said the level of cooperation was exceptional. There are no outstanding claims from the work. SNC Lavalin proved to be the best of partners.

Roger Woodhead gave a brief profile of SNC Lavalin, in business since 1911, building and operating major projects all over the world with revenues in 2008 of 7.1 billion dollars. It had a great deal of control in the project and a great deal of risk. He detailed the contracting structure for supply and building for the automated light metro system. There were many technical challenges: deep excavations in varying rock and soils; a bored tunnel under the city centre; stacking two levels of tunnel and bridge height restrictions. Under the contract there were heavy penalties for delay. The project completed on August 11, 2009 and went into service on August 17 - 110 days before the completion date.

The true test of the system was the ridership during the winter Olympic Games. Daily ridership averaged 200,000 a day and one day reaching 287,000 with virtually 100% availability. There is additional capacity built into the line including the extension of the platforms in the underground stations.

Roger Woodhead and Jane Bird fielded a number of questions from the floor after which **Tony Boyd** thanked them.

TOUR of the NEW SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY WOODWARD'S

(Organized and planned by Jack Farley)

THURSDAY SEPT 16TH

9:30 Coffee 10:00-11:30 Tour

No-Host Lunch To Follow The Tour
at the Gastro Pub



For more than 30 years, **SFU's School for the Contemporary Arts** has kept stride with culture's cutting edge. In late September SFU's unique dance, film, music, arts and theatre training program will relocate to stunning new cultural facilities within the redeveloped complex on Hastings Street in

downtown Vancouver. 1200 students will be using the facility at the start increasing to an estimated 5000.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Fei and Milton Wong Experimental Theatre (440 seats) plus two studio theatres.
- The World Art Performance Studio will house the School's Indonesian gamelan orchestra
- 350 seat cinema/lecture hall
- Main floor teaching gallery will accommodate contemporary art exhibitions

Film soundstage, two film screening rooms, three additional dance studios and two additional theatre studios.

MEET at SFU WOODWARD'S 149 Hastings Street in downtown Vancouver. Enter via the courtyard entrance at the corner of Cambie and Cordova Streets. There is an Easy Park lot located at Cordova Street across from the courtyard. Look for the Probus member who will guide you to the atrium of the Mei and Milton Wong Experimental Theatre. We will have 3 individual tour groups of 15 people each. The Gastro Pub is located in the square adjacent to the entrance to SFU Woodward's. Detailed information on how to get to the new SFU Woodward's will be available at the Activities Desk at the monthly Probus meeting.

Cost of the tour is \$15 payable when you register. The tour is limited to Probus members only (45 total). We will maintain a waiting list.

You may register in one of three ways: using Probus on-line website and Pay pal; at the activities desk next Probus meeting or by emailing Bill Robertson (robertsonwd@hotmail.com) and sending payment to Bill Robertson 3711 Puget Drive, Vancouver, B.C. V6L 2T8

PROBUS RENDEZVOUS

A national conference for members of all Probus Clubs will be held in Vancouver from September 14th - 16th, 2011 at the Sheraton Wall Centre. Invitations will be extended to all Canadian and select international clubs. This event will be hosted by the Vancouver North Shore Club and supported by our club along with all Probus clubs in the Lower Mainland and the Fraser Valley. We are anticipating about 300 registrants.

Planning is now underway, lead by Chairman Esio Marzotto, past president of the North Shore Club, and joined by representatives of the various participating Probus groups. Over the next few months we will be formulating our conference theme and program. We would welcome any of your ideas along with additional volunteers to assist in the development and execution of this exciting project. Please contact me at one of our regular meetings or via e-mail. Bill Sexsmith bpsexsmith@shaw.ca
Vice President



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NOTICES

WALKING TOUR OF COAL HARBOUR TUESDAY AUGUST 24TH

9:30 – 11:30AM

**No-Host Lunch To Follow The
Tour Led By Our Outstanding
TOUR GUIDE JOHN ATKIN**

COAL HARBOR has played a large role in the history of Vancouver. It was the coal seam on the shoreline that excited interest in the area and prompted the sale of the West End to three men from New Westminster. They had hope of developing "New Liverpool, the future metropolis on the West Coast". The harbor attracted the Canadian Pacific Railway, as they chose it as the terminus for the transcontinental railway. Along with the railway, Coal Harbor would become home to Boeing Aircraft factory and the Denman Arena where the Vancouver Millionaires won the Stanley Cup.

With the rise of containerization, inner city freight yards became redundant and in the 1990s the land was sold for redevelopment. And it is this carefully considered and planned area

that is the subject of the tour. We will be looking at the planning, zoning and architecture of this series of waterfront neighborhoods that make up the Coal Harbor area.

MEET at the Information Centre Canada Place (in front of Old Convention Centre and the Pan Pacific Hotel (across the street from the Fairmont Waterfront Hotel)). The tour will begin and end at this site. Cost of the tour is \$15 payable when you register. The tour is limited to Probus members only (30 total). We will maintain a waiting list.

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