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Message from the BC Branch President

Dear BC Branch Members,

As hopefully most of you now know, the CIPHI National Annual Education Conference is coming to BC later this year, in November. It is tradition that the annual national awards are presented during the course of the AEC. Therefore, to ensure that our Branch members are recognized for their contributions to the society and profession, I would like to raise everyone's attention towards the National and BC Branch award nominations. The Branch Executive is asking that all award nominations be submitted to the Branch Executive to president@ciphi.bc.ca so that we can put forward our nominations to National as well as assess our Branch awards. The various awards are as follows with the detailed descriptions and eligibility criteria in the links:

National Awards - <http://www.ciphi.ca/about-us/awards/>

Alex Cross Award

- This award is issued to a member for displaying the highest standards of professional practice during the past year.

Alexander Officer Award

- This award is issued to an organization or agency for outstanding and meritorious achievements in the field of public or environmental health.

Environmental Health Review Award

- This award is issued to a member, non-member, individual or organization for excellence in presenting an environmental health issue or topic to the public.

President's Award

- This award is issued to a former member of the National Executive Council, Board of Certification, Council of Professional Experience or Environmental Health Foundation of Canada, who has demonstrated outstanding service and commitment to the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors while in office.

Honourary Membership

- This award is issued to a person who is not eligible for Regular, Retired or Life membership in the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors, for outstanding support, contribution or service to the association or Public Health Inspectors in Canada in general.

Life Membership

- This award is issued to a member of the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors for outstanding service to the Institute, to his or her profession and/or to his or her community over an extended period of time

BC Branch Awards - <http://ciphi.bc.ca/awards.html>

BC Branch Member of the Year

- The Award is presented to a member of the B.C. Branch, who has made a significant contribution to the Branch, the Institute nationally, or health professional organizations other than the Institute over the past several years.

BC Branch Honorary Members

- The Award is presented to any individual who has performed or rendered some outstanding service to public health and to society.

BC Branch Alex Nilsson Award

- The Alex Nilsson Award was created to commend one hard-working volunteer who has given considerable time, skill and effort to the BC Branch, CIPHI, and/or his or her community and has had a positive impact in British Columbia and/or Canada.

*****Stay tuned for deadlines*****

Dale Chen, BC Branch President

Branch Update

Warm Spring Salutations All,

As I look outside as often as I can to enjoy the signs of spring coming about with birds chirping and the flowers starting to bloom, I would like to take this opportunity to provide you all with an update from your BC Branch.

Constitution and By-Laws Update

We have been busy this spring primarily working on the review and redevelopment of our Constitution and Operational By-laws. This was as a result of the New BC Societies Act which came into effect this year. As we were obliged to update, we took the opportunity to clean up some of the antiquated clauses and wording and have a final draft that is being reviewed for final comment amongst the current Executive Council. Once this process is complete, we will then circulate to the BC Branch Membership at-large for input on the content as well as the preference for the type of society we wish to be. While the purpose of the BC Branch is to extend the work of CIPHI National, the key question that is before us is with whether we would like to become a member-funded society or not. We will be exploring the pros and cons of maintaining the status quo or changing to a member-funded society and we will provide a synopsis with the draft documents to be circulated. Stay tuned for more details on this matter over the next couple months.

Report from the NEC

This past February, I was given the opportunity to attend the National Executive Council Meeting in Halifax, NS as part of my transition year as President Elect towards being the BC Branch President. I personally found it to be a very rewarding and valuable experience. Besides the obvious of being able to visit the east coast, I was able to connect with the current and new executive council members and, along with some of my fellow future executive members, we were able to begin to engage in the operations and maintenance activities carried out by National. I can really appreciate the value of this provincially staggered executive transition process as being critical for continuity and operational efficiency purposes. The details can be found in the minutes posted on the National website, but here are some of the notable highlights from this meeting:



National Executive Council and Gordon at the recent Halifax meeting.

operational efficiency purposes. The details can be found in the minutes posted on the National website, but here are some of the notable highlights from this meeting:

- AEC Cost Sharing Formulas
- Communications Policy Review
- Discussion about Electronic AGMs
- Current Governance Structures
- Finance and 2017 Budget
- International Relief Survey

2017 AEC Planning Progress Report

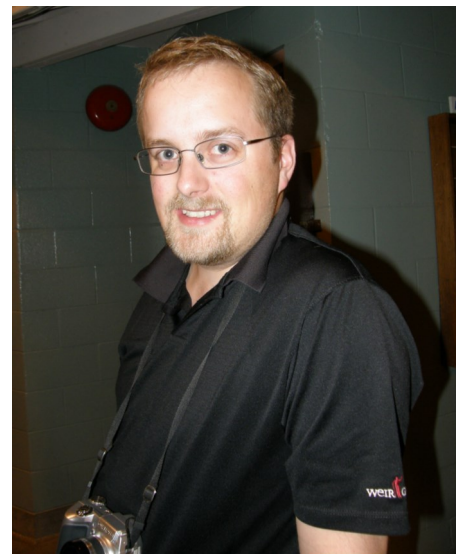
Things have really been starting to come together over the past few months for the organizing committee with more and more details continuing to be ironed out. Of note, the 2017 AEC website was successfully launched back in early March and it looks really amazing. If you have not seen it already, go check it out at www.ciphi2017.ca. The Education Committee also sent out the first call for abstracts with presentations to focus on current and emerging environmental public health issues and exploring innovative ways to safeguard public health. Most of the daily key notes speakers for the conference have also been confirmed. Making sure to balance work with play the Social Committee has quickly established a short list for the entertainers for the conference social events with some pretty notable names on the list. Shhh! I will not give any secrets away, so stay tuned to the website and for future email updates on the development of the 2017 National AEC in Richmond!!

In closing, I would also like to bring your attention to some of the key highlights of the latest issue of the BC Page, in particular an introduction to the Fraser Health Leadership team on page 6 and information on our next webinar in the spring series on page 8.

Take care and stay safe!

Yours Truly,

Gordon Moseley, Dip.T.,
B.Tech., C.P.H.I.(C)
CIPHI BC Branch President -
Elect



Hello CIPHI members and environmental health professionals alike! Welcome back again to Giardia's Corner with me, Giardia! We have an exciting year ahead of us with the AEC being held right close to home, in Richmond, BC. The organizers are working steady to plan for speakers and social events. As the conference will offer PDHs for you to add to your pot, I hope to see you there. Speaking of PDHs, meet Cole Diplock, our BC Representative for CoPE.

Health Canada estimates that approximately 65% of foodborne illnesses can be attributed to Norovirus. Campy and Salmonella make up only 13%.



Cole Diplock— BC Representative, CoPE

Q1: What school did you go to for the ENVH program? What year did you graduate?

A1: BCIT and graduated in 2007.

Q2: Where have you worked and what roles have you been in throughout your career?

A2: I did my two practicums in Powell River and Nanaimo. I started as a field EHO in Courtenay and after a little over a year moved to the Port Alberni office. After 6 months in Port Alberni, I moved to the Duncan office. In 2011, I took on a Regional Practice Consultant role based in Duncan. In 2016, I moved into my current role as Leader Operations Support based in Nanaimo.

Q3: How have you seen the focus of Environmental Public Health change over the years?

A3: The most noticeable change I have seen is the move into the Built Environment, focusing on building relationships with local governments and community groups to influence planning of healthy built environments.

Q4: What is one of the most memorable moments or situations in your career so far?

A4: The top memorable situations that instantly come to mind involve sewage and Rory Beise.....I'll leave it at that.

Q5: As an EHO/PHI, one of your primary roles is to look for problems or issues; how have you stayed positive?

A5: The fun is working through challenges with a great team, so it's easy to stay positive.



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Q6: On a scale of Educator to Enforcer, where would you place your health inspector style?

A6: I don't have a style anymore, but I was more of an educator when I was in the field.

Q7: You're currently the BC Branch representative for CoPE, what are some of the things that CoPE is focusing on this year?

A7: CoPE is focusing on better communication with members. In addition to the regular emails, banners, and presentations, we are looking to have regular messaging in all branch newsletters. Stay tuned for more fun facts from the CoPE Connection!

What is your favourite indoor/outdoor activity?

- Hockey/Ball Hockey

If you could learn to do anything, what would it be?

- Fly a fighter jet / helicopter

What songs are included in the soundtrack to your life?

- ... I have no idea what this means.

What do you miss about being a kid?

- Nothing

WHICH WOULD YOU RATHER:

1. **Read on a Kindle or a paperback?**
 - Paperback book
2. **Drink a glass of Guinness or Fat Tire**
 - Guinness
3. **Read the book or watch the movie?**
 - Read the book then watch the movie and complain about what was changed and how the book is so much better.
4. **Win the lottery or find your perfect job?**
 - Lottery

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Oonagh Tyson, Regional Director, Health Protection



Oonagh Tyson is the Regional Director of Health Protection at Fraser Health. Her portfolio includes Environmental Health, Community Care Facilities Licensing, Tobacco, and Healthy Environments. She has worked for Fraser Health since 2000, starting as a Public Health Inspector in the Surrey office. In 2006 she became the Environmental Health Manager for the Tri-Cities, Maple Ridge, and New Westminster areas. She was involved in the creation of Fraser Health’s Healthy Built Environment team in 2012 and managed this program until assuming the Regional Director portfolio in 2014. Prior to starting with Fraser Health, Oonagh worked as an Environmental Health Officer for Health Canada, First Nations and Inuit Health in Williams Lake, covering 13 First Nations communities. Oonagh is passionate about exploring innovative ways to incorporate Health Protection in health promotion and community work, thereby increasing its role and improving health outcomes among the population.

Oonagh’s educational background includes a Master of Science from Royal Roads University and a Bachelor of Science from UBC. She graduated from BCIT’s Environmental Health program in 1998. When not at work or spending time with friends and family, Oonagh enjoys taking her dog (Pumpkin) to fun canine activities such as sheep herding, agility, dock diving, and obedience training.

Gord Stewart, Manager, Burnaby and New West Health Protection

Gordon Stewart is the Health Protection Manager for Burnaby/New Westminster. Gord graduated from BCIT and was Certified in 1982. He began his career in Fort McLeod, Alberta with the Chinook Health Region. Gord left the Chinook HR in 1990 as the Chief PHI to return to the Lower Mainland. While in Fort McLeod Gord became a strong supporter of food safety education programs for operators and employees in the local food industry. Gord was active in the development of the Chief Mountain Solid Waste Authority (CMSWA), in an effort to control open pit garbage dumps. The open pit dumps burned regularly as a waste reduction strategy and method to recover material for recycling. The CMSWA was organized to secure funding to create transfer stations for each participating town and First Nations community and secure a site for a sanitary landfill.



In 1990 Gord joined the staff at Boundary Health Unit in White Rock and continued teaching food safety courses to food premises operators and staff through the local continuing education program. As Boundary HU expanded he became a Deputy Chief and began managing the Food Control Program. In his current role Gord is the program lead for the Emergency Preparedness program, Regional Billing program, and Health Protection Manager for the Burnaby and New Westminster communities.

Gord is an active supporter of CIPHI and participated as a Branch Councillor, Examiner, Examination Coordinator, and Chair of the Board of Certification. Gord is also currently a member of the National Exam Panel.

Timothy Millard, Manager, Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Mission Health Protection

After graduating from Trinity Western University with a BSc and completing the Environmental Health Program at BCIT in 1994, Timothy spent three years working for Boundary Health primarily in the land use program. His love for helping and educating people pulled him in a different direction for more than seven years as he became the Head Instructor / Manager of a large Martial Arts School in Surrey.

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“Getting to Know You” - Fraser Health Leadership—Continued

In 2004, Timothy returned to Fraser Health, working out of the Surrey Health Protection Office. Due to his love for education, he started teaching FOODSAFE right away and soon became the FOODSAFE Co-ordinator for Fraser Health.

In 2012, Fraser Health started to implement the use of tablets in the field, and he saw this as an opportunity to continue to help and educate others; however, now his focus was on helping EHOs.

In January, 2014, a management position became available and Timothy saw this as a further opportunity to impact the most people by being a resource that EHOs can turn to in a variety of situations. As a manager, he has particularly enjoyed challenging EHOs to explore different options and to think outside the box, especially when a situation is either unclear or difficult.

Timothy has enjoyed his first three years as manager, and has been fortunate to be part of a great TEAM supporting the Fraser East communities with EHOs and Admin Support in three offices: Abbotsford, Chilliwack, and Mission. He also sits on the Provincial Committees for Recreational Water and Personal Service Establishments.



Ken Shaw, Manager, Delta/White Rock and Langley Health Protection



Ken attended BCIT and obtained his CPHI(C) in 1991. Prior to this, he worked as a Marine Engineer for a number of shipping companies. His first job as a health inspector was in Timmins, Ontario where he covered a district that stretched up into James Bay.

Ken came to BC in 1992 and started working for the old Simon Fraser Health Unit in a small office alongside Keir Cordner, where together they tackled the challenges of administering the Sewage Disposal Regulation.

Ken continued in the role of an informal specialist in sewage disposal up until the time the sewage legislation was changed in 2004. After this, he was successful in obtaining an EHS Manager position.

Since that time, Ken has worked in geographic programs, as well as regional programs including tobacco control, healthy built environments, and human health risk assessment. He is also engaged with collaborative work in health equity and injury prevention.

Sandra Gill, Manager, Environmental Health Services & Healthy Built Environment Program

Sandra is the Manager of Environmental Health Services for Tri Cities and Maple Ridge areas, and the regional Healthy Built Environment program for Fraser Health. Sandra has over fifteen years of expertise in the field of public health including experience as a front-line Environmental Health Officer, Practice Consultant for Environmental Health Services, and the Professional Practice department supporting over twenty allied health programs across FH. Sandra is currently implementing strategic capacity building initiatives to expand the healthy communities work in Fraser Health. She also participates in various capacities for initiatives that span across the Population and Public Health portfolio including chronic disease prevention, health equity and diversity, and workforce development.



Sandra’s educational background includes undergraduate degrees in Biological Sciences and Environmental Health, and a Master’s degree in Public Health from the University of British Columbia. Over the last few years Sandra has been volunteering her time to support local and international health initiatives and support local women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.

**Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors
BC Branch Continuing Education Webinar Series
Fall 2016- Spring 2017**

Emergency Management in BC: A Provincial Government Perspective on Multi-Stakeholder Engagement

May 18, 2017 from 09:00 - 10:00 (PST)

This presentation will provide an over view of the emergency management domain in British Columbia with a focus on the role of the provincial government agency Emergency Management BC (EMBC) as it relates to the many (non) government organizations. This will come together in a short review of existing legislation and higher level government plans that establish the roles of many agencies and how they can be complimentary. Emergencies relevant to EHOs will be highlighted (e.g., wildfire, spills). The presentation will challenge the attendees to consider their organization's role in the grand provincial scheme of EM things in the context of some of the types events that can happen here in BC.

Steve Newton

Regional Manager, Central Region, Emergency Management BC (EMBC)



Steve has 29 years in the emergency management (EM) domain. He has extensive operational and management experience in wildfire and broader emergency response and recovery. He has participated in and/or lead several (inter)national EM projects, with a focus on science & technology, and training & development. Throughout his career Steve has developed a very good sense of the multi-stakeholder and community complexities in provincial and (inter)national emergency management, and leverages that in his daily activities. No two days are exactly alike in Steve's world.

This form is to be used by organizations or groups who wish to have Professional Development Hours (PDHs) assigned to educational sessions, seminars, workshops, conferences or similar opportunities.

Email this form to cope@ciphi.ca 10 business days prior to the activity start date.

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION	
Name of Organization:	
Contact Person:	
Title / Position:	
Mailing Address:	
City:	
Country:	Postal Code:
Email:	
Tel:	Fax:
EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY INFORMATION	
Educational Activity Name:	
Activity Date(s):	Recurring: <input type="checkbox"/> (include details in detail section)
Proposed Number of Professional Development Hours (include breaks and lunch):	
Details (include links to website information, agenda, syllabus or outline):	
Comments (how does this activity benefit the practice of Environmental Public Health Professionals?):	

*Note: Recurring opportunities must be in one format / length (e.g. a series of one hour webinars). Approval is valid for 5 years. Please notify the Council of Professional Experience (CoPE) immediately if you make changes to, or no longer offer, this professional development activity. You must resubmit this form every 5 years.

Office Use	
This request for approval of PDHs has been reviewed by CoPE and has been:	
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CoPE shall keep all information provided on this application in confidence.

November 2016

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PD Portal:

On Maternity or Paternity Leave or working part time? There is a declaration form to allow you to reduce the number of PDHs required.

Baby Announcements



Tracie Cheung and husband Gary welcomed Kaylia Rose Doyle on January 16, 2017. Kaylia arrived at 1:36 p.m. weighing 6lbs 9oz.

Congrats!

Samson Wong and his family welcomed baby Abigail on April 8 at 12:10pm weighing 6lbs 7oz.

Congrats!



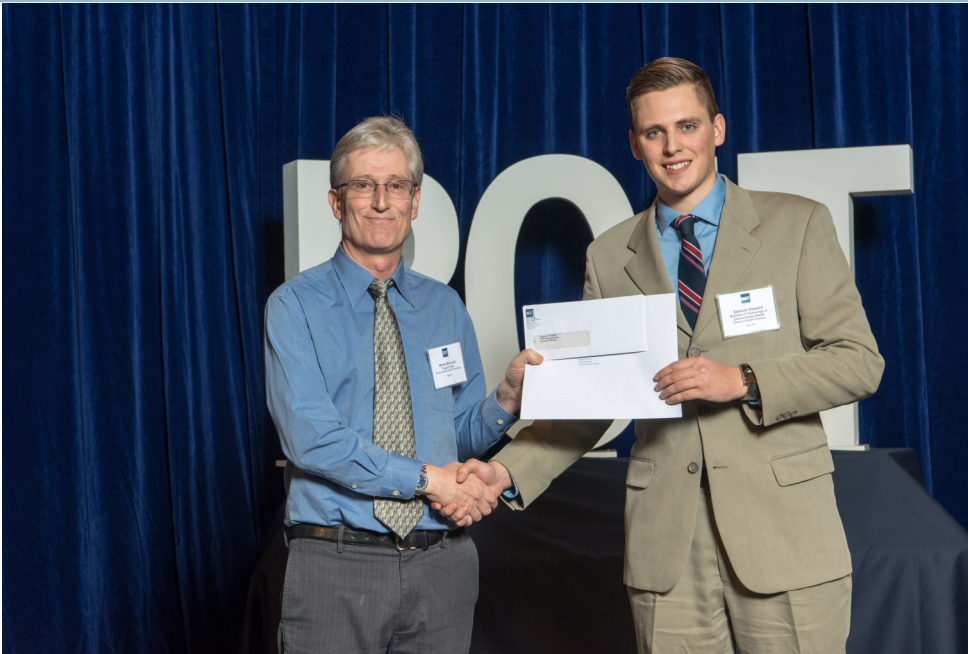


BCIT Environmental Health Graduating Class of 2017

TOP ROW (L-R): Thomas Q., Spencer K., Derek A., Sasha A., Donny H., Justin L. **MIDDLE ROW (L-R):** Michael W., Jonathan W., Jennifer B., Ali M., Nicole P., Laura M., Kat H., Laura M., Melissa S., Douglas G., Bin P. **FRONT ROW (L-R):** Sammie H., Janek K., Sophie F., Jeffrey M., Pooja K., Jill L., Jackie C.



Dr. John Blatherwick Entrance Award presented by Martin MacLeod (left), Program Head to First Year student, Jessica Wu (right) at the Fall 2016 BCIT Awards Ceremony.



The **Joe & Gladys Woolsey and Sam Parrish & Gladys Cranke Memorial Award** presented by Martin Macleod (left), Program Head to Second Year Student, Spencer Kaspick (right) at the Fall 2016 BCIT Awards Ceremony.

Bob Herbison Memorial Award (CIPHI) presented by Dr. Betty Green (left), niece of Bob Herbison to Second Year student Kat Hansen (right) at the Fall 2016 BCIT Awards Ceremony.



Former BC Branch President, Gary Tam (left), presents the CIPHI, **John A. Stringer Memorial Award** to Gagandeep Dhillon (right) during the 2017 BCIT Winter Graduating Ceremony.

Ian and Jade Stewart made their Canadian Citizenship official on January 31, 2017 when they took their Oath.

Welcome to the second best country in the world.....according to the recent U.S. News and World Report . . .but what do they know?!



**YOU KNOW WHAT
REALLY GRINDS MY
GEARS . . .**

That everyone seems to use the same standard “30 minutes” response when asked how long something has been cooling on the counter. . . 60°C to 19°C in 30 minutes, eh?

Please submit your “heard it a thousand time before one-liners” that you hear in the field over and over to stacey.sowa@viha.ca. Let’s all share in the hilariously annoying joys of our environmental public health experiences.

In Memoriam—Ian Flack

FLACK, IAN M: Died peacefully at Moog and Friends Hospice House on Monday, April 3, 2017 with his family by his side. Ian is survived by his loving wife, Janet of Penticton; daughters, Allison (Dan) Huang of Victoria, Amanda (Ray) Miles of Penticton; grandchildren, Alex and Aidan of Victoria; sisters, Lynne (Malcolm), Gill (Michael) and many other extended family members in England. Ian was born in Portsmouth, England in 1943. He, and his wife Janet, came to Canada in 1967 and then to the Okanagan in 1976. He worked in Public Health in England, Alberta, and British Columbia for many years. Ian was a long-time member of Kinsmen, a founding member of the South Okanagan Whiskey Tasting Society, a member of the Penticton Pipe Band as well as an orchardist in Naramata. He was also an avid football (soccer) fan, a voracious reader, and devoted father and grandfather.

A Service celebrating his life was held on April 10th at St. Margaret's Anglican Church, Peachland. Donations may be made to The Penticton & District Hospice House or the South Okanagan Similkameen Medical Foundation to benefit Oncology. Condolences may be shared by visiting www.everdenrust.com.

Note: Ian received his CPHI(C) in Alberta in 1969 and retired in 2000.

Tim Roark
BC Branch Historian



In Memoriam—Louis Edward Dudley Agassiz



It is with great sadness and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Louis Edward Dudley Agassiz. He passed away peacefully in his sleep with family by his side. We are happy for him that he is at peace, and is together again with his wife and our Mother, Audrey Marie Agassiz (pre-deceased Sept 19th 2002).

Dad was born in Tacoma Washington, he and his family lived there for a few years before moving back to Vancouver, BC. He also spent some time in Kelowna before serving in the Navy during WWII. He started work as a Health Inspector in Kelowna and then moved to Cloverdale BC where he worked at Boundary Health Unit until he retired. They lived in Aldergrove for most of their retired years where he spent endless hours in the garden. His passion was the outdoors, whether it was in the garden, hunting or fishing, he absolutely loved fishing!

Hope you catch the big one that got away... You will be dearly missed.

Paul & Agassiz family

NOTE: Dudley received his CSI(C) in 1956 and retired in approximately 1988. He was 92 years young when he passed away in February 2017.

Tim Roark
BC Branch Historian

In Memoriam—Roderick Norman Fraser



As Rod was in the garden doing what he loved, looking out at the ocean, enjoying the breeze, he peacefully slipped away on November 8, 2016. Rod leaves the love of his life, Eileen after 30 years together. He will also be lovingly remembered by his son, Barclay (Wendy); his adopted son, Jason of the First Nation Coast Salish; and daughter, Allison (Tyson). He leaves 3 beautiful grandchildren; Zack (Allyson), Cameron and Kimiko, his sister Marion (Dave); Gwen (mother of Cameron) as well as many other family and friends. Rod was predeceased by his late wife Judy when his two children, Allison and Jason, were very young.

Rod was a good man, kind, loving, humble, and giving. He had a great sense of humour. He was very intelligent with a strong faith. Rod worked in Environmental Health and was the Chief Environmental Health Officer for the City of New Westminster. Upon moving to Vancouver Island, he worked as a Community Care Licensing Officer.

“This was a Life Well Lived”

A Celebration of Life was held on November 19, 2016 at the Parksville Fellowship Baptist Church. To send a condolence to the family please visit www.yatesfuneral.ca

NOTE: Rod received his Certificate in Sanitary Inspection in Edmonton in 1962. He was involved in the Institute in his early days as a Public Health Inspector and in 1969 took on the very challenging task as **Editor** of the Institute’s national journal, the **Canadian Sanitarian**. It was subsequently indicated that his contribution as Editor had a positive influence on the direction and future of the Institute by keeping the widely spread membership informed of association events and current public health issues.

Tim Roark
Branch Historian

In Memoriam—Laurel Benham

Laurel Edgar Benham was born July 27, 1918 at Hardisty, Alberta. Upon graduation from high school he took training to become a school teacher. Laurel taught school for 2 years before the start of WWII. He joined the Royal Canadian Air Force and took training to become a Wireless Radio Instructor. He won the Gold Medal for Canada due to his expertise and skill in this subject. He then taught Wireless Radio Operation to air force gunners at No. 2 Wireless School in Calgary, Alberta. In 1943 he met Hugh Bownes a Sanitary Inspector in Red Deer, Alberta who told Laurel about the course offered by the Canadian Public Health Association to become a Sanitary Inspector. Hugh strongly encouraged him to take the course due the potential for a great career. On his own time he took the required courses and then obtained the needed practical experience at the Calgary Health Department. Laurel was awarded his Certificate in Sanitary Inspection (Canada) #301 in 1944.

When the War was over, Laurel applied for a position in the Central Vancouver Island Health Unit and was stationed at Port Alberni. There he encouraged local restaurant operators to form an association and work together on food safety issues. The association was formed and Laurel presented food safety courses to operators and their staff. Laurel received much praise from the local restaurant owners for his leadership in this situation.



92 years young – Laurel displaying a plaque presented by his staff outlining his career in Public

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In 1948, Laurel transferred to the newly created Cariboo Health Unit and was stationed in Prince George. His office was in a WWII "Army Hut". Laurel and his wife Mavis and son lived in a small house provide by the Dept. of Health. That winter the temperatures dropped to -65F and he had to hang blankets over all the windows and doors to keep out the cold. At 3:00 a.m. each night he had to refill the small Quebec Heater to keep the house warm. Initially he was the only Inspector in the health unit but within a year, Len Hiebert was hired and stationed at Quesnel and thus Laurel was promoted to Senior Public Health Inspector. Again he encouraged local restaurant operators to form an association and work together on food safety issues and again Laurel presented food safety courses to operators and their staff. In May 1950 the family was blessed with a daughter. After two years living and working in these very challenging conditions Laurel and family transferred to the Vernon office of the North Okanagan Health Unit where they stayed until 1961.

Laurel was drawn to the Vancouver Island area after several visits to Victoria and when a vacancy became available Laurel transferred to become the new "Chief" of the Provincial Saanich and South Vancouver Island Health Unit. Later



CIPHI National President, Laurel Benham, meets BC Premier, WAC Bennett.

that same year this health unit as well as the Victoria & Esquimalt Health Dept. were amalgamated into the Greater Victoria Metropolitan Board of Health. Laurel was promoted to the position of Assistant Director a position he held for two years until the Director retired and he was promoted to the position of Director.

In 1966 Premier WAC Bennett created Regional Districts across BC and the Capital Regional District was the first regional district created. In 1974 all Community Health Services were added to the responsibilities of the CRD and Laurel was appointed the new Director, Division of Public Health Inspection, a position he held until his retirement on December 31, 1977.

Laurel was never one to sidestep challenges when faced with them. In the Okanagan he tackled a large Milk Cooperative over poor quality control. He took on City Council for allowing poorly treated effluent from the treatment plant to pollute a stream and public beach. Both situations became highly political but Laurel was proven to be correct and he successfully "weathered the storm".

In addition to his work as a PHI Laurel was highly involved in his profession and for many years as a member of the Provincial Inspectors Salary Negotiating Committee. He was a long standing member of the BC Branch Executive and from 1968 to 1970 was CIPHI National President with a further two years a Past National President. Fortunately Laurel wrote many stories during his career including an excellent report on the 1948 disastrous and deadly flood in the Fraser Valley and his humorous story of a field trip in the north titled "Carefree Days in the Cariboo Health Unit" plus other historical recollections.

Laurel was an eloquent spokesman for the profession and regularly used the press including radio and TV to promote environmental health protection. As National President he met BC Premier WAC Bennett and other politicians. Laurel was the longest certified Public Health Inspector in BC history at 72 years and 2nd longest in Canada to date. Laurel passed away in November 2016 at the golden age of 98. He will certainly be missed as a good friend to many and a true leader of our profession.

Tim Roark
BC Branch Historian

In Memoriam—William Carl Hutton



William Carl Hutton was born in Chicago, Illinois on January 1st, 1930. The family moved to Toronto when Carl was 6 months old. He graduated from Meistershaft Secondary School with a swimming scholarship to the University of Indiana. He returned to Toronto to attend the first classroom PHI program in Canada held in conjunction with Ryerson and graduated with top honours as a Public Health Inspector. He was awarded his CSI(C) #878 in 1953. Carl moved to Vancouver to work for the City of Vancouver as a Public Health Inspector in 1954. He advanced in his chosen profession to become Director of Environmental Health and retired in 1990 after 36 years of service. During his career, Carl became quite involved in the BC Branch of CIPHI and was a member of the Executive for much of the 1970s. When not directly involved in the Institute, he continued as a

strong supporter of the association and encouraged staff attendance at educational conferences sponsored by CIPHI. He was highly regarded by his staff, as well as other City, Municipal, and Ministry of Health officials.



Carl Hutton (2nd from the right-bottom row) and Ryerson Classmates circa 1953.

Carl's great passion was sailing. He spent 22 years sailing up and down the BC coast. Carl was also a champion swimmer at the age of 16. As a senior, he competed in many BC Senior Games, winning many gold medals.

Carl passed away peacefully with his family by his side on January 31, 2017. He is survived by his wife Margaret; daughters Jane, Donna, Steven, Kym; sister Joan Vanston plus six grandchildren. A wonderful Celebration of Life service was held on March 9th at the Sunrise Banquet and Conference Centre in Surrey.

Tim Roark
Branch Historian

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