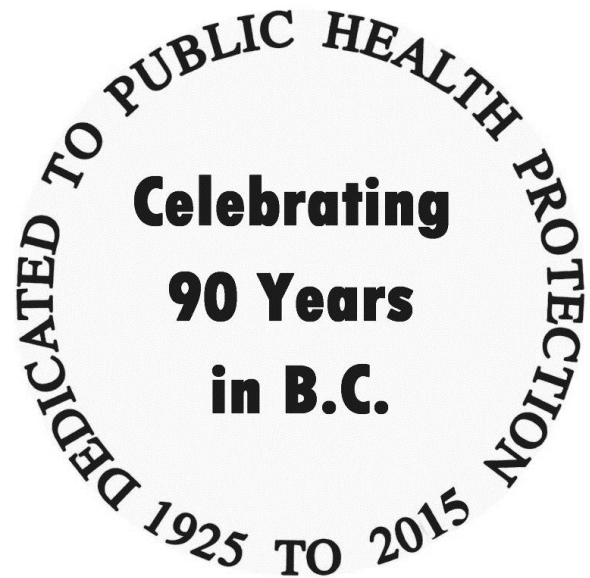




## The B.C. Branch—90 Years Young

The BC Branch of CIPHI was established on September 14th, 1925; since the branch's inauguration the members have celebrated many triumphs and managed many environmental public health challenges. Watch for our Special Edition: The B.C. Branch—90 Years Young. Here are just some of the highlights from the branch's 90 year history:

- The Provincial Board of Health had a 65 foot power boat called the *SANITA* for inspectors to reach logging camps and other remote facilities.
- The Sanitary Inspector's Association of Canada – British Columbia Branch was formed in 1925; it wasn't until 1963 we became the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors, BC Branch.
- BCIT's 2 year diploma program was approved in 1967. There were 8 graduates from the first class.
- In January of 1988, the Board of Registrations was established for Public Health Inspectors.
- In September 2013, the Ministry of Health signed a Ministerial Order was setting the qualifications for a Public Health Inspector as Certificate in Public Health (Canada).



## B.C. Branch Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors

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# Branch Update

Hello Everyone,

I can't believe that another winter is fast approaching and we are on the final issue of the BC Page for 2015. In the recent months the BC Branch has been focused on organizing additional educational webinars in the spring as well as the upcoming Annual Christmas Luncheon and AGM. This year the AGM will be held on Dec 3 at the Holiday Inn at 711 West Broadway in Vancouver, so please join us if you are able. The lower mainland Christmas Luncheon will be held in conjunction with the AGM while the luncheons for the Island and Interior are still being organized. I hope to see many of you at these events!

It has been challenging to find quality speakers who can present on relevant topics of interest to EHOs in BC and others, but the executive are working hard to try and do so. We always welcome and appreciate any feedback or input and I encourage everyone to contact me or their local councillor if you have anything to share.

At the time of the publication of this edition, the fall 2015 sitting of the BOCs will have already taken place. Thank you very much to our volunteers and examiners who allow our profession to continue and grow. Belated good luck to all the students!

I hope everyone has a safe winter and a wonderful holiday season.

Dale Chen



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## War on Wildfires

The 2015-2016 fiscal year has already bared witness to over 1800 fires, burning more than 300,000 hectares of area. Fires for this year have burned over double the provincial average for “Total Hectares” burned which only sits around 115,000 hectares (BC Wildfire Services, 2015). Air quality deteriorated as a result; there were over 20 air quality advisories issued throughout BC, totaling over 100 days of advisories (E. Plain, personal communication, October 2, 2015). In addition, the media painted a story of people and animals being displaced, forest land devasta-

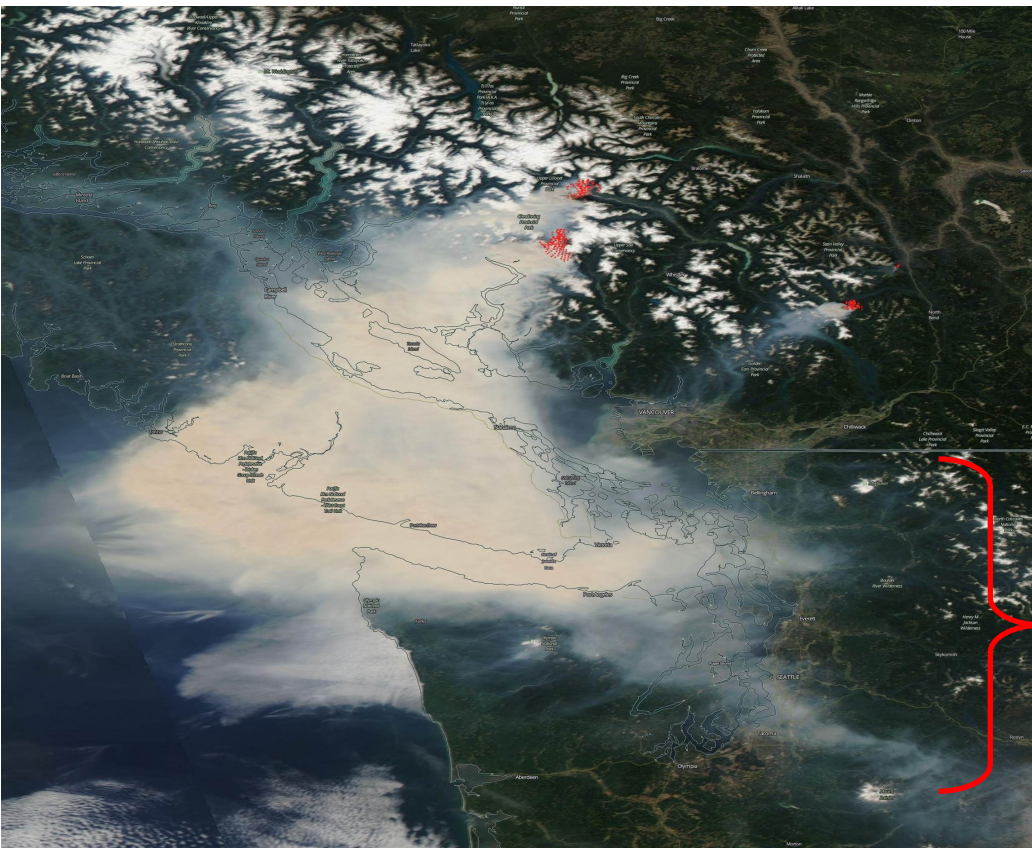


Figure 1—Smoke convergence point over Central and South Vancouver Island from fires on the mainland and Washington State.

tion, the destruction of residential and agricultural properties, and the growing concerns over food crops and drinking water safety. Public health professionals had their work cut out for them.

Wildfires can have a dramatic effect on air quality conditions, creating spikes in particulate matter, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides and VOCs (BCCDC, 2014). These air quality parameters can fluctuate in the vicinity of the wildfire but also travel with weather systems to effect areas 100s of kilometers away. In July, Central and South Vancouver Island suffered multiple air quality advisories

caused by wildfires burning as far as mainland BC, in Whistler, and even wildfires in Washington State (Figure 1). The contaminants produced during a wildfire most greatly affect the very young, the elderly, and those with pre-existing respiratory and heart conditions. Public health professionals advise against strenuous activities and being outdoors during these elevated exposure events; depending on the severity of the conditions, they may advise that you leave the area (Vancouver Island Health Authority, 2013). In an effort to get ahead of the issues, The BlueSky Western Canada Wildfire Smoke Forecasting System was released, in 2010, to predict the transport and dispersion

of wildfire smoke. The system’s predictions enable public health and environmental professionals to evaluate the potential risks and release advisories for future events (BC Air Quality, 2015). Smoky Sky Advisories were posted for a number of areas, throughout the summer months, providing advanced warning to the effected public. This years’ wildfire season seemed unprecedented as communities were clouded over with smoke and air quality declined.

Wildfires create a safety hazard and an air quality concern; in addition to these issues, wildfires can affect food and drinking water safety (Vancouver Island Health Authority, 2013). As wildfires ravage through an area, infrastructure (e.g. power lines) is

destroyed, surface water sources are affected by increased activity, and fire retardants put food crops and drinking water sources at risk. During a wildfire, if power is lost in an area it is inevitable that foods in cold storage will reach the danger zone. Media releases for Air Quality Advisories included tips for the public regarding safe food handling in the event of a power outage (Ministry of Environment, 2015). Increased activity around surface water and settling ash from the wildfire smoke could affect turbidity and other water quality parameters, directly affecting drinking water sources. Beyond the direct effects of the wildfire, concerns were also raised over the fire re-

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## War on Wildfires Continued

retardants used to battle wildfires and their risk as a potential chemical contaminant. Fire-retardant, and, more commonly, Phos-chek are used to battle wildfires. Both of these chemicals are deemed as having low environmental toxicity indicating that they should have little to no effect on food crops and drinking water sources. However, most reference information for the public does advise that food crops affected by the fire retardant not be consumed and that water quality be verified for drinking water sources (Interior Health, 2014). Wildfires pose a risk to food and drinking water safety.

The wildfires of 2015-2016 have already imposed a huge impact on safety, air quality, and food and drinking water quality. Public health professionals were faced with responding to air quality advisories and frequent public inquiries. Fingers are crossed that the War on Wildfires is over for this year.

Stacey Sowa, CPHI(C)

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## BC Lower Mainland CIPHI Christmas Luncheon

Join the CIPHI Christmas Luncheon  
for some holiday cheer!

Thursday, December 3, 2015  
12 noon - 1.30pm  
Holiday Inn, 711 W Broadway,  
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BC Branch or Retired Member \$30 / Non-Member \$35 / Student \$25  
Register and pay your designated rep in each HSDA by Noon on Nov 20

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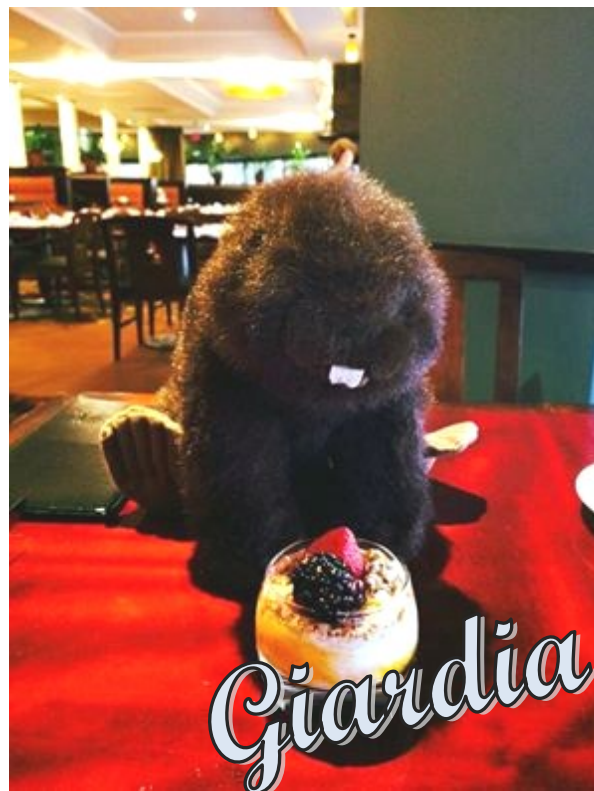
Fraser Health– Daisuke Serizawa

BCIT– Sara Flain



Hello CIPHI members and environmental health professionals alike! Welcome back again to Giardia's Corner with me, Giardia! September was full of excitement: the CIPHI Annual Education Conference of 2015 was held in Ottawa and the BC Branch celebrated it's 90th Birthday. We're on our final stretch of getting to know the BC Branch executive. Next you can expect some thrilling interviews with some of our partner agencies and organizations, including COPE, BOC, and NEC. So many acronyms.....

The ban on serving BC oysters raw, due to contamination from *Vibrio parahaemolyticus*, lasted over one month. Increased water temperature was one of the primary environmental factors that contributed to the issue. The effects of Climate Change are all around us.



## Tiffany Chu—Councillor

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

A1: BCIT, 2013

**Q2: Which office do you work from? Which health authority?**

A2: Kamloops. First Nations Health Authority

**Q3: Legislative recognition for CIPHI passed in Sept 2013, what do you see as the next big goal for CIPHI's BC Branch?**

A3: Encourage mandatory membership and participation in the CPC Program.

**What's your favorite indoor/outdoor activity?**

- Indoor—Cooking for friends and family.

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

- Travel!!!!!!

**What is one of your favourite quotes?**

- "Be not afraid of going slowly, be afraid of only standing still."— Chinese Proverb

**WHICH WOULD YOU RATHER:**

**Go to a play or musical?**

- Musical~~

**Visit Europe or Mexico?**

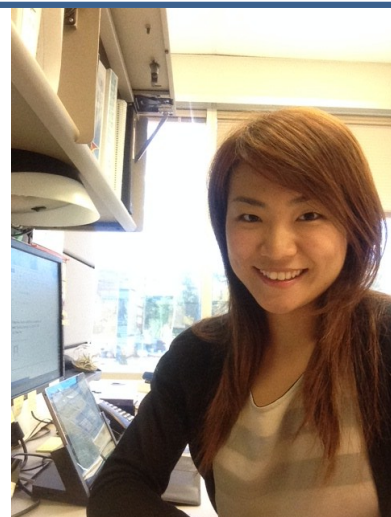
- Europe

**Read the book or watch the movie?**

- Movie

**Watch sports or play sports?**

- Get active!! Play sports!!



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

A1: Ryerson University, graduated with a Bachelors of Applied Science (BASC) in Occupational and Public Health- Occupational stream in 2007 then went back and completed the Public Health stream in 2010

**Q2: Which office do you work from? Which health authority?**

A2: Vancouver Coastal Health Authority—Vancouver Office

**Q3: Legislative recognition for CIPHI passed in Sept 2013, what do you see as the next big goal for CIPHI's BC Branch?**

A3: Having all BC EHOs become active CIPHI members and CIPHI being able to provide more opportunities for engagement for said members.

**What is one of your favourite quotes?**

- Everything happens for a reason.

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

- Hide lol, in all seriousness, if I won millions, the first REAL thing I would do is invest then share the accrued interest with my family (thanks for that advice Tracie!)

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

- Play the guitar \*side note\* I have owned one for 15 years and STILL cannot play it.

**WHICH WOULD YOU RATHER:**

**Go to a play or musical?**

- Play

**Vacation in Hawaii or Alaska?**

- Even though I just came back from an Alaskan cruise today (Sept 15) and it was pleasant, I would still rather vacation in Hawaii

**Read the book or watch the movie?**

- Read the book



## News from BCIT

Over the many years that the BC Page has been in print, the editors have aimed to honour the students who have received awards during their time with BCIT. This is our second installment of recognition and congratulations for those who have been overlooked.



Jeremy Chow (right) receiving the 2010 Sam Parrish & Gladys Cranke Memorial Award.

Julie Yamaoka received the 2013 John A. Stringer Memorial Award.



Carol Leung (right) receiving the 2013 John Blatherwick Award from John Blatherwick (left).



Elden Chan (left) receiving the 2013 Sam Parrish & Gladys Cranke Memorial Award from Lorraine Woolsey (right).

Saad Jalili received the 2013 Bill Leith Award.



Marion Masson received the John A. Stringer Memorial Award in 2012.

Chris Bergeron received the Sam Parrish & Gladys Cranke Award in 2013.



David Fowler received the Dr. John Blatherwick Entrance Award in 2014.



## Promoting collaboration for food safety and food security in BC

Karen Rideout

BCCDC, in collaboration with the Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA), has released a new resource from *Through an equity lens: A new look at environmental health*. This three-year project, funded by PHSA's Population and Public Health Primordial/Primary Prevention Projects program, focuses on incorporating equity considerations into environmental health services in BC.

The new 4-page brief is titled ***Food safety and food security in BC: Promoting effective inter-sectoral collaboration***. It is currently available for download from the BC Food Security Gateway at [bcfoodsecuritygateway.ca](http://bcfoodsecuritygateway.ca). It will soon be available from BCCDC's Food Access, Food Security & Health page (<http://www.bccdc.ca/foodhealth/FoodSecurity>). The full research report and a high-resolution version of the brief are available upon request.



Food safety and food security are important and overlapping aspects of population and public health, and comprise two of BC's core public health functions. There are many successful collaborative efforts between the food safety and food security sectors in British Columbia.

However, there is little documentation to support ongoing collaboration. BCCDC Environmental Health Services and PHSA Population and Public Health commissioned Dr. Shannon Majowicz from the University

of Waterloo to explore opportunities and mechanisms that support increased collaboration between the food safety and food security/healthy eating sectors.

Dr. Majowicz and co-author Kelsey Speed conducted a literature review and interviewed environmental health officers and public health dietitians from BC's regional health authorities, provincial government staff, and representatives from food-oriented non-governmental organizations. Their detailed research report incorporates examples of previous and ongoing collaborations between the food safety and food security sectors, and identifies facilitators and barriers to effective cross-sector collaboration.

The 4-page brief is intended to provide public health practitioners, decision-makers, and food security organizations with ideas to support future collaborative efforts. It explains the importance of cross-sector collaboration to support healthy and safe food and points out areas where public health involvement in food safety and food security overlap. This resource identifies some of the facilitators and barriers to effective collaboration, as well as the range of formats that collaboration can take. It offers suggestions for how individual frontline staff, program planners, and managers can initiate effective cross-sector collaborations.



If you use this resource, or have suggestions for how we can further support cross-sector collaboration between the food safety and food security sectors, please contact [karen.rideout@bccdc.ca](mailto:karen.rideout@bccdc.ca).



## Food Safety and Food Security in British Columbia Promoting Effective Inter-Sectoral Collaboration



## NCCEH: Here to help you.

The National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health (NCCEH) has recently entered into a unique secondment arrangement with Vancouver Coastal Health. For one day a week over a one-year period, I recently joined the NCCEH Knowledge Translation team to work on projects that have interest and relevance to environmental health practitioners locally and nationally.

The NCCEH is one of six national collaborating centres (NCCs) funded by the Public Health Agency of Canada. Environmental health officers can look to the NCCEH as a valuable resource whether working on policy or guideline development or needing evidence-based information upon which to base decisions and protocols. On a priority basis the NCCEH can assist with enquiries public health inspectors may have on environmental public health topics. The mandate of NCCEH is to synthesize, translate, and exchange knowledge for environmental health practitioners and policy-makers; to identify gaps in research and practice knowledge; and to build capacity through networks of practitioners, policy-makers and researchers.

CIPHI members are encouraged to stay connected with NCCEH and to review up-to-date information on environmental health topics via various channels such as the NCCEH website to browse for information and on where you can join the NCCEH mailing list to receive monthly e-News; and social media platforms including Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter which can be accessed on the NCCEH homepage of its website.

Feedback on how you used and accessed NCCEH resources can help direct the work that is done, the style

and type of reports produced and how information is presented. Submission on gaps in knowledge and practice can also help inform the NCCEH of areas of resource development. Public Health Inspectors, environmental health officers and other environmental public health professionals can provide valued feedback by using the feedback form on its website or to contact NCCEH by email.

Environmental Health Officers often encounter novel situations and new issues in their work. NCCEH is a logical “go to” organization for evidence-based resources on current and emerging environmental public health issues. The five other NCCs that work on focus areas in public health also offer environmental health-related resources. Visit <http://www.nccph.ca> to get connected to: National Collaborating Centre for Aboriginal Health; National Collaborating Centre for Infectious Diseases; National Collaborating Centre for Methods and Tools; National Collaborating Centre for Healthy Public Policy; National Collaborating Centre for Determinants of Health.

**NCCEH Website:** <http://www.ncceh.ca>

**NCCEH Contact email:** [contact@ncceh.ca](mailto:contact@ncceh.ca)

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## In Memoriam—William (Bill) Douglas Leith

Bill was born in Vancouver back on October 27, 1924. He attended Sir Alexander MacKenzie Elementary followed by John Oliver High School. In WW II he served in the Royal Canadian Air Force. After the war Bill joined the City of Vancouver in the Finance Department and subsequently the Water Rights Dept. We must assume he heard great things about being a Sanitary Inspector because he soon entered the inspection training program and in 1950 received his Certificate in Sanitary Inspection (Canada) #717. Bill was highly regarded by his colleagues for his sense of humor, knowledge, and professionalism. Steve Brown, a former Supervisor with the Vancouver Health Department, had fond memories of working with him; "Bill had a great wealth of knowledge about Public Health Inspection in Vancouver. He could always be relied upon for sound advice and would never lead anyone astray." During his career with the Vancouver Health Department he held a number of important positions and retired in 1983 as the Deputy Chief Inspector after 35 years service.



Bill at a meeting while Deputy Chief for the Vancouver Health Dept. (1980s).

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Bill (left) and friends Peter Jacobs (right) & Bill Dennis (center) at the BC Branch Christmas Luncheon (2010).

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Bill joined the Institute shortly after his certification in 1950. He served for many years on the Branch Executive as a Councilor, Auditor and then Treasurer during much of the 1960s and 70s. When the BC Branch hosted the 1976 National Educational Conference in Richmond he took on the additional responsibility as Conference Treasurer. John Gibb was Conference Chairman at the time and remembers Bill as, "tremendously helpful and unflappable in the face of numerous problems". During his term as Treasurer in the 70s Bill strongly supported the establishment of bursaries and awards for the Public Health Inspection Program at BCIT. At that time, the BC Branch raised funds through the sale of lottery tickets and much of this money was directed to bursaries and awards for aspiring PHIs at BCIT. In May of 1977 Bill stepped down from the Executive of the Branch after participating for nearly two decades.

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## In Memoriam—William (Bill) Douglas Leith—Continued

After his retirement Bill continued his strong support for the Institute and in particular the bursaries and awards established by the BC Branch at BCIT. Based on his very generous support for these awards and his contribution to the profession he was awarded **Honorary Membership** in the BC Branch, CIPHI in 2000. In 2001 he was presented the **CIPHI 50 Year Membership Award**.

In 2006 Bill established the **Bill Leith Award** at BCIT. It recognizes both academic and all-round achievements of a graduate from the Environmental Health – PHI program who is deemed by the faculty to be the **“most promising Public Health Inspector”**. In 2012, after a lengthy term as an “Auditor” for the Environmental Health Foundation of Canada, Bill retired again.

In recognition of his very significant contribution and dedication to his profession and the Institute for over 60 years, Bill was recognized by the Institute as a **“Member of Distinction”** in 2013.

Bill passed away on September 15, 2015. He was a very positive member of our profession. He will be missed by his many friends but the great legacy he has created will live on for many years to come.



Bill Leith (1972)

Tim Roark  
BC Branch Historian

## In Memoriam—Donald (Don) William Wakelyn

Don was born in Calgary on March 31, 1925 and his family relocated to Victoria in 1938. He was a veteran, joining the Royal Canadian Navy in April 1943 and serving until March 30, 1946. He then worked in the Victoria Public Health Agency as a Public Health Inspector. Don received his CSI(C) # 609 in 1948. Initially he took water samples from the beaches along Beach Drive, as well as doing health and sanitation inspections of many restaurants and Northwestern Creameries. The agency was taken over by the Capital Regional District in the 1970s. In 1980 Don was elected to the National Executive Council of CIPHI where he was Chairman of the Finance Committee from 1980 to 1982. In 1982 Don was the recipient of the **Member of the Year Award** issued by the BC Branch for his strong support of the Institute and profession over many years. He retired in 1983 as Director of Public Health Inspection for the CRD after a very successful 37 year career in public health.

He was inducted into the **Victoria Sports Hall of Fame** in 2004 for his



Maxine Marcheniski with Don receiving the Member of the Year Award in 1982.

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## In Memoriam—Donald William (Don) Wakelyn—Continued

contributions as co-founder of the Gorge Soccer Association and National Little League Baseball organization, as an announcer and time keeper for hockey and Victoria Shamrock games at the Memorial Arena for many years, plus as a devoted volunteer to community sports in Victoria, for which he is known and remembered by many to this day. He was an active member of the Gorge Oldtimers and enjoyed his Friday lunches with the guys for many years. He was also a member of the Saturday Morning Hot Stove League, another group of friends that he enjoyed having coffee with for most of his life.

Don was a highly respected member of St. Andrew's Lodge #49 and was the Grand Master of British Columbia and the Yukon in 1986-1987, a 33rd degree Scottish Right Mason, and a member of the Royal Order of Scotland.

In September 2007, Don moved to Highgate Lodge and considered the residents and staff to be his second family. On September 4th, 2015 Don passed away surrounded by his loving family. He will be missed by his many friends and colleagues.

Tim Roark,  
Branch Historian

## 2015 Environmental Public Health Week Community Proclamations

City of Nanaimo

City of North Vancouver

City of Duncan

City of Vancouver

City of Port Alberni

City of Parksville

City of Prince George

District of Ucluelet

Comox Valley Regional District

City of Dawson Creek

City of Richmond

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[www.ciphi.bc.ca](http://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?**



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## BRANCH AWARD NOMINATIONS

The BC Branch is seeking out nominations for the Branch Awards. This is a great chance to recognize those Environmental Public Health Professionals out there that put so much time and dedication into our profession. Take a moment to consider your colleagues for these awards:

### Member of the Year

Presented to the individual who has made a significant contribution to the Branch, the Institute nationally, or health professional organization other than the Institute over the past several years.

### Alex Nilsson Award

This award honours a volunteer who has given much time, skill and effort to the BC Branch, CIPHI, or his/her community.

### BC Branch Honorary Member Award

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

If you wish to nominate an individual for any of the above awards, the Awards Committee will welcome nominations in writing and signed/dated by two members of the BC Branch. Nominations will be accepted up to 14 days prior to the Annual General Meeting, November 19, 2015.

Please forward all nominations to Crystal Brown at [president@ciphi.bc.ca](mailto:president@ciphi.bc.ca)

## PUBLICATION OF MEMBERSHIP LISTS



As of May 2015, the names of all regular, life, retired and student members have been made available on CIPHI's national website. These lists, organized by province, can be found at the following link:

<http://www.ciphi.ca/publication-of-membership-lists/>



Keir Cordner, who previously held the position as the B.C. representative for CoPE, is now the successor of Craig Nowakowski after a 6 year term. On October 9th, 2015, NEC confirmed Keir in his position as National Chair for CoPE. Congrats from the BC Branch, Keir!

## Message from the National Chair:

### CoPE's Key Activities for 2015-2016

- Enhance the CIPHI Member Service Centre Professional Development module to better support entry of PDHs by members and to improve useability of the CoPE Audit functionality
- Work with the NEC to promote the Continuing Professional Competency program with the aim of increasing both participation rates and audit passing rates for members
- Work with the NEC and membership to develop CoPE processes that support the move towards mandatory membership in a fair and equitable way

Keir Cordner  
CoPE National Chair



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*Correspondence:* [go2hr.ca](http://go2hr.ca)

## Baby Announcements



**Amber Murray, Vancouver Coastal Health, and Chris welcomed Ava and Brooke on September 11th, 2015 at 9:27/9:28p.m.**

**Congratulations!**

**Lindsay MacDonald, Vancouver Coastal Health, and Andy welcomed Yannah Marie on July 29th, 2015.**

**Congratulations!**



## Wedding Announcement



**Dan Glover and his wife Caroline were wed on July 18th, 2015.**

**Best of luck in your future together!**





# Highlights from Ottawa: 2015 CIPHI Annual Educational Conference



(Above) The Environmental Health Foundation of Canada provided bursaries totaling \$5,000.00 to assist these 10 student members to attend the conference.

(Above) Crystal Brown (right), BC Branch President, and Thomas Cheung (left), Alberta Branch President.

(Below) Dr. Michael Evans, Monday's keynote speaker presented a compelling speech to a full room of delegates.



(Above) National Executive Council

(Below) Celebrations and dancing!



(Above) EHFC Trustees Klaus Seeger, Ralph Stanley, Pam Scharfe and Tim Roark (from left to right) are pictured with the CIPHI crest at the Ottawa conference.



# CIPHI's 2014 Member of the Year Award

Ron started his career in Fort McMurray, Alberta after graduating from BCIT in 1980. He completed his degree in Environmental Health at Ryerson in 1986. The call of the Rockies pulled Ron back to BC in 1989. He has been awarded the Member of the Year Award by the BC Branch for three reasons: his professionalism and leadership as an Inspector, his support for CIPHI and his service to his community.

Gundie Volk indicated that; *“Ron was always very professional in his work with the Interior Health as Team Leader for Environmental Health. I appreciated his vision and input when working together on projects such as during the early stages of the subdivision portion of the Healthy Built Environment. To me Ron has always been a great sounding board for issues and concerns and was always very supportive and understanding. From my interactions with him he was passionate about Health Care and about CIPHI and works endlessly on a cause that he believes in.”*

Ron spent the first 10 years in Cranbrook engaging with the business community and the public to provide for a safe and healthy community including restaurant inspections, drinking water quality, and communicable disease prevention. He was integrally involved in the mosquito West Nile Virus program and spear-headed the local smoke free bar and restaurant initiative. Ron managed the Kootenay region utilizing leadership, strategic planning, budgeting, program performance, and labour relations skills.

While in Alberta Ron was very involved with the Alberta Branch including several terms on the Branch Executive. More recently in BC he has been an Examiner for the Board of Certification for three years. Ron is currently completing a 6 year term as a mem-

ber of the BOC.

In addition to his contribution to public health and his profession, Ron has been heavily involved in local community groups and issues. Ron has volunteered in his children's school and club activities.

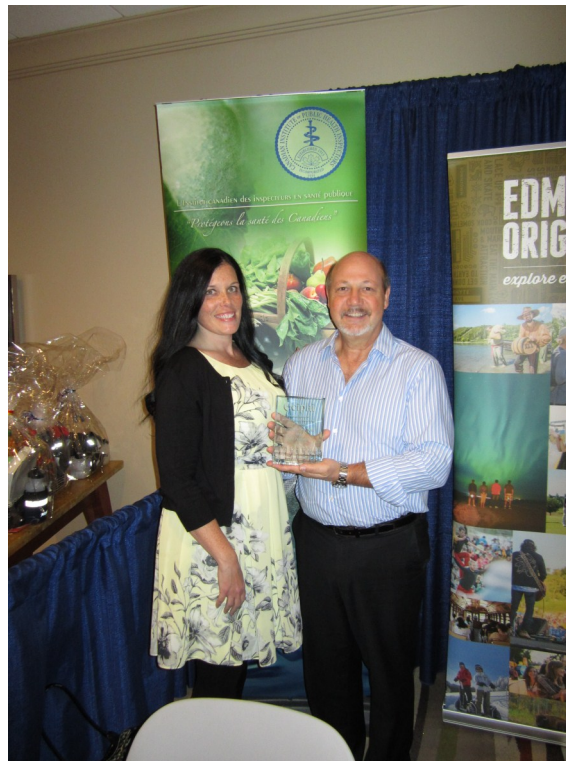
*He was involved with Kinsmen and now is involved with the Rotary Club of Cranbrook. He has been on the Board of Directors of both groups providing guidance and support to many local service agencies within his community. With Kinsmen, he chaired the Kinsmen Quad Light-up, and was President during the Kinsmen Kiddie Spray Park development. With the*

*Rotary, Ron has taken on the role of major projects and donations directorship working on the expansion of Rotary Way within Cranbrook and connecting to the North Star Trail to Kimberley and other regional trails, the Seniors Christmas Dinner, the Rotary Scott Villa providing affordable seniors living, and donations to numerous worthy organizations like the Cranbrook Food Bank.*

Improving his community and helping those in need is very important and has been a most gratifying experience for Ron. As a natural progression Ron has now been elected to the Cranbrook City Council. *In January 2015 Ron retired after a 35 year career in public health in Alberta and BC.*

Our heartiest congratulations to Ron for being chosen to receive the **2014 Member of the Year Award.**

**Tim Roark  
Branch Historian**



Crystal Brown (left), BC Branch President, presenting Ron Popoff (right) with the Member of the Year Award.

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