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News for the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors



Through an **equity** lens

The BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) website has a new section dedicated to Health Equity and Environmental Health (<http://www.bccdc.ca/health-professionals/professional-resources/health-equity-environmental-health>). These new pages provide information about health equity and the social determinants of health for environmental health practitioners. It is the new online home for *Through an Equity Lens: A New Look at Environmental Health*, which is a three-year project to explore what health equity means in the context of environmental health practice. Although this project focuses on BC, the resources draw on experiences from, and will be relevant to, public health inspectors and environmental health departments across Canada.

Current highlights include:

- An overview of the *Through an Equity Lens* project.

- Findings from a needs assessment with environmental health officers (EHOs) in BC.
- PowerPoint presentations, reports, and journal articles related to health equity and EHOs (Click on the "Resources" tab).
- Online *Equity and EPH Handbook* (<http://www.bccdc.ca/health-professionals/professional-resources/health-equity-environmental-health/equity-and-eph-handbook>).

CHAPTER 1: Three-part *Primer on Equity and Environmental Public Health (EPH) Practice*, which (1) highlights the ways that equity intersects with EPH practice and illustrates how an equity lens might be used, (2) illustrates how equity issues impact different areas of EPH practice, and (3) discusses ways to integrate an equity lens into practice.

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- CHAPTER 2: Report on *Facilitators and Barriers to Equity-Integrated EPH Practice*, which highlights ways that equity has been integrated with environmental public health practice in different places. It includes a series of vignettes to illustrate how equity can be integrated with practice, and provides an overview of both individual and systemic facilitators and barriers to equity-integrated practice.
- Information about collaboration between the food safety and food security sectors in BC.

Coming soon:

- Report on how to use existing policy levers to support equity-oriented environmental health practice (CHAPTER 3 in the *Equity and EPH Handbook*).
- Practical tools, including a framework for environmental health action on health equity and the social determinants of health and discussion guides on how to get started applying an equity lens within an environmental health or health protection department.
- Fact sheets on the working with local governments to support health equity through healthy built environments (CHAPTER 4 in the *Equity and EPH Handbook*).

Now in its third and final year, the project is now focused on developing concrete tools and other resources to help frontline practitioners, managers, and directors implement an equity lens to environmental health practice.

As the notions of health equity, the social determinants of health, and health promotion are embedded as core competencies in the public health profession, these themes are highlighted as conference tracks in the upcoming **2016 CIPHI Annual Educational Conference** in Edmonton September 26-28, 2016.

- Join us on day 1 for an “Introduction to Health Equity” with the National Collaborating Centre for Determinants of Health (NCCDH) and talks on “Supporting Collaboration Between Food Safety and Food Security in British Columbia” and BCCDC’s “Food Donation & Distribution Guidelines.”
- On day 3, BCCDC, the National Collaborating Cen-

tres for Environmental Health (NCCEH) and Determinants of Health (NCCDH) will be exploring some of the major challenges of integrating an equity lens to environmental health practice. In this “World Café” workshop, we will examine issues related to organizational capacity, practitioner skills, and how health equity can fit into a health protection mandate. Workshop participants will collectively identify outstanding gaps, existing resources, and concrete steps to incorporate health equity lens into their work.

To learn more about this work, add your name to a distribution list for new resources, or to share your own experiences or resources, contact Karen Rideout at 604-829-2544 or equitylens@bccdc.ca.



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UPCOMING EVENT. . .

September 26-30, 2016—
Environmental Public Health

Welcome to Summer,

I hope most of you have found time to hit the beach or at least enjoyed some time on the deck with a cold drink thus far into the summer! I know here in the Okanagan we were able to start that back in the spring this year, thanks to La Nina. The early onset summer sunshine, this past spring in most parts of the province, has meant that freshet kicked off a bit earlier this year but those temperatures were thankfully not sustaining. The relatively steady increase in ambient temperature and precipitation, has generally allowed for a slower and steadier snow melt and as a result decreased the incidence of major flooding or significant turbidity related issues. In my world, this is always a bonus, especially for those surface water systems that are still working towards meeting the provincial drinking water treatment objectives!

Annual Educational Webinar Series

The BC Branch has been actively working over the past few months on developing ideas and securing presenters for this year's educational webinar series. This will again get started with Environmental Public Health Week. With a greater emphasis on quality over quantity, the presentation topics vary across the range of disciplines or program areas of health protection. Some of the exciting topics this year include: Outbreak Management, Flotation Tanks, and MarketSafe. Stay tuned for more details from the BC Branch Educational Committee.

Executive Council Role Review

We just recently commenced a comprehensive review of all the roles and responsibilities of the individual positions towards updating and more clearly defining the titles and job descriptions of each. We are also looking review and revise our operational practices as necessary to ensure that primary functions of the BC Branch as whole are being met in accordance with the CIPHI National Operational Policies.

Membership Recognition

A Program is currently in development by the BC Branch Executive for enhanced and more regular recognition for years of CIPHI membership among other notable contributions to the Institute and the Environmental Public Health Profession. Of note we would like to again recognise Maxine Marchenski for her 42 year career in Health Protection, almost all of it as an active regular member of CIPHI. I would also like to acknowledge Gundie Volk, who even though was already retired, was recently recognized again for her commitment and tireless effort as the BC Branch Coordinator for the past three years by the CIPHI National - Board of Certification Committee. Well done and congratulations to you both!

CIPHI National AEC

Mark your calendars if you haven't already as it is not too late to register for this year's National Annual Educational Conference which is being held this year in the City of Champions in Wild Rose Country. That's next door in Edmonton, Alberta for those not in the know. This year's theme is "Innovation Beyond Inspection", the future for Environmental Public Health Inspection is ahead of us...where will the road take us? This will be an exciting look in to developing trends and a glimpse into the future of our profession, so don't miss out on Canada's premier education event for Environmental Public Health and Allied Professionals.

Branch Executive Vacancies – We Want You!

Despite distributing formal expressions of interest, the BC Branch Executive Council still has open vacancies for active BC/Yukon CIPHI Members to volunteer with the Branch. It is an excellent opportunity to give back to your profession that and further enrich an already rewarding career in Environmental Public Health. Did I mention the fact that it

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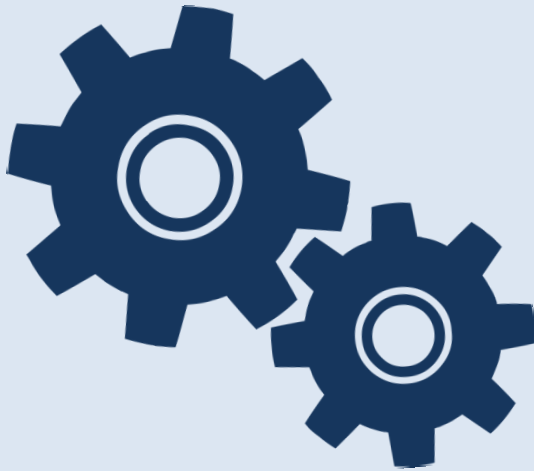
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looks really good on your resume! So if you haven't thought about it yet, I would strongly encourage you to consider it. Still have some reservation or questions? Please do not hesitate to contact me or any other of the current Executive Council members for more information. We also welcome any guests to our regularly scheduled meetings.

In closing I would like to wish you all the best and whether at work or on vacation this summer; don't forget your sun protection and bug repellent when you are out enjoying what this beautiful province has to offer...

Stay Cool!

Gordon Moseley
Vice President - BC Branch



YOU KNOW WHAT REALLY GRINDS MY GEARS . . .

When you've been to a place a hundred times and they've been using a perfect bleach water solution....next time.....oh we switched to vinegar....

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.

Keep up to date on the latest news at the BC Branch website:

www.ciphi.bc.ca

The page also contains information on membership, conferences, career opportunities, documents, and much more. Check it out regularly.

Did you know the BC Branch is on Facebook and Twitter?



Click on the icon to find the BC Branch on Facebook and *Like* the page.



Click on the icon and *Follow* the BC Branch on Twitter.

Hello CIPHI Members and environmental health professionals alike! Summer is in full swing and we're in the midst of enjoying all of the things that come with it! This season has been a little bit less hectic than the Summer of 2015; we're seeing less wildfires and we have had some relief from the dry heat with days of rain and thunderstorms. Please enjoy the introduction to our BC BOC Coordinator, Kuljeet Chattha.

The first *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* case was observed on June 30th, 2016 in a BC resident who consumed raw oysters in BC. *Vibrio par.* season is delayed compared to last year; in 2015, the first cases were seen in Mid-June.



Kuljeet Chattha—BC BOC Coordinator

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

A1: BCIT, 2003

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

A2: Environmental Health Officer for IHA, FHA, and VCHA

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

A3: We have now included more aspects of preventative health

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

A4: Working and training in Kamloops

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

A5: Finding problems and issues gives us opportunity to educate and protect public health

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

A6: Educator but when a public health hazard exists...then Enforcer

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Q7: Legislative recognition for CIPHI passed in Sept 2013, what do you see as the next big goal for CIPHI's BC Branch?

A7: Making membership mandatory

Q8: You're currently the BOC Coordinator for the BC Branch, what are the biggest challenges in your role?

A8: Managing time

What is one of your favourite quotes?

- Be truthful, have courage, and be kind

~ My Mom

What is your favourite indoor/outdoor activity?

- Yoga

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

- Design

If you won the lottery, what is the first thing you would do?

- Travel, invest, and help those in need

When was the last time you had an amazing meal?

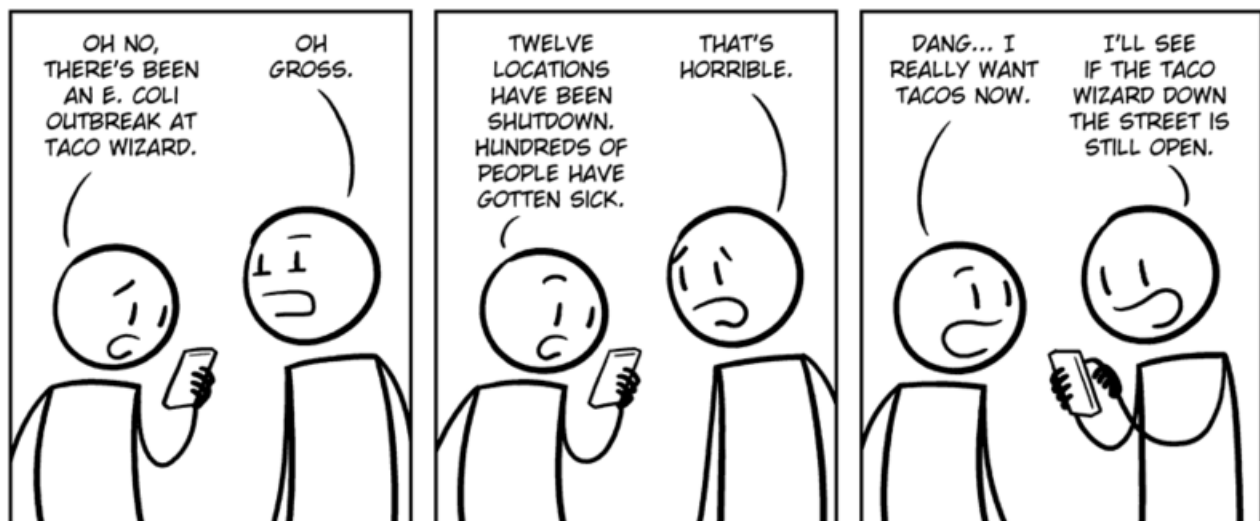
- Mother's Day Breakfast that my kids prepared for me

What do you miss about being a kid?

- Freedom

WHICH WOULD YOU RATHER:

1. **Go to a play or a musical?**
 - Musical
2. **Visit Europe or Mexico?**
 - Europe
3. **Go to a comedy club or a dance club?**
 - Comedy club
4. **Have a night out or an evening in?**
 - Evening in
5. **Win the lottery or find your perfect job?**
 - Win the lottery then create my perfect job



CONTINUING EDUCATION

WEBINAR SERIES 2016

Coming to

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

This FALL



- Sept 22nd, 2016 – PHAC—Enteric Outbreak Toolkit
- Oct. 26th, 2016 – MoH & HEMBC—Earthquake Hazard and Public Health Inspectors in the BC Emergency Management System
 - Nov. 9th, 2016 – BCIT
 - November 2016 – COPE—Understanding PDH Entry
- Feb. 15th, 2017 – MarketSafe—“Fresh and Always in Season”
 - March 2017 – EMBC
- March 2017 – Keith Hunter—Manufacture Practices of Wild Harvested Foods

*****Please submit ideas or requests for webinar topics to president@ciphi.bc.ca*****

Baby Announcements



Nadia White and her husband Henning welcomed their brand new little boy, Zavier Berko Müller White, on Sunday June 12th at 3:16 a.m. Zavier weighed in at 6lbs 0.3oz.

Congratulations!



Stacey Sowa and her wife Sarah welcomed Baby Bennett on April 27th, 2016 at 5:21 p.m. Bennett weighed in at 7lbs 6oz.

Congratulations!



First Nations Health Authority
Health through wellness

Linda Pillsworth, Manager Environmental Public Health Services

Linda Pillsworth is a Certified Public Health Inspector, with 15 years experience in Environmental Public Health. She has held leadership roles in First Nations Drinking Water Safety and Environmental Public Health Services, and most recently, as Acting Executive Director for a broad range of Community Health and Wellness programs. Linda entered the field of environmental public health in 2000, with her first position with the [now] Northern Health Authority, based in Terrace. While the north is too far for some, having the opportunity to experience the beauty of the Northwest for 3 years, from Atlin to Haida Gwaii, was a privilege. It has grounded her in the realities of rural and remote communities, and offered the full set of challenges of the profession. Her next 5 years with Health Canada Workplace

Health and Public Safety Program offered her a broad range of public health experience – from trains and prisons, to cruise ships - and a broader knowledge of federal government programs.

The last 8 years spent with the First Nations Environmental Public Health Services has progressively challenged her to lead the team of Environmental Health Officers into a new organization, with new opportunities and a truly more holistic view of environmental public health. She believes that there is no one solution to improving the conditions in First Nations communities. Rather it requires listening, learning, the wisdom and strengths of communities, the support of health leaders, self-determination, and the belief that First Nations should have an equal state of living as non-First Nations.

Linda is supported by her husband Chris and 2 boys Tristan and Nathan.



Gethsemane Luttrell – District Manager, Island District

Born and raised on Quadra Island, BC, Gethsemane has a strong connection with nature and community. Her passion for science, environment and helping people has guided her down the path to Environmental Public Health. Gethsemane completed a Bachelor’s Degree in Biology from the University of Victoria; and, completed her Bachelor of Technology in Environmental Health at the British Columbia Institute of Technology.

Gethsemane leads a team of eleven Environmental Health Officers and support staff, delivering environmental health services to a large number of First Nations communities, including remote locations only accessible by boat or float plane.

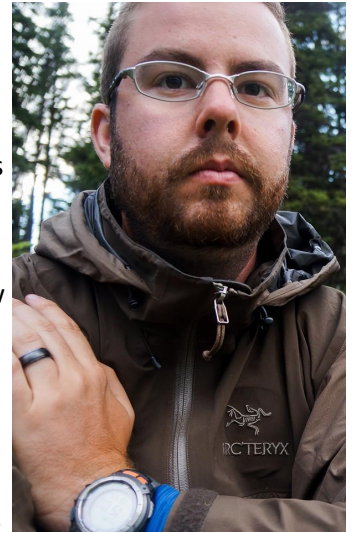


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Casey Neathway – District Manager, Central District

Casey started his environmental health career in Vernon with Interior Health in 2008, after graduating from BCIT. Since then, he's worked as an EHO, a Community Care Licensing Team Leader, and as the Executive Director of a First Nations organization. Through his work with First Nations communities, he saw the opportunities that a new perspective on health and wellness could provide to improving health outcomes for BC's indigenous populations. Joining the FNHA Environmental Public Health Team has allowed him to gain new perspectives on our work as environmental public health professionals, meet some amazing and inspiring people, and see some truly beautiful parts of the province. His team includes eight EHOs, two admin staff, and an Environmental Health Technician.

Casey graduated from Thompson Rivers University with a Bachelor of Science in Cellular, Molecular, and Microbiology and from BCIT with a Bachelor of Technology in Environmental Health. He has continued to pursue formal education, and also holds Graduate Certificates in Public Health Leadership and Public Health Strategic Communications from Concordia University of Edmonton.



Paul Broda – District Manager, Northern District

Originally from Chilliwack, Paul Broda graduated from BCIT and immediately began working with Health Canada. During his time as an Environmental Health Officer in the Prince George office, Paul successfully completed his Bachelor of Science at UBC. Paul became a District Manager in 2013, after twenty-eight years working with northern BC First Nations communities.

Paul manages the Northern District at FNHA, an area that includes fifty-five First Nations communities spread over 617, 284 square kilometers. His team of Environmental Health Officers and Technicians, and administrative support staff ensure that all of the communities receive a high level of service, regardless of how remote they might be.



Melissa Daniels – District Manager, Vancouver Coastal Fraser Salish District

Melissa is from the Stz'uminus First Nations with family connections in Cowichan, Snaw-naw-as, Qualicum and Cheam. She obtained her Bachelor of Science in Biology from the University of Victoria in conjunction with Malaspina University College, and a Bachelor of Technology in Environmental Health from BCIT. Melissa became a certified Public Health Inspector with the CPHI(C) in 2000, and subsequently worked 12 years as an EHO with Health Canada in the Nanaimo office, covering First Nations communities in the mid-Vancouver Island region. Melissa enjoys the Environmental Health field as it provides preventive measures to ensuring the Health of our First Nations in which they live, work, eat and play.

In 2012, she successfully acquired a manager job as Health Director for the Stz'uminus First Nation where she was able to gain managerial experience. This was a stepping stone to return to Environmental Health in a manager capacity, as the District Manager of the Vancouver Coastal Fraser Salish District.



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Dr. Sylvia Struck – Drinking Water Program Manager

Dr. Sylvia Struck is the Manager for the Drinking Water Safety Program at FNHA with programmatic responsibility for supporting community access to safe and reliable water supplies, and building capacity for First Nations communities in British Columbia. She holds a PhD in Public Health from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine where her research focused on influences of livelihood, poverty and policy on water access in rural South-western Uganda.

Prior to obtaining her PhD, she worked for a number of years as an Environmental Engineer and Project Manager in government, consulting, industry, academia and a non-governmental organization in Europe, the US, Africa and Asia. A prior position with the British Columbia Centre for Disease Control along with other past positions have led to interests which include water resource access, use and policy; equity and social determinants of health and wellbeing; social and environmental adaptation and innovation; conservation; and dissemination of scientific information and public perception.

She holds an MSc in Environmental Engineering from Stanford University, BSc in Chemical Engineering from the University of Tennessee, and has trained in Epidemiology. She is also an Adjunct Professor in the School of Population and Public Health at the University of British Columbia where she lectures on global environmental health and climate change.



Update from NCCEH

NCCEH at 2016 CPHA Annual Conference

The Canadian Public Health Association's *Public Health 2016* conference was held on June 13-16, 2016 in Toronto. This conference is the largest annual public health knowledge exchange event in Canada, attended by public health practitioners, academic researchers, students and trainees, policy-makers, health promotion workers, government and non-governmental organizations.

The National Collaborating Centres for Aboriginal Health (NCCA), Determinants of Health (NCCDH), Environmental Health (NCCEH), Infectious Diseases (NCCID), Methods and Tools (NCCMT) and Healthy Public Policy (NCCHPP) participated in the Public Health 2016 program by leading and presenting sessions on a range of topics related to each NCC specialty area. A listing of these can be viewed here (<http://www.nccph-ccnsp.ca/en/home.aspx>). Conference presentations are available (<http://ph2016.isilive.ca/calendar/1>), arranged by date and session.

NCCEH and NCCA collaborated in presenting a symposium entitled ***Integrating Indigenous Community Planning into a Healthy Built Environment***. This session included four presentations, each addressing different aspects to collectively provide a holistic approach toward integrating the natural and built environment, economy and health in relation to Indigenous community planning. Our panelists brought unique and complementary perspectives to the discussion: Aaron Aubin, Principal, Aaron Aubin Consulting Inc.; Catherine Donovan, Associate Professor, Public Health, Memorial University of Newfoundland; Jeremy Seeseequasis, Councilor of Finance and Lands, Beardy's and Okemasis First Nations 96 & 97; and, Roberta Stout, Research Associate, National Collaborating Centre for Aboriginal Health.

The following concepts emerged from the 90-minute symposium:

- A healthy built environment takes into consideration community design, housing, infrastructure, air and water quality, and are associated health indicators such as walkability, proximity to traffic, access to healthy food, proximity to green space.
- In considering the design and planning of a healthy built environment in an Indigenous community context, it is necessary to use knowledge, methods and practice that promote self-reliance, resiliency and respect for Indigenous culture.
- Indigenous-led planning within a comprehensive community planning framework considers governance, land and resources,

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health, economy, social, culture and infrastructure development, has seen successes (e.g., Westbank First Nation in BC, Beardy's and Okemasis First Nations 96 & 97 in SK).

- Awareness and application of culturally appropriate practices, standards and ethics, and effective communication using oral and visual histories and traditional ecological knowledge will promote respect, trust, mutual learning and cooperation helping to improve built environment conditions that impact health.
- Indigenous determinants of health are different from social determinants of health and include such considerations as colonization, residential schools, self-determination, language and culture, geography.
- Existing conditions in Indigenous communities – lack of quality housing, poor infrastructure, lack of culture and language, lack of employment and economic opportunities, health issues (chronic conditions and mental health), population increases – impact delivery of programs, services and health.
- There are unique cultural dimensions, characteristics and historical challenges to planning a healthy built environment for Indigenous communities. Methodologies, processes and tools used in the urban form are not directly transferrable to planning in Indigenous settings.
- Relationship building is essential for successful planning in Indigenous communities. It involves listening, understanding and sharing community values and priorities (such as a vibrant and strong sense of belonging and community well-being).

Intersectoral collaboration between public health and planning professionals can help provide needed resources especially in under-resourced Indigenous communities, and also help build capacity and improve built environments for health and environmental sustainability.

NCCEH also participated in a session at which all six National Collaborating Centres (NCCs) presented on ***Success and lessons learned about knowledge translation and social media strategies: ten years on***. Each NCC identified successful knowledge translation (KT) strategies used in its individual public health specialty area and for its audiences, and described challenges and lessons learned in using certain KT approaches, communications tools and technologies into the public health setting. The six presenters invited input from the audience and exchanged experiences in conducting knowledge translation and implementing social media strategies in their work.

Next year's CPHA Public Health 2017 conference is scheduled for June 5-8 in Halifax, NS. Together with other NCCs the NCCEH looks forward to being there to connect, share and learn with front-line public health workers, academics and researchers, students and trainees, policy-makers, health promotion staff and others with an interest in public health.

Lydia Ma, NCCEH

Retirements—Dan Moreau

Dan Moreau officially retired on April 29th, 2016, after 37 years of service in Environmental Public Health.

Dan started his journey in environmental public health with a Bachelor of Science (Major: Biology) from UVic in 1976. This funneled him into the BCIT Environmental Health program, which he graduated from in 1978. During his training, Dan completed his first bout of field training in Delta with Tim Roark and Larry Copeland.

Prince Rupert was home for Dan's first field EHO position in 1979. For two years he covered Haida Gwaii, at that time named the Queen Charlotte Islands. Moving down into southern BC, Dan worked in Surrey for ten years. In 1991, he moved back up North to Prince George covering the Vender



John Gibb (left) and Dan Moreau (right) at Dan's farewell lunch.

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Retirement—Dan Moreau– Continued

Hoff region which is the geographic centre of BC. Changing up his focus a little, Dan moved into Victoria in October of 1991 to take on a new role as a Residential Licensing Officer. After 5 years, he swapped back to being

an EHO and in 2007 he specialized in communicable disease. In 2014, Dan settled back into an EHO position for his final time with Island Health. Dan contributed back to the profession in a number of



Dan (left) and Keir Cordner, 2009.

ways: he was a student practicum coordinator from 1997-2002, he was a branch councillor in the mid-80s and he helped organize the Annual CIPHI Golf Tournament with Maxine Marchenski.

Dan retired with an everlasting positive outlook on his career choice. He referred to a career in environmental health as rewarding on a physical level for one’s self and in the sense of contributing to others. The career allowed him to look forward to coming to work because it not only provided freedom and enjoyment but also allowed him to feel like he was working for the well-being of the community. When asked about his career highlights, Dan was proud to be a part of the implementation of one of the first Clean Air Bylaws in Canada; in 1999 the CRD implemented the bylaw to greatly reduce second hand smoke exposure. In addition, Dan found that having the opportunity to specialize in communicable disease offered up a challenge beyond his role as an EHO.



Jade Yehia (left), Dan (centre), and Les McIntosh (right) at the Victoria Christmas luncheon, 2012.



Victoria Conference, 1995. Dan (back row, second from the left) and colleagues.



Dan, Mary and their son at Dan’s Retirement Luncheon.

On April 29th, 2016, retired EHOs, colleagues from Island Health, and friends and family joined together to bid Dan farewell from his career in environmental public health. John Gibb reminisced about the gentle, kind, and calming ways of Dan and his ability to provide the utmost patience to practicum students and old Ministry of Health employees in dire need of re-training.

Dan has all kinds of retirement plans in mind. While he hopes to continue dabbling in environmental public health through con

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sulting and teaching FoodSafe, he is also looking forward to a little leisure time. Travel, gardening, and having coffee with friends are all part of the plan. He is also looking forward to spending time with his wife of 23 years, Mary and their 11 year old son, Taylor, Mary's 8 siblings and his own 10 siblings! Congratulations Dan; enjoy your much deserved forever vacation!

Stacey Sowa, Editor

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In Memoriam—Don Ife

Donald Arthur Ife was born in Tottenham, England on March 8th, 1919. He served in the Royal Navy in WWII including time in Burma and worked as a Medical Attendant aboard active Navy ships. Don subsequently joined the Royal Canadian Navy and in 1951 he received his Certificate in Sanitary Inspection (Canada) #756 while resident in Greater Victoria. Due to increasing concerns over the use of nuclear weapons in the 1950s and the US launch of their first nuclear submarine in 1955 Don travelled to California in the early 1960s to receive highly technical courses on radiation protection in part related to safety on nuclear submarines. Don travelled extensively with the Canadian Armed Forces during his career and attained the rank of Lieutenant Commander. He also indicated he was appointed a Deputy Regional Surgeon for a period of time. Don retired from the Canadian Armed Forces in 1968.

Don started his second career with the Greater Victoria Metropolitan Board of Health as a Public Health Inspector shortly after retiring from the CAF. In 1974 all public health staff were transferred to the Capital Regional District. Don was promoted to the position of Senior Inspector for the Victoria Office in 1979. After a second successful career Don retired from the health department in 1986 and moved to Sidney, BC.

The "End of the Watch" for Don took place on July 12, 2015 at the age of 96. He was predeceased by his wife Connie and daughter Cathy. He is survived by his daughters Betty and Debbie plus sons David and Rodney as well as several nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Tim Roark, BC Branch Historian



In Memoriam—Ryan Olivier

Ryan Olivier passed away in Moose Jaw on March 31, 2016. He was 37 years old. He completed his training at BCIT in 2013 and his practicum placement at Vancouver Island Health Authority. He then moved to Moose Jaw where he worked as a Public Health Inspector in Five Hills Health Region. Ryan was known for his eagerness to accept challenges and willingness to help others. He will be remembered fondly by his colleagues in Moose Jaw and elsewhere. Our condolences go out to his family.

Submitted by Travis Philipation



The Bursary Program of the Health Officers Council of British Columbia

The Health Officers Council of British Columbia (HOC) administers two bursary funds that have been established in order to support post graduate students in public/community/population health. The HOC is comprised of Medical Health Officers and public health physicians in British Columbia. The HOC bursary committee reviews applications for the bursaries, presents its recommendations to the HOC membership and annually funds are released to successful candidates upon recommendation of the entire HOC.

The Isabel Loucks Foster Public Health Bursary & British Columbia Associated Boards of Health, Dr. Ken Benson Memorial Bursary

A brief biography of the persons in whose name the bursaries were established may be found at <https://healthofficerscouncil.net/bursaries/>

Funds are held at the Vancouver Foundation in Vancouver, BC.

Terms of Reference:

Availability

Bursaries in an amount of up to \$3000 are available to eligible applicants.

Conditions

- Bursaries are awarded on a one time basis only.
- Candidates must provide proof of enrollment and standing in a public/community/population health program acceptable to the HOC review committee.
- The course of studies will normally be taken at a British Columbia post secondary institution (acceptable to the HOC review committee) though in some circumstances consideration may be given to out of province institutions or to distance programs.

Eligibility

- Preferred applicants will be front line and/or junior supervisory staff currently in active practice in a public/community/ population health discipline (e.g. public health nurse, nutritionist, environmental health officers, etc).
- Must be enrolled in a post-graduate program studying in a field of public/community/population health practice.
- Preferred candidates will be ordinarily resident and employed in BC and intending to return to their home community on completion of their program.
- Preference will be give to candidates from rural communities who intend to return to practice in that community.
- Bursaries are to support and build capacity in public/community/population health practice and will not normally be awarded for research or academic career paths.
- At least one letter of reference must be from a more senior person in the current employment.

Application

The application forms and required documentation can be found at <https://healthofficerscouncil.net/bursaries/>.

Timeline

Application (accompanied by all relevant required supporting documentation) will be forwarded to the chair, Health Officers Council by September 2nd. Successful candidates will be notified by Oct. 31st. The entire amount of the award will be forwarded to the successful candidate by Dec. 31st.

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