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Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors—Manitoba Branch

President's Report

I'd like to thank the 2019 branch executive members for their hard work last year. The Educational and Sponsorship Committee members organized a successful educational workshop on October 16th, 2019. We had our Chief Provincial Public Health Officer Dr. Brent Roussin as our keynote speaker. We didn't know at the time that we would be working so closely with our CPPHO moving into 2020. The Membership, By-law, Advocacy and Social Committees realized their goals and our Treasurer, Secretary and Webmaster have been keeping branch business current. The new branch storage capability under one drive is helping us with continuity as the executive changes over.

2020 has brought on unprecedented times and circumstances. The COVID-19 pandemic has shifted our past environmental health normal and brought on an onslaught of environmental public health work that has resulted in, for many, extended workdays and greater public and employer attention to the infection control focus of our work. The CPHI(C) skill set is versatile, capable of adapting to changing needs and responding to the public health work necessities of the day. This shift has been evident across Canada. CPHI(C)s are trained for pandemic work and our national response through all of the health agencies has not gone unnoticed. A lot of our work behind the scenes is being acknowledged publicly thanks to CIPHI's new national advocacy marketing strategy being overseen by the Be The Change Group. While some health professions were halted during the pandemic, CPHIs laced up their boots and stepped up their EPH work. The COVID-19 pandemic is a marathon, and self care is imperative as we navigate through history in the making. I hope you are all finding ways to relax and take breaks from the chaos.

In Manitoba, the work shift includes educating and enforcing the provincial public health orders, and helping businesses with their COVID-19 protocols and procedures. CPHIs worked with shelters, self-isolation centres, incident command centres, drafting and reviewing COVID-19 documents, are working closely with other agencies, and continuing to maintain regional work demands and duties. CPHIs were already known to operators of recreational pools, grocery stores, restaurant, bars, banquet halls, entertainment venues, golf courses, farmers markets, tattoo shops, nail salons, food trucks, recreational camps, residential care and daycares. This relationship has now extended to retail stores, hair salons, day camp operators, sports organizations, etc. We remain the foot soldiers of environmental public health, the observers of risk, the educators of risk mitigation and communicators of measures businesses can take to lower the transmission risk of COVID-19. Thank you to all the CPHI(C)s for your commitment and outstanding response during this public health state of emergency in Manitoba.

Manitoba Council of Professional Experience Representative

I'd like to thank Lorelle Pegus for her outstanding role as our CoPE Representative, and congratulations on your new role as National Chair of CoPE. I'd like to welcome Hammad Shakeel as our new MB CoPE Representative.

Branch Member 2019 Survey Feedback and moving forward into 2020

Our 2019 CIPHI Branch Member Survey closed on Jan. 9th. The key findings were updated in our Branch Strategic Plan and established our 2020 goals with a focus on advocacy. Thank you to all participants.

I look forward to continuing to work with the 2020 Manitoba Branch Executive Committee: President-Elect Valerie Jackson, Past President Ali Rana, Secretary Kiran Sidhu, Treasurer Mike LeBlanc, Councillors Julie Swanlund, Jeffrey Thomson, Nicole Lusted, Yoel Mesghenna, and Ateeb Khan. Carmen Cross is our Webmaster, Anchal Tewari is our editor for The Placard and Stephen Hancock and Shume Lee are our BOC Representatives.



Stay healthy and safe everyone! - **Natalie Lowdon**— CIPHI MB Branch President



SILOAM MISSION – CIPHI MANITOBA

Thank you so much to all who came to Siloam Mission to volunteer! We will definitely be trying to make this a regular event and will be getting back to you with more opportunities to volunteer.

Thanks also to Peter Parys, MB Health employees, and all our volunteers for bringing donations!

2019 SILOAM MISSION PHOTOS



SILOAM MISSION VOLUNTEERS



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Iqbal Kalsi



Iqbal Kalsi began his Environmental Health career when he graduated from BCIT in 1992. He then worked for Alberta Health Services in Calgary. He continued to work in Alberta and then moved to Terrace BC where he became manager of Northwest Health Services. He continued a career in Terrace BC when an exciting project presented itself and he moved to London Ontario. He was the lead project manager for the PCB blood study for the Middlesex-London Health Unit. After his 2-year project, he was hired as a manager in Environmental Health dealing with health hazard management, air quality, climate change and public health. As well involved in Emergency Response & Management and Toxicology, Pesticide Management & Risk Assessments. As you can see from his CV that Iqbal brings with him a large span of knowledge in Environmental Health. During his working career, he has also completed a number of courses in toxicology and has a Masters in Business Administration, as well completed an Environmental Management Graduate Post Degree Certificate program and holds a Certified Environmental Professional designation. He has a wife and three children who reside in Ontario. When asked why he made the move to Manitoba, he stated "just want to work in the field of environmental health without putting in 80 hours a week". His wife is planning to move to Winnipeg when he is settled. Iqbal loves coaching soccer, spending time with his grandson, and loves his cat.

Joel Martin



Joel Martin was born and raised in Shediac, New Brunswick, which is well known as the Lobster Capital of Canada. He began his post-secondary studies at the New Brunswick Community College of Bathurst in Environmental Technology, where he graduated in 2007. He continued his studies in Environmental Health and graduated from Cape Breton University in 2009. He completed his practicum with Ottawa Public Health and successfully passed his BOC exams in October 2010 in Toronto. He worked for Eastern Ontario Health Unit in Cornwall, Ontario from 2011-2012. He married his wife Jacinthe in June 2013 and lived in Ottawa for six years. He worked as a PHI with Porcupine Health Unit in Kapuskasing, Ontario in April 2019. He is thrilled to have the opportunity to work in Portage La Prairie. Among his hobbies, he loves to play music and is an outdoor enthusiast for hiking, camping, fishing and canoeing.

Shawana Pirzada

Hello! My name is Shawana Pirzada and I'm ecstatic to be a part of Manitoba Health. Just to provide some background- I completed a BSc degree in Psychology and then a BAsC degree in Public Health and Safety at Ryerson University in Toronto. I did my practicum in Red Deer, Alberta in the summer of 2018. I recently got married to another public health inspector in Manitoba- Ateeb Khan and moved to Morden, MB. I hope to do lots of travelling in the near future and work on creating a beautiful home for us. I enjoy spending time with family and friends, outdoor activities, trying different cuisines, and the occasional Netflix binge. Looking forward to meeting everyone and starting out my career as a Public Health Inspector.



Ryan Blois



Ryan Blois recently started in the Selkirk office. Ryan grew up in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia and completed his Bachelor of Health Science (Public Health) degree at Cape Breton University in May of 2019. He did his practicum in the fall of 2019 in Bonnyville, Alberta. He is now an uncertified health inspector working out of the Selkirk office, covering the City of Selkirk and the RM's of St Laurent, Woodlands and St Andrews. Ryan plans to complete the CIPHI certification process this coming April. In his spare time he enjoys going to the gym, camping and hiking, playing men's scrub hockey and binge watching Netflix. He's looking forward to meeting and working with you all in the future!

Vidushi Sharma



My name is Vidushi Sharma and I graduated from Ryerson University in 2018. I am currently working in Brandon, Manitoba as a student PHI. Prior to this position, I was working in Thunder Bay District Health Unit. During my undergrad, I was the President of the Planetary Health Commission, a student led initiative to promote global citizenship on campus. I hope to blend my passion for health equity in my work as a PHI. I love Manitoba for its sunshine, beautiful driving views (when it isn't snow covered) and the wonderful people I've met here.

Imran Tarmohamed

Imran worked in Winnipeg during his BOC practicum. Imran was born and raised in Toronto, graduated from Ryerson University in June of 2019, and describes that moving to Winnipeg was a big change for him. His father introduced him to the field of public health inspections and described the profession as up-and-coming and will be in-demand. Imran has great interest in being able to see how different establishments and public services comply with the laws and regulations, and getting to know the daily routine of a public health inspector. He is also wanting to become a PHI to ensure that the public is going to be safe at the end of the day. Imran's interests are basketball and soccer and he excels in mental math and other calculations and welcomes challenging questions. Imran returned to Ontario during the pandemic but may return to Manitoba in the future.



Kelvin Wong



Kelvin Wong started with the Winnipeg Region on Monday Feb 10. Prior to leaving us last year, Kelvin worked in the Southern Region, in Portage La Prairie. He grew up in Markham Ontario and completed a four-year degree program in public health and safety at Ryerson University. He completed his practicum in Sudbury Ontario and certified October 2017. Kelvin is a foodie and likes all things sports – currently focusing on badminton. Kelvin is based out of the Regent Office and will be assigned to Area 16, West Kildonan Area.

Anchal Tewari



Hello All! My name is Anchal Tewari. I have attained a Bachelors degree in Health Studies from the University of Toronto and I have also completed the Public Health and Safety program from Ryerson University. I did my four month practicum in Medicine Hat, Alberta. My reason for joining public health is deeply embedded in my need to help the community. I have always wanted a career that would allow me to give back to the community. I truly believe that a safe and healthy environment is an enriching one. I am very excited to be joining the team in Brandon as a Public Health Inspector. I am looking forward to meeting and working with all of you. I truly hope that I prove to be an asset to the team!

I am also the new editor of the Manitoba Branch Placard! So I will take utilize this space and ask that if you have any interesting material—send them my way!

2019 CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON at The Norwood Legion



Bert Berard, Rick Sokolowski, Trevor Williams, Pat Masterton, Lesly Andrews,
Rick Leclair (left to right 1st row); 2nd row - Bob Reed, Terry Gray, Peter Rogers,
Peter Parys & Mike Leblanc.



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Peter Parys & Eric Friesen

CoPE Update

NEW Manitoba CoPE Rep!



Happy 2020 everyone! Hard to believe I've done two and a half years as Manitoba CoPE Rep. Time flies when you're having fun! On January 1st, I transitioned into the CoPE Chair position. This means that we needed a new Manitoba Representative—I would like to welcome Hammad Shakeel as the new Manitoba CoPE Rep!

-Lorelle

WELCOME ABOARD HAMMAD



Hammad completed his second degree in Public Health from Ryerson University, Toronto in 2013. Previously he got his Masters in Soil Science and wrote his thesis on "Reclamation of Salt Affected Soils in Pakistan".

Hammad completed his practicum training at Peterborough Public Health Unit in Ontario on March 31, 2014. After obtaining Certification in Public Health Inspections in April 2014, Hammad joined Manitoba Health on February 16, 2016 as Public Health Inspector based out of The Pas office. Recently Hammad has accepted an opportunity to volunteer his time as CoPE Representative of Manitoba Branch.

Hammad keep a keen interest in travelling to enjoy nature, spending time with loved ones, cooking and reading books.

- Hammad



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THE CIPHI 86th NATIONAL ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

Hosted by the Durham Region Health Department

October 4-7, 2020

Ajax Convention Centre, Ajax, Ont.

Featuring Our Keynote Speakers:



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Roméo Dallaire (Ret'd)



Dr. Nicole Blackman,
DNP, MN, RN



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Due to COVID-19

MB CIPHI Educational

Conference

October 21 & 22, 2020

Holiday Inn

1740 Ellice Ave, Winnipeg, MB

THE MB CIPHI BRANCH HAS LAUNCHED A NEW REVISED WEBSITE

We're looking to add pictures to our website that represent our province and shows how we stand out from the other provinces! We'd like to showcase what makes our province unique, and why it's a great place to live. Instead of the typical health inspector type pictures, it would be great to have personal pictures of you holding your biggest catch on a beautiful Manitoba lake, or that kite skiing adventure you tried on the prairie snow. Or maybe you went skating at the Forks with your family! Did anyone catch a photo of a polar bear up in Churchill on an inspection tour? What else do health inspectors do here in Friendly Manitoba? We want to see it, and show it on our website! We will be holding a contest with prizes for winners. Please send your pictures to ciphi.mb@gmail.com.

Contest extended to: August 1, 2020.

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Manitoba CIPHI

What is CIPHI?

The Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors is the dedicated professional association for Public Health Inspectors in Canada. CIPHI works towards advancement of the profession, science and field of Environmental Public Health through the certification, advocacy, education and setting of standards. CIPHI represents Environmental Public Health Professionals across Canada and certifies EPH Professionals such as Public Health Inspectors, Environmental Health Officers and EPH specialist.

CIPHI Manitoba Branch

Manitoba's Public Health Inspectors have a wide range of duties which include, but are not limited to inspections of: food handling establishments, swimming pools/recreational water facilities, personal service facilities, care facilities, foodborne illness investigations, communicable disease investigations, rental housing standards and various other public health-related issues. Currently, there is an ever increasing need for public health inspectors in Manitoba. We encourage people interested in the field of biology, chemistry and health sciences to investigate further into this interesting career.

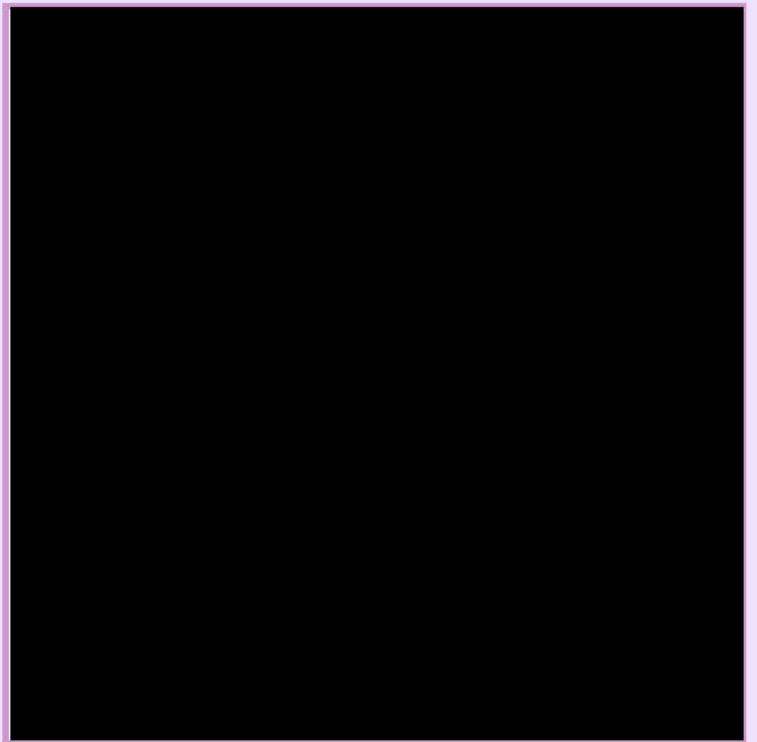
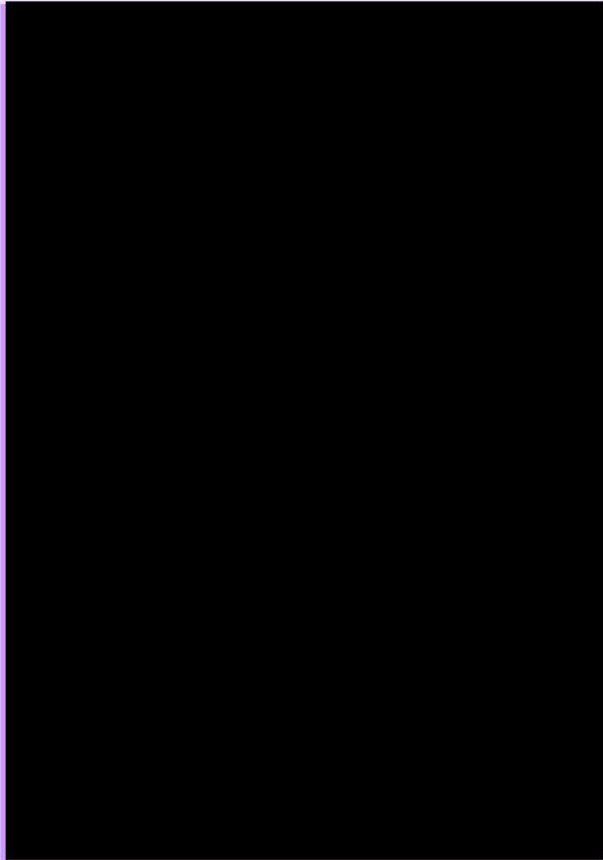
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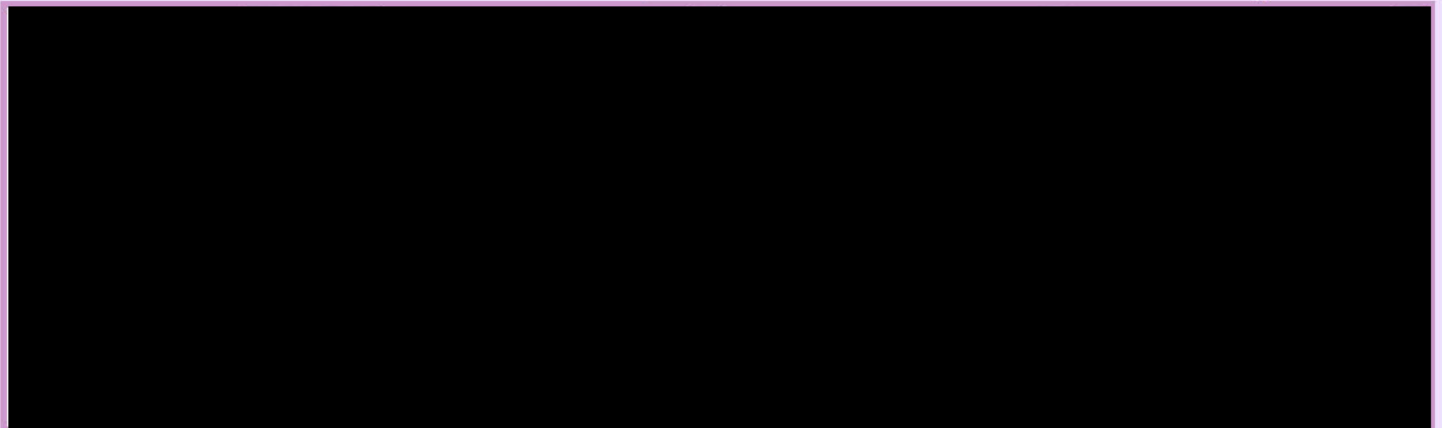
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Submitted by: Mike LeBlanc



COVID-19 CIPHI(C) Pandemic Work in Manitoba

EPHO's are working remotely with communities during lockdowns for Covid-19 and assisting in emergency planning and response activities as needed by the First Nation Communities. As part of their regular duties, they coordinate and supervise Community Based Water Monitors, maintain supply chains for the Drinking Water Safety program and consult/advise community leadership on an ongoing basis to help ensure positive public health outcomes. EPHOs and PHIs are on the front lines as businesses re-open in relation to child care, community care, food and beverage service, institutions, personal services, drinking water, wastewater and recreational facilities as well as continuing routine service, advice and inspections, permitting and monitoring businesses and programs throughout the province (on and off reserve).

Public Health Inspectors and Environmental Public Health Officers have also been educating business operators proactively. They provide consultation for Emergency Shelters to ensure food safety and sanitation measures are in place. They are involved in formulation of fact sheets for businesses on how they can safely operate during the pandemic. CPHIs are responding to complaints from the public and working with other agencies to ensure compliance with the orders. They observe operations and are able to point out actions to take to reduce possibility of transmission in establishments. They are actively inspecting food establishments to ensure hand wash stations are accessible, available and properly stocked, and that staff are educated on COVID-19. Also ensuring that proper sanitizing, disinfection and frequent disinfection is occurring in establishments. There is no shortage of work for EPHOs and PHIs during a pandemic!

Historical Spanish Flu Pandemic Response in Manitoba & History of Public Health

<https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/local/cover-at-deaths-door-inside-survival-of-the-weakest-505892622.html>

https://www.cpha.ca/sites/default/files/assets/history/book/history-book-print_all_e.pdf

<https://canadiandimension.com/articles/view/disease-direct-action-organizing-winnipeg-general-strike-1918-influenza>



Returning soldiers at Union Station, 1919. Recently returned troops brought the deadly flu virus with them from the battlefields of Europe. Source: [Archives of Manitoba](http://www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/mb_history/23/influenza.shtml) http://www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/mb_history/23/influenza.shtml

2020 Mandatory Membership History

Looking back in history, Mr. Alexander Cross, one of the original thirteen Charter members of the 1934 incorporation of the Canadian Institute of Sanitary Inspectors in Winnipeg, was interviewed in 1986 by John D. Hillis, where mandatory membership was brought up. When asked whether the Institute membership should ever become mandatory, Alex Cross's answer was "Yes. And future registration would ensure mandatory membership." Compliance with the CPC program has been a requirement of maintaining a regular membership since 2010. 2020 is the first year it is enforced. This requirement strengthens CIPHI's professional designation, much like other professional associations that require mandatory PDHs, ensuring members stay current in their field as part of their membership to maintain their professional license or designation.



June 4, 2020

Kari Engele-Carter, CPHI(C)
National President
Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors
Email: office@ciphi.ca

Dear Kari Engele-Carter:

On behalf of Health, Seniors and Active Living Minister Cameron Friesen and myself, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the role of environmental public health officers and public health inspectors in Manitoba's COVID-19 response. We applaud their dedicated service to protect the public, through enforcing Public Health Act Orders and working to prevent people from getting ill so our health care system is not overwhelmed.

Thank you to our public health officers and inspectors for their devotion and commitment to human health and many contributions of hard work, dedication and outstanding efforts for the people of Manitoba.

Please share this letter with the Manitoba Branch of the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors. Their tireless efforts to protect public health and flatten the curve are greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,



Dr. Brent Roussin
Chief Provincial Public Health Officer

c Honourable Cameron Friesen

CIPHI MB SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE:

It was an excellent CIPHI MB branch conference held on October 16, 2019 at Holiday Inn Airport-Polo Park in Winnipeg, Manitoba. We want to thank again our 3 booth exhibitor sponsors, and other additional sponsorship, who helped support CIPHI MB at this 2019 conference. Your support helped make our CIPHI MB conference possible, and our plan ahead for the 2020 conference. At the conference, sponsors discussed with attendee's their companies advancements, and sponsor attendees also were welcomed to attend the conference sessions with our other CIPHI MB members.

The exhibitor gold booth exhibitor sponsors were as follows:

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Jeff Thomson -CIPHI MB Sponsorship Committee Chair, on behalf of CIPHI MB.



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