



NEWSLETTER

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September 2010

Annual Meeting: September 14th, 2010
Time: 9:30 am
Location: H.R. MacMillan Planetarium and Space Centre, Lower Level
Speaker: Robin Silverster
Topic: Growing Canada's Gateway

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 16th—Tour of New Simon Fraser University Woodward's
(Registration closes September 8th)

Rotary/Probuss Bridge 2010-2011
(see sidebar on last page)

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ROBIN SILVESTER



Robin Silverster was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of Port Metro Vancouver in 2009, bringing

to the position extensive international experience in both the Ports and Property sectors. Prior to joining the Port Authority, Mr. Silverster served as Chief Executive for the property and facilities management business United Group Services ANZ in Australia.

Mr. Silverster spent a significant portion of his career serving in senior roles internationally with P&O Ports. As Chief Development Officer, Mr. Silverster led the company's strategy and global acquisition program, including the businesses that became P&O Ports Canada. Having completed that acquisition, in 2003 Mr. Silverster was appointed the first President and CEO of P&O Ports Canada, based in Vancouver.

In 2004, Mr. Silverster relocated from Vancouver to London, UK, and later to Sydney, Australia, as a member of the P&O Ports global executive team. Following the acquisition of P&O, then the world's fourth largest container terminal operator, by Dubai Ports World in 2006, Mr. Silverster remained in Sydney and joined United Group Limited, an ASX 100 listed Engineering and Property Services firm, as Chief Development Officer. He led the \$500m acquisition of US facilities management business Unicco. He was later appointed Chief Executive of United Group Services ANZ, responsible for leading the company's Property and Facilities Management business in Australia and New Zealand.

Mr. Silverster began his career in the chemicals industry in the UK. He also worked in business management and strategy roles in the steel industry and was involved in British Steel's acquisition program. Mr. Silverster is a chartered engineer and a graduate of

Cambridge University. He completed a Corporate Finance Program at the London Business School. Mr. Silvester is a Director of the Association of Canadian Port Authorities (ACPA) and a past Board member of the British Columbia Maritime Employers' Association (BCMEA).

Report of the August 10^h Meeting

Attendance: 122 Members and Guests

Acting Chairman **Don Newman** called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. **Ted Horsey** acted as Secretary.

The Chairman of the Nominating Committee, **George Adams**, read out the names of those members proposed for election at the Annual Meeting in September (See list inside). In the absence of Treasurer **Wayne Audette**, the Chairman gave his report stating that on 31 July 2010 there was a cash balance of \$13,656 and said that the Management Committee had approved the 2010 / 2011 Budget. Membership renewals will be mailed out in the last half of August along with the September Newsletter and Questionnaire. Annual Dues will increase from \$40 to \$50, the first increase in over a decade.

John Tenant introduced the guest speaker, Dr. Brian Riddell. His curriculum vitae is in the August Newsletter.

Dr. Riddell said that there are certain species and subspecies of Pacific salmon that are in a sad state of preservation but generally are in a reasonably good state of survival. He said that the salmon support approximately 137 other species in our coast ecosystems, including eagles, grizzly bear and seals. There is confusion about the state of

survival of the Pacific salmon because of pervasive negativity, particularly in the media. Many view the problem of protecting the salmon as overwhelming with continuous debates between user groups without the voice of balance or reason.

Dr. Riddell is optimistic about the ability of salmon to survive and thrive, but is concerned about the will of British Columbians to help. The total numbers of salmon spawning is higher now than in the late 1950's and early 1960's. The total commercial salmon catch from Canada, Japan, Korea, Russia and the United States from 1972 to 2007 has increased, particularly Pinks and Chum salmon, but Sockeye, Coho and Chinook catches have decreased.

In summary: abundance of salmon is depressed but diversity of species largely maintained; abundance influenced by survival over large areas; debates over Fraser River sockeye are over impacts and allocation but management has sustained diversity within salmon populations; high variability in production between years and populations and climate change will increase stress on salmon.

Salmon will not compete well in the political arena unless there is hope and public support.

Dr. Riddell reviewed briefly the life cycle of the Pacific salmon and the risks to its survival from freshwater incubation to freshwater spawning.

The current issues about Pacific salmon include: the sustainability of Aquaculture in open-net pens producing sea lice and their adverse effect on the natural environment and various salmon species; diseases and use of antibiotics in farmed salmon which

enter the human food chain and social and economic impacts such as the market value of harvested salmon. Other issues include the fact that only 10% of the predicted number of Fraser River Sockeye returned in 2009 and the impact of climate change which is uncertain.

The Pacific Salmon Foundation was established in 1987 as a charitable, not-for-profit society. It has been supporting communities and volunteers since 1989, contributing more than \$8.5 million for 1500 projects. It is the only British Columbia non-government organization dedicated to the conservation of Pacific salmon and its habitats. More than 200 businesses and individuals make annual donations, and 35,000 volunteers engage in stewardship groups

The Pacific Salmon Foundation, under its 2009 - 2013 Strategic Plan set five core priorities of strengthening partnerships with governments, broadening its financial base and its programs, strengthening its community salmon program, promoting priority setting and integration on a regional scale and science and education.

It is currently involved in a "Count on Salmon Project" in the Fraser River system which requires five inter-dependent activities: fish wheels to capture salmon (sampling); radio-tagging of individual fish (marks); hydro-acoustic tools to count all salmon; in-river catch monitoring and tag recovery and up-river tracking of individual (river-tagged) fish, with a network of receivers throughout the Fraser basin.

The Pacific Salmon Foundation proposed to the federal government in June 2010 that the government do the following: increase the funds for the conservation process; facilitate the conservation process; appointment of a renewed Conservation Council involving federal,

provincial and foreign national governments incorporated within the Pacific Salmon Foundation; appointment of a science round-table within the Conservation Council for use at the discretion of the government; protection of investments in the Fraser Basin, requesting the federal governments to extend funds for 1 - 2 years, continuing to match the BC Living Rivers donation.

Dr. Riddell says we are all responsible for the conservation of Pacific salmon, and that we cannot rely on government only. Salmon cannot be taken for granted in British Columbia.

Jon Collins thanked Dr. Riddell for helping us solve the riddle of conserving our Pacific salmon.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



A year has passed, and you will shortly be electing a new slate of Officers. I think it has been a

successful year, maintaining the tradition of fellowship, activity, and guest speakers that started 13 years ago. Under the leadership of David Scott, the Speakers Committee has provided us with a wide variety of interesting topics, presented well by articulate and eloquent experts in their field. John Cruickshank, who is stepping down this year, has led the Club to new levels of activity with 12 successful events over the past two years with 564 participants. Don Newman, as Chair of Membership, has introduced us to 32 new members, bringing total active membership to 393, one of the largest Clubs in the country. I would like to thank Ted Horsey, who is also stepping down,



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Rotary Probus Bridge 2010-2011

The Rotary/Probus Bridge season will recommence this fall and new members are most welcome. The season will begin for all members at 7pm at Point Grey G & CC (date to be announced). Members then take turns hosting 2 tables on the first and third Wed. evening at their homes, in turn (about twice per year) until the spring when we reconvene again at Point Grey for our final evening. New members are most welcome. If interested please contact Jack Zaleski 604-261-7492 or Gordon Thom 604-739-0714

NOTICES

for providing timely and comprehensive Minutes for both our Management meetings and our regular monthly meetings. The latter can be seen now on our new web site thanks to the work of Jon Collins. Last, but not least, I would like to thank Past President George Adams for his guidance. He has brought a perspective and knowledge of Club history that has been invaluable to the working of our various Committees, and much appreciated by us all. Finally, I thank all of you, the membership of Probus Vancouver, for your support and encouragement—our meeting attendance is up, our activities are well attended, and you laugh at my jokes – what more could one asked for ! Please support your new officers and I am confident the Club will continue to prosper in the years to come.

I have had to miss the August meeting, and as you read this month's Newsletter I will be thinking of you as we are kayaking around Baffin Island and Greenland. See you at the September Meeting.

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING NOMINATIONS (APPLICATIONS) FOR NEW MEMBERS

At the August 4, 2010 meeting of the Management Committee, it was decided to open up Nominations (Applications) for New Members effective September 2, 2010. Nomination forms may be obtained from our website www.probusvancouver.com, from the Probus office, at the Membership

Services desk at monthly meetings or by emailing the Membership Chair Conrad Rademaker at cifc@shaw.ca

NOMINATING COMMITTEE RE- PORT-2010

The Nominating Committee comprised of Chairman, George Adams, Nick Thornton and Bill Sexsmith submitted the following slate of nominees for 2010-2011:

President: Bill Sexsmith

Past President: Nick Thornton

Vice-President: Don Newman

Secretary: Brian Wasson

Treasurer: Wayne Audette

The following have agreed to serve as Committee Chairmen:

Speakers Committee: David Scott

Membership Committee: Conrad Rademaker

Activities Committee: Bill Robertson

House Committee: Doug Lambert

Newsletter Editor: Roy Williams

Membership Services: Jon Collins

Historian & Archivist: Gordon Thom

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.

HURRY! IT'S YOUR LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP FOR THE TOUR OF THE NEW SIMON FRASER WOOD- WARD'S TOUR

You must sign up by September 8th. Space is available for 15 members to bring their spouse (sign her up for \$15). See website or August Newsletter for complete details regarding this tour.