



NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting: September 11th, 2012

Time: 9:30 am

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

Speaker: Ian D. Anderson

Topic: Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion
Project Update

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, September 25th *Behind
the Scenes Tour of the Aquarium*

October 9th – *Presidents'
Luncheon*

October 23rd – *Reifel Bird
Sanctuary Tour*

Ian D. Anderson President, Kinder Morgan Canada



President of Kinder Morgan Canada since December 2005. Mr. Anderson is responsible for providing executive leadership to Kinder Morgan's operations, growth pursuits and corporate responsibility in Canada. Prior to his current appointment, Mr. Anderson held various senior executive positions in Finance, Regulatory Affairs, Administration, and Business Development at predecessor companies – Terasen, Centra Gas and Westcoast Energy. Mr. Anderson has been involved in the shaping of Canadian Utility and Pipeline regulatory policy for decades, and he has also been an active advocate for meaningful and productive engagement between the energy industry and Aboriginal peoples' in Canada. Mr. Anderson is a Certified Management Accountant and a graduate of the University of Michigan Executive Pro-

gram. He has extensive experience in the energy sector in Canada having provided executive leadership in the areas of finance, regulatory affairs, marketing, business development, strategy development and human resources. Mr. Anderson is a board member of the Canadian Energy Pipeline Association and a member of the Association of Oil Pipe Lines. He was recently appointed as a Board of Governor to the Business Council of British Columbia..

Kinder Morgan Canada, with assets of \$2 billion and 430 employees, transports over 680,000 barrels per day of petroleum products to markets in Canada, the United States and offshore. The company's 4,500 kilometre network of pipeline systems, storage facilities and the Westridge Marine Terminal in Burnaby B.C. give customers choice, flexibility and options for moving their products to markets. The TransMountain Pipeline was part of Terasen Inc's operations when Terasen was acquired by Kinder Morgan in 2005.

Report of the August 14th Meeting

Attendance: 104 members and guests.

President **Don Newman** called the meeting to order at 10:00am. **Ted Horsey** acted as Secretary.

Membership Committee Chairman **Conrad Rademaker** introduced three new members: (See "Welcome New Members"). Activities Committee Chairman **Bill Robertson** reported on upcoming activities (see Notices inside).

Vice President **Wayne Audette** announced that this year the Presidents' Luncheon would not be held in January, but be held on Tuesday 9 October 2012 at the Marine Drive Golf Club (see Notice inside).

President **Don Newman** stated that our three subsidiary clubs have room for new members: Fred Cotton Probud Book Club - contact George Cook 604-926-9545; Rotary / Probud Bridge Club - contact Jack Zaleski 604-328-4288; Rotarians' Investment Club - contact John Sullivan 604-263-4486.

Chairman **Don Newman** introduced our guest speaker, Ms. Faye Wightman, President and CEO of the Vancouver Foundation whose topic was "The Consequences of Being Disconnected and Disengaged". Her biography is published in the August Newsletter.

Faye Wightman briefly described the Vancouver Foundation, one of 180 multi-focus community foundations across Canada. It's involved in nine areas (alphabetically, and not necessarily in order of importance): animal welfare, arts and culture, children / youth and families, education, environment, health and medical education / research, health and social development, youth homelessness, and youth philanthropy. It was founded in 1943 by a donation of \$1000 by a woman, Alice MacKay to the Vancouver Welfare Federation.

The Vancouver philanthropist W.J. VanDusen was so impressed by her generosity that he and nine of his friends whom he solicited each gave \$10,000. They had the Vancouver Foundation incorporated under an act of the British Columbia legislature with the initial capital of \$101,000. The Foundation now has capital of approximately \$750 million and 1500 separate funds under management. It is the largest of Canada's 180 community foundations, and makes grants from its investment income province-wide in British Columbia. It is not specific to Vancouver. It makes grants of \$50 - \$60 million annually, the largest aggregate grants of any body in the province, except for the Provincial Government.

The Vancouver Foundation felt it was making no real impact in any one field, so, determined to focus its efforts and grants, and perhaps in partnership with others, to make more impact in specific fields. As a result of surveys and interviewing more than 3800 people, the Foundation determined that the biggest issue in metropolitan Vancouver was that its residents felt disconnected and disengaged with others in the community, that there appeared to be a lack of personal friendships in neighbourhoods and community-wide. The age group of 25 - 34 and persons living in apartments found it hardest to make friends. Those living in single family homes in neighbourhoods trust and connect better with each other, but 72% have not visited neighbours, 57% have not done a favour for a neighbour, and 70% have not been given a spare key to a neighbour's dwelling.

The obstacles to being connected with neighbours for 46% is that they seldom see their neighbours, 32% have little interest in being connected with their neighbours, and for 5% there is a language barrier. Persons who live in apartments are the most untrusting of their neighbours. The more interaction between neighbours, the more trusting they are. There appears to be a diversity gap with Vancouverites. Most are tolerant, but many are less patient with people who don't speak English. 35% of Vancouverites have no

friends in an ethnic group other than their own. Some say that people who don't speak English do not try hard enough to become assimilated, others say there are too many foreign people living in Vancouver. An impact of diversity is that 56% of Vancouverites' first language is other than English, and that with greater diversity there is less trust. Many residents feel that Vancouver has become a resort city for the wealthy. Residents with Chinese backgrounds tend to fit in less well in neighbourhoods than those with other backgrounds.

The Vancouver Foundation believes that it has a role to promote connectedness in neighborhoods, which will lead to well-being of Vancouver residents. It believes that it should promote public awareness of the benefits of being connected – the survey showed that residents in the Downtown East Side of Vancouver are the best connected with each other. The Vancouver Foundation believes that we all should support neighbourhood connectedness and support bridges between ethnic groups. In an inaugural SFU Public Square Community Summit, to be run by the Vancouver Foundation and Simon Fraser University in partnership called "Alone Together: Connecting in the City" they will explore civic disconnection and consider existing and innovative ways to strengthen engagement across community and cultural divides. Over six days, commencing Tuesday 18 September 2012 they will explore the views of citizens, artists, librarians, businesses, film makers and mayors in the Metro Vancouver to learn how youth would create a more connected city, and celebrate the extraordinary people who surround us and work to make our lives better, bringing neighbourhoods and communities together. In another four years, the Vancouver Foundation plans to do another survey, to determine whether its efforts to improve connectedness and engagement among our residents has improved our residents' feelings of well-being.

Questions and Comments. There were questions, answers and comments, such as: about Premier Christy Clark holding women-only breakfast meetings; whether groups really rep-

resent the broad spectrum of residents of Vancouver, or whether the different groups are just different groups of the same people. There was a comment that 24 – 35 year olds really are connected through the internet. There was a comment that governmental immigration policy allowing in family members discourages immigrants getting involved in general society because they are busy with family connections. There is some generational angst in Vancouver because younger people feel they cannot afford to live in Vancouver. The Vancouver Foundation has about \$12 million per year for discretionary grants. There are about 300 donors to the Vancouver Foundation who specify donees to receive the income their funds generate.

Dr. Jim Carter thanked Ms. Wightman for her talk.

PRESIDENTS' LUNCHEON ANNOUNCEMENT

The timing of the Annual President' Luncheon has been changed from January to October for several reasons based on the results of a member survey. The Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, October 9th, 2012 at the Marine Drive Golf Club, an improved location, atmosphere, food (a table served lunch) and comfortable seating for up to 250 attendees. As in recent years, spouses and guests are welcome.

IN MEMORIAM

It is with regret we announce the passing of Alf Gerein on August 9th. Our condolences to his families. A donation will be made in their memory by Probus to the Heart and Stroke foundation.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The year as President of our Club has flown by and made easy for me by a very competent and hard working Management Committee. We have enjoyed thirteen quality speakers due to the fine work of Brian Maunder and his Speaker's and Think Tank committees. Bill Robertson and his hard working Activities Committee have organized five splendid events and run our President's Luncheon and Mark Carney's special visit. The very competent Conrad Rademaker retires after two years as Chair of the Membership Committee to be succeeded by Norm Leach. After two years of providing quality minutes of our Monthly and Management meetings Brian Wasson hands the reins to Ken Yule. Jon Collins ends two years of excellent management of our Member Services Committee, including developing the Website Committee to become our Vice President and Tony Weal becomes the new Chair. After six years of sterling service our Archivist/ Historian, Gordon Thom hands the reins to Norm Weitzel, one of our Past Presidents. Jack Zaleski is very capably handling our new Website Committee and joins the Management team. Past President Bill Sexmith retires after five productive years on our Management team. Bill was instrumental in organizing our Club's first strategic planning review and was our Club's member on the small team that organized the very successful Probus Canada Rendezvous 2011 in Vancouver. Bill was a quality motivator, planner and innovator in our Management group. The very competent Rich Carson (Treasurer), Doug Lambert (House Chair) and Roy Williams (Newsletter Editor) remain on our Management Team. I am delighted to be replaced as President by the capable and talented Wayne Audette. It has been a privilege and pleasure to serve our members for the past year.

REMEMBER THE SUCCESS OF OUR CLUB DEPENDS ON THE INTEREST AND PARTICIPATION OF EVERY MEMBER.

13TH ANNUAL PRESIDENTS' LUNCHEON

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9TH, 2012
Location: Marine Drive Golf Club
7245 Yew Street, Vancouver, BC

This event honors and recognizes our Past Presidents and Honorary Life Members and is one of the Club's most important monthly meetings.

GUEST SPEAKER: Joseph Caron – a distinguished former ambassador to China and Japan with unique insights into Asian civilizations.

Limited to 250 registrants - guests welcome— \$45 per person

PROGRAM
11:00AM - Coffee

NOON – Sit down luncheon with artesian breads, salad, entrée (choice of baked sockeye salmon or grilled chicken penne pasta), dessert, tea and coffee.
No host bar available

1:00PM - Guest Speaker



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 - 4) e-mail: robertsonwd@hotmail.com 604-269-0745
- Deadline for registration: Sept 18th. Cancellation Deadline Sept 18th
MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO PROBUS CLUB VANCOUVER

NOTE - You are not registered until payment is received.

I PLAN TO ATTEND

Name:.....

Guest.....

Phone Number.....

E-Mail.....

Entrée: Salmon.....Chicken.....



“BEHIND THE SCENES TOUR”
of the
VANCOUVER AQUARIUM
 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH -
 9:30 AM TO 1PM
LIMITED TO 50 MEMBERS AND GUESTS

\$45 PER PERSON - Only A Few Spaces Remain!

The Vancouver Aquarium, designated the National Aquarium of Canada consistently ranks among the best in North America. It is one of Vancouver’s must-see attractions. The Vancouver Aquarium is a global leader in connecting people to the natural world and is well known for its education and research programs.

9.30 AM - WELCOMING COFFEE PARTY (Inside the Vancouver Aquarium)

10.00 AM CLINT WRIGHT, Vancouver Aquarium Operations Manager Mr. Wright will speak and answer questions about the activities of the Vancouver Aquarium including comments about the marine animals, research efforts, and revitalization of the Aquarium.



10:30 GROUP GUIDED TOURS OF VANCOUVER AQUARIUM

The group will be split into 5 groups for Behind the Scenes Tours including: Jellyfish Hallway, Wet Lab, Research and Pacific Canada.

12:00 LUNCH IN THE AQUARIUM

LUNCH will consist of assorted Chef Selection of Deli Wraps and Sandwiches, Soup of the Day, assorted Dessert Squares and Cookies, Tea and Coffee, Waters and Juices.

1:00 PM The Activity will conclude around 1:00 pm. However, if you wish you may enter the main portion of the Vancouver Aquarium and visit all of the exhibits.

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I plan to attend:

Name: _____

Guest _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

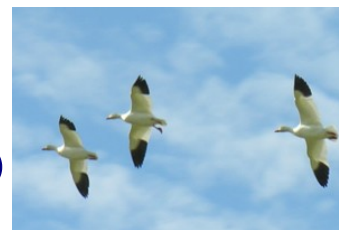


TOUR OF REIFEL BIRD SANCTUARY

Tuesday, October 23rd

This Event is Open to Members and Guests (Max.60)

The George C Reifel Migratory Bird Sanctuary on Westham Island, west of Ladner is one of Canada's best bird watching sites. Autumn offers particularly spectacular viewing as some 70,000 snow geese rest and feed in these 850 acres of managed wetlands, natural marshes and low dykes on their journey to their nesting grounds in Russia. They join millions of other migrating and resident birds; over 280 species have been observed. A two storey (10mm high) observation tower is located in the northwestern corner and provides an excellent view of the shallow ponds, the intertidal marshes of the Fraser River estuary outside the dikes, the ocean and landmarks in the Vancouver area. A second viewing area is only a 15 minute walk from the entrance gate and overlooks the marshy islands and ponds of the south half of the Sanctuary.



10:00 AM – Welcoming Tailgate Coffee Party in the Reifel Parking Lot. Coffee & Pastries- a great time to socialize

10:45AM – Guided Tour of the Sanctuary- 5 individually guide groups (organized by Club member Adrian Grant-Duff).

DRIVING INSTRUCTIONS - From Vancouver, head south on HWY 99, passing through George Massey Tunnel. Take HWY 17 South heading in the direction of the BC Ferries. Turn right (west) at Ladner Trunk Road; it becomes 48th Avenue. Stay on 48th Avenue and cross Elliot Street – it now becomes 47a Avenue. Continue west on 47a Avenue. It becomes River Road West. Continue on this road until you come to the Westham Island Bridge. Cross over the bridge and stay on Westham Island Road until you come to the Reifel Bird Sanctuary.

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Deadline for registration: Oct 19th Cancellation
Deadline Oct 19th

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MEMBERSHIP SERVICES TEAM

Greeters – Bruce Hirtle, Orrin Weber

Cashiers – Leigh Taylor, Tony Wooster

Past President Greeter – Norm Weitzel

Member Services Desk – Tony Weall

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Gordon Hunter – Dentist

Brian Lahiffe – Dentist/Periodontics

Jim Mennie - Educator

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Annual Financial Statements for the fiscal year ending July 31, 2012 are available on website at: www.probusvancouver.com.

Copies will also avail-able for pick up at the Member Services Desk at the September Annual General Meeting