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Message from the President

Hello Alberta Branch Members,

If you asked me what I would be doing on Saturday night in Halifax after two days of full CIPHI National Executive Council meetings I would have said enjoying my time exploring Halifax. Instead I am hunkered down in my hotel in the middle of Hurricane Dorian writing this message to you with no power and a glow stick to light my room.

For those of you who don't know, I became the CIPHI Alberta Branch President in May. Prior to this, I served as the Edmonton Zone Councilor. I am fortunate to work with a team of amazing individuals. Some of the AB Branch Executive members have years of experience on the board and others are newly appointed but eager to work. Past board members have also been so valuable in answering my numerous questions and helping me navigate the waters. Here are some of the items that the Executive and I look forward to working on and supporting this year.

1. **Governance**

An action item of the May CIPHI AB Branch AGM was that the board look at the structure and composition of its Executive and if the current structure and composition meets and reflects the needs of our members. Information will be presented to CIPHI Alberta Branch members this spring.

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2. Terms of Reference

The Alberta Branch TORs are being reviewed and updated to reflect the activities carried out by the various committees. The updated TORs will be available on our website in the coming months.

3. Progressive Discipline Policy


The National Executive Council is looking at developing a policy for progressive discipline for members who breach our conflict of interest.

4. Member Engagement Survey

A survey is currently be developed that will be circulated to Alberta Branch members. Please take the time to respond to the survey as we value your input, suggestion and direction. The information gathered will be used to shape our strategic plan and ensure we are heading in the right directions.

In closing, I am honoured to represent the Alberta CIPHI Branch and look forward to meeting members and receiving your feedback and thoughts so we can advance the profession and serve the needs of our members. Feel free to reach out to me via email at president@ciphi.ab.ca

Sincerely,



Meaghan Allen, BSc, BEH, MPH, CPHI(C)
Alberta Branch President

Editorial Policy

In the pursuit of the Association's objectives, the Editor and the Newsletter Committee is authorized to publish this Newsletter on a periodic basis, as deemed appropriate. The objectives of the Association are:

- The development and advancement of environmental health, and
- To support the advancement of the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors.

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Message from the Editor

Thank you to everyone that contributed to the CIPHI Alberta Branch fall 2019 issue. We have the recurring piece "What Would Nelson Fok Do", a feature on the Alberta Branch Executive and updates from South Zone and Edmonton Zone, as well as much more. Thanks again to the editing team and to all the contributors for submitting content for this edition.

Angelina Barlow
Editor ABN

South Zone Update

South Zone has seen a lot of changes in the past year. We congratulate Chantal Wog who was covering a temporary position in Taber and has moved on to Swift Current, Saskatchewan for a full time position. Mike Swystun will soon be returning to his PHI II Healthy Environments Specialist position after his 6 month temporary leave based in Hinton and Jasper. When he returns he will fill the shoes of CIPHI South Zone Councilor once again. We also wish our farewells to MOH Lena Derie-Gellespie who resigned from her role as MOH in the fall of 2019. She is thankful for everything the position has taught her over the past 4 years which she will carry forward in alternate avenues that align with her vision for public health. Replacing Lena, we welcome Doctor Maruti starting in November who has experience working with Environmental Public Health in Edmonton. As is tradition in our zone, Doctor Maruti will start off with a travelling road show to get to know the team he will be working with and the various areas and communities they cover. The roadtrip will include looking at water systems and visiting a Hutterite colony.

The South Zone Team sends Wendy Granson a sincere congratulations and farewell as she moves into the role of Executive Administrative Assistant to the MOH office in South Zone. Wendy worked with Environmental Public Health as Zone Administrative Coordinator for twenty-seven years. It is a farewell but not goodbye as she's only moving down the hall and is sure to cross paths with her former coworkers. To express our thanks and appreciation for everything Wendy has done, she was presented with a tear-jerking emotional slide show featuring all of her favorite people, a special-order Hurricanes Jersey and a Hurricanes cow bell. Wendy states in her own words:

"Words cannot express how thankful, grateful and appreciative I am about this SZ EPH Team! What an honour it has been to work with each and every one of you over the years. Now I know I'm not moving far and our paths will continue to cross many times over many years to come, but I would be remiss if I didn't say it's been such a fun and interesting EPH team/program to work with over the past 27 years. Thanks for helping make my career so meaningful."

The zone congratulates Meghan McConnell into her new role as Zone Administrative Coordinator! With many things to learn, including the new EPHIS program on which she

spent hours entering data, Meghan tackles her new role full on and was recognized as the first EPHIS Hero. For student updates, Megan O'Neill was extended to work as a full time casual supporting the Lethbridge area and dedicated time working in Waterton this summer. Mandy Chik was also extended and worked for some time to support Medicine Hat but returned to Ontario. Anchal Tewari completed a successful practicum in the spring, and we currently have practicum student Ellen Wang.

This year was also the first time two zones came together to plan a CIPHI educational workshop and the team made up of different zone members meshed really well, about as well as the new co-director name "Pamalynne" (Pam and Lynne). We landed on Pamalynne as the spelling for their name tags.

The South Zone Huddleston award of excellence is presented annually in appreciation to a South Zone Public Health Inspector / Executive Health Officer who demonstrates outstanding commitment to protecting the health of the people we serve with professionalism and compassion. This year the award was presented to Mark Albiez. These are some of the comments expressed about Mark:

- Mark relishes challenging and complex cases that would make the average inspector cringe
- Mark is an integral member of the City of Lethbridge Hoarding Outreach Management and Education Program (HOME), Provincial EPHIS Super Users group and the EPH Provincial Housing Work Group.
- Mark does not shy away from using enforcement as a deterrent and has found himself on the witness stand of the Lethbridge courthouse on several occasions leading to at least one successful prosecution.
- Mark is humble, easy going, always eager to help out his co-workers, has mentored many students and rarely complains about work (with the exception of EPHIS).
- Mark enjoys participating in various education initiatives whether it be farm safety fairs, teaching food safety courses or acting in low-German food safety videos which helped the South Zone win a national award.
- He has participated in several emergency related events including working 6 straight days during 2013 Medicine Hat floods helping to get people back into their homes.

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South Zone Update—Continued



Sean Robinson presents the 2019 Harry Huddleston Award to Mark Albiez



Wendy shares a photo from when she first started working with EPH at the Barons-Eureka-Warner Health Unit in 1992.

Submitted by Eveliene Meyer

Concordia University of Edmonton EH Survey

The Concordia University of Edmonton (CUE), Environmental Health (EH) program survey is live. CUE Environmental Health Program Alumni Survey

Concordia University of Edmonton's (CUE) Environmental Health Program is committed to delivering excellent environmental health education, and is interested in learning more about your current and past experiences at CUE and in your careers.

With that in mind, we would like to invite you to take part in our short survey below, and weigh in on the EH program.

Click the following shareable link to complete the survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CUE_EnvHlth

Your responses to this survey are voluntary and will be kept confidential. Findings will only be reported in aggregated form.

Feature: Alberta Branch Executive

Editors note: Over the past couple of months, there have been a lot of changes to the Alberta Branch Executive. An ABN feature is a perfect way for you to get to know the Alberta Branch Executive and to put a face to name.



President

Meaghen became a certified Public Health Inspector in 2006 after completing her After Degree in Environmental Public Health from Concordia College. She spent the first two years of her career working in Northern Alberta and later relocated to the Edmonton area to work as a generalist in a rural office.

In 2009, Meaghen left the profession to pursue a Master's Degree in Health Policy and Management from the University of Alberta but later returned in 2012. Since this time Meaghen has worked in both the safe food and safe built programs with Alberta Health Services, Edmonton Zone.

Currently, Meaghen is the Coordinator for the Safe Built, Environmental Health Program. For the last two years, Meaghen has served as the CIPHI Alberta Branch, Edmonton Zone councilor and was the co-chair of the 2018 CIPHI Alberta Branch Fall Workshop. She has guest lectured at Concordia, participated in the student mentorship programs and continues to work closely with Edmonton Zone Practicum Students.

Outside of work Meaghen keeps busy with her two active boys Russell and Hugh.

Submitted by,
Meaghen Allen



President Elect

Scott was born in Marville, France. He moved to Alberta when he was 5 years old.

After obtaining his undergrad degree in 1992, Scott became an instructor at Alberta Vocational College and later moved out west to attend the BCIT School of Public Health. After becoming certified in 1995, he started working as a Public Health Inspector in Red Deer later that same year.

Scott became the local Chair to HSAA in 2007 and continued until 2016 when he was elected HSAA board member to the Central Zone

Scott held that position until earlier this year.

Most recently Scott became a lobbyist to the federal government on two important issues facing Canadians: National Pharmacare, and Bloodwatch Canada.

In his spare time, Scott enjoys sitting by the fire, landscaping, cooking and spending time with his wife, three daughters, two cats and two dogs.

Submitted by,
Scott Budgell



Past President

My name is Geoffrey Tomko and I am currently the Past-President for the branch. I am also the branch historian which is an unofficial position and am currently (although slowly) working to digitize many of our historical records we had in storage around the province and in our Edmonton storage locker. Before these positions I had started as the South Zone councillor as I was keenly interested in giving back to the branch. I enjoy the work with CIPHI members and plan to be involved in the future.

Submitted by Geoffrey Tomko

Calgary Zone Councillor

Calgary Zone councillor is Jacquie Schneider. Jacquie has been an active member of CIPHI since 1985 when she joined as a student member at BCIT.

Jacquie has served at the Branch level previously in the position of secretary and co-editor of the Alberta Branch News. Jacquie has also served as a board member for the Alberta Public Health Association, Toastmasters International (one of 14 people

around the world on the board) and is just completing 10 years as a member of the Environmental Health Foundation of Canada. Although never having served on the board Jacquie has also been a member of the National Environmental Health since 1989. Jacquie tries to follow the motto of her alma mater, "Ducere et Servire" which means to lead and to serve. She continues to take on volunteer roles with community organizations like CIPHI and Girl Guides.

Submitted by, Jacqueline Schneider



Federal Zone Councillor



I am an Environmental Public Health Officer with the First Nations and Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB), where I

have worked for the past 13 years in First Nations Communities across the province. I have been the CIPHI Alberta Branch Federal Zone Councillor for the last 5 years, representing members from FNIHB, Canadian Food Inspection Agency, Royal Canadian Mountain Police, Health Canada and the Canadian Armed Forces. I consider myself a dynamic figure, often participating in international parkour championships and chopping wood.

During breaks, I enjoy completing Sudoku puzzles while blindfolded. When I'm bored, I conduct

experiments involving flashlight use while travelling at the speed of light. I am an expert at judging sincerity. Years ago I discovered the meaning of life, but I forgot to write it down. I have been known to cook 30 minute brownies in 20 minutes. I invented Frisbee golf while competing in full contact synchronized swimming. I have been known to fabricate pieces of biographies, but not autobiographies.

Submitted by, Kyle Wonsiak





Central Zone Councillor

Originally from Calgary, Manny made Edmonton his home while completing his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Alberta and Bachelor of Environmental Public Health at Concordia University. For over 10 years, Manny has been working in the field of public health with Alberta Health Services in Red Deer. Throughout his career, he has held specialized roles in communicable disease control, outbreak management, community-based health care investigations and municipal affairs development.

A few of his public health interests include global health issues that transcend national borders, as well as sustainable development and the relationship between public health and the environment. Manny is currently pursuing his Master of Public Health from the University of Waterloo. In his spare time, he enjoys travelling, cooking, being outdoors and spending quality time with his wife and two children.

Submitted by,
Manny Ahmad



Edmonton Zone Councillor

Olu Motajo attended Concordia University of Edmonton where he graduated with an after-degree in Environmental Public Health. He also attended the University of Alberta where he obtained a degree in Biological Sciences and a Master's degree in Public Health. Olu worked as a public health inspector with Alberta Health Services before moving to his current role with the Ministry of Health as an Environmental Public Health Advisor.

He was voted as the CPHI Edmonton Zone Councilor in June 2019, and he is dedicated to advancing the field of EPH and ensuring that public health inspectors get the recognition that they deserve. Olu lives in Edmonton with his family. In his spare time, he loves to spend time with family and friends, exercise, and travel when the opportunity arises.

Submitted by,
Olu Motajo



Treasurer

My name is Danny Thepsouvanh and I am your Alberta Branch Treasurer. I've been a certified Public Health Inspector since 2007 and have spent the past 10 years employed with Indigenous Services Canada (formerly known as Health Canada), First Nations & Inuit Health Branch working with First Nations communities in Northern Alberta. I have sat on a number of Branch Workshop

Organizing Committees and am an active examiner with the Board of Certification. In my personal life I have a passion for extreme inline skating and am currently enjoying (?) my second parental leave, caring for my two young daughters.

Danny Thepsouvanh, CPHI(C)
CIPHI AB Treasurer





North Zone Councillor

Hey Everyone, I am Ravi and I am the North zone councilor and also cover the Arctic Zone. Tulips are my favourite type of flowers. I want to travel to Europe one day and enjoy architecture more than the ocean. Going to Europa boulevard at West Edmonton Mall and drinking herbal tea relaxes me. My favourite food is Chickpeas. I am a good planner. I am cheerful, and energetic

and love helping people and giving back to community. I volunteer with Hinton victim services. I am available to discuss any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me anytime.

Submitted by,
Ravinder Thind



South Zone Councillor

I am grateful to be to be a part of the executive committee while covering for South Zone Councilor Mike Swystun in his six month absence. Mike took on a temporary position in Jasper and will soon be returning to his home in Pincher Creek in November. I have been a certified member of the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors since 2013 and have worked as a PHI in both urban and rural settings. I work and reside in the small city of Brooks, which may initially be known for its bad smells, but one needs to venture only a little further to be surrounded by the fragrant scent of the badlands sagebrush and behold the beautiful yellow cactus blossoms.

I love working in this multicultural city which keeps the job interesting and diverse. A project I am currently working on and feel very passionate about is the Brooks Safe Housing Inspection Program. In this program, we use an educational approach to help the residents and landlords in conjunction with carrying out monthly proactive inspection program of entire apartment blocks. Our goal is to reduce the amount of housing complaints, address issues that would otherwise go unreported, and improve the health of the community. It's been a pleasure to be on the CIPHI executive team but soon I'll be handing it back to Mike.

Submitted by, Eveliene Meyer



Branch Secretary

Sukhman Grewal completed her Environmental Public Health After degree from Concordia University of Edmonton. Currently, she's working for Alberta Health Services as a Public Health Inspector in North Zone and is the Secretary for CIPHI Alberta Branch.

experience working in food manufacturing industry and its various aspects like product development, nutritional analysis, and food safety. She's also a certified HACCP auditor and SQF Practitioner.

Submitted by,
Sukhman Grewal

Being a food safety enthusiast, she went to University of Guelph to get her Bachelor's in Food Science and Masters in Food Safety and Quality Assurance. Prior to working as a Public Health Inspector, she has



What Would Nelson Fok Do?



It's a Plastic World II: Plastic in our Environment

On May 10, 2019, 187 countries met in Geneva and agreed to an amendment to the Basel Convention, which governs the transportation and disposal of hazardous waste. The amendment requires exporters to obtain the consent of receiving countries before shipping most contaminated, mixed, or unrecyclable plastic waste. Currently, one country can send lower-quality plastic waste through private companies to another country without getting approval from their governments. Haiti and United States were the only two countries that did not ratify the amendment.

Municipalities in western countries, including Canada, sell recyclables in blue bags/bins to recycling companies. Recycling brokers may then sell the waste to overseas companies. Overseas companies do not always recycle all the waste but may pick out good plastics and the rest ends up in oceans or in landfills. China, which used to take 45% of the world's plastics waste since 1992, banned the imports of most plastic waste in January 2018. At that time, the US shipped about 931 million kg (1 million ton) of plastic waste to China. After China refused to take in plastic waste, other countries in Southeast Asia have been receiving a huge influx of contaminated and mixed plastic wastes that are difficult or even impossible to recycle.

In 2017, Malaysia imported a total of 316.6 million tons of plastic waste. Canada and other western countries exported half-a-million tonnes of plastics to Malaysia from January to July 2018. The United States was the largest source, followed by Japan, Britain and Germany. Recent Canadian news about Philippines and Malaysia wanting to return 'garbage' from Canada were results of push back by these countries on the disposal of unwanted contaminated plastic and recyclable waste.

Supposedly recyclable plastic shipped overseas are not easily recycled. This is because the low-grade material, such as plastic bags, has little value and is already broken down to a weak form and difficult to reuse profitably. Rigid plastics, such as water bottles and milk jugs, are easier to recycle. #1PET (water

bottles, ketchup bottles) and #2HDPE (milk jugs, laundry detergent bottles) can be recycled, but #3 PVC (softer plastic containers), #4 LDPE (plastic films and shopping bags) and #5 polypropylene (yogurt cups) are usually discarded and cost recycling companies money to be hauled away.



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While it is true that Asia is the source of an estimated 80% of marine plastic pollution, most of the plastic waste did not originate there. Canadians contribute to the problem by exporting most of our plastic waste to the U.S. The U.S. is one of the world's largest producers and consumers of plastic, and is also the No. 1 exporter of plastic scrap. Last year, the equivalent of 68,000 shipping containers of American plastic recycling were exported from the US to developing countries that mismanage more than 70% of their own plastic waste. The newest hotspots for handling US plastic recycling are some of the world's poorest countries, including Bangladesh, Laos, Ethiopia and Senegal, offering cheap labor and limited environmental regulation.

The estimated number is staggering: The world produces an estimated 10 tons of plastic a second, or 330 million metric tons each year.

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What Would Nelson Fok Do - Cont.



Only 9% are recycled and 12% incinerated, and between 5 million and 14 million tons are swept into the oceans every year. About 5 trillion pieces of plastic currently float on surface water. Researchers were able to confirm a significant increase in plastics in open ocean since the 1990s, agreeing with the exponential increase in total plastic production worldwide. Larger plastics (macroplastics) break down under ultra-violet and mechanical forces with the ocean, leading to formation of microplastics in the ocean.

The Great Pacific Garbage Patch is the largest accumulation of ocean plastic in the world and is located between Hawaii and California in north central Pacific Ocean. It is estimated to contain more than 1.8 trillion pieces of plastic (range 1.1 to 3.6) that weigh an estimated 80,000 tonnes. Researchers from The Ocean Cleanup project claimed that the patch covers 1.6 million square kilometers. The plastic concentration is estimated to be up to 100 kilograms per square kilometer in the center, going down to 10 kilograms per square kilometer in the outer parts of the patch. The presence of plastics is a major concern to wildlife. From filter-feeding baleen whales like humpbacks and fin whales, to toothed sperm whales and killer whales, all are consuming enormous amounts of plastic. The debris blocks their digestive tracts and, scientists suspect, delivers toxic chemicals into their bodies.

In March 2019, a dead beaked whale in Philippines was found with 88 pounds (40 kg) of plastic in its belly. The whale died of malnutrition and dehydration due to bulk. In 2015, scientists estimated that around 90% of all seabirds are carrying some plastic in their stomachs and UNESCO estimated that 100,000 marine mammals died because of plastic pollution each year. Analysis of marine birds found birds were physically smaller as a result of plastic ingestion. The birds also have reduced blood calcium levels, body mass, wing length and head and bill length. Plastic also worsened their kidney function and resulted in higher cholesterol levels.

The worldwide use of plastic has increased 20-fold in the past 50 years, and it is expected to double again in the next 20 years. By 2050, we are making

more than three times as much plastic product as we did in 2014. Roughly 40% of plastic is produced for packaging and single-use items. The average plastic bag is used for just 12 minutes but could take 450 years to break down. About a third of all plastics produced escape collection systems, only to wind up floating in the sea or the stomach of some unsuspecting bird. Globally, 9% of plastic waste is recycled while Canadian recycled 11%. Only 2% is reused as packaging. Canadians use 57 million straws every day (compare to 500 million by the US) and contribute to an estimated 8.3 billion straws along the world's coastline.



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Along with climate change, plastic is one of the biggest environmental problems facing the next generation.

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Edmonton Zone Update

Once again, the weather has changed and we are now in fall. Summer activities have ended along with the recreational water season, which saw the launching of the Alberta Safe Beach Protocol. Here in the Edmonton zone, we continue to move forward as our members go from strength to strength. I would like to acknowledge some of our members and celebrate their achievements.

The Working Well Program

The Working Well Program was selected as a recipient of the 2019 Premier's Public Service Award for demonstrating excellent service delivery that went beyond expectations. The Program encourages and empowers private water well owners to be stewards of our groundwater resources, and is a non-regulatory approach to achieving safe and secure drinking water supplies. The award-winning team comprises of ministries from the Government of Alberta, stakeholders including AHS, the private sector, and CIPHI member Debra Mooney who works with Alberta Health. Congratulations Debra!

Master's Degree

Please join me in congratulating Svetlana Selina who will be completing her Master of Public Health degree with a specialization in Epidemiology from Lakehead University this fall. Congratulations Svetlana!

CIPHI Alberta Branch Gladi8oars

The CIPHI Alberta Branch Gladi8oars completed their third season participating in Row for Kids, a fun and fundraising initiative of the Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation and Edmonton Rowing Club. This season, the Gladi8oars included 2 new recruits

(Sharon Milroy and her partner Amos), as well as 9 returning crew members, Rebecca Johnson, Meaghen Allen, Lois Wiberg, Stephanie Bodnar, Wojciech Drobina, Karah Harvey, Alaa Farhat and his wife Eman, and Fraser Logan (with RCMP communications).



Thirteen corporate crews trained in eights (8 person sweep rowing boats). After practicing at the Edmonton Rowing Club on the North Saskatchewan River, the Gladi8oars participated in the Row for Kids Regatta at Telford Lake in Leduc, on September 7, 2019. In addition to their CIPHI Alberta Branch shirts, their regatta day uniform also included Roman-inspired headgear. The crew shaved over 30 seconds off their 2017 & 2018 bests, with a best time of 3:09 in 2019, winning one of their three heats!

The Gladi8oars raised over \$4,300 this year, in support of the Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation (75%) and youth rowing in Edmonton (25%). As a whole, the Row for Kids event raised a total of \$101,615 in 2019. The Gladi8oars sincerely thank CIPHI Alberta Branch for sponsoring their team registration fee, and HSAA for generously donating to their fundraising initiative. Thank you to all CIPHI Alberta Branch members who made personal donations, and those who supported the pub nights and garage sale fundraisers.

If you are interested in joining the crew in 2020, keep an eye out for a call for interest in February or March.

That is all from us in Edmonton.

Sincerely,
Olu Motajo, MPH, CPHI(C)
Edmonton Zone Councilor



What happens to your CIPHI membership dues?

\$50 goes to AB Branch and \$150 goes to CIPHI National



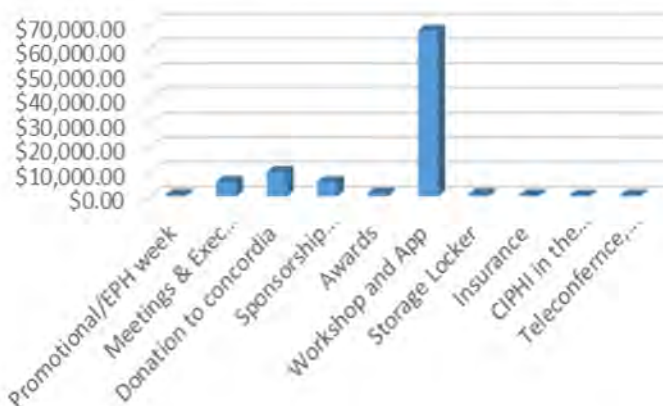
Where do CIPHI AB Revenues Come From?



In 2018, approximately \$16,675 was received through membership fees and \$57,268 generated through conference registrations and sponsorships. At this time, these are the only two sources of income.

Where does CIPHI AB spend the money?

2018 CIPHI AB Expenses by Category



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| Promotional/EPH week | \$741.64 | 0.70% |
| Meetings & Exec Benefits | \$6,015.51 | 15.00% |
| Donation to Concordia* | \$10,000.00 | 9.60% |
| Sponsorship (workshops/NEC) | \$6,000.00 | 5.80% |
| Awards | \$1,328.13 | 1.20% |
| Workshop and App | \$67,274.85 | 64.50% |
| Storage Locker | \$1,017.80 | 1.00% |
| Insurance | \$600.98 | 0.60% |
| CIPHI in the Community | \$400.00 | 0.40% |
| Teleconference, postage, post office | \$539.00 | 0.50% |

*A one time donation to Concordia University of Edmonton.

The major expense of the branch is the annual fall workshop which offers professional development and networking opportunities to our members. The second largest expense goes towards the branch executive and various committees and reps. this includes Alberta's participation in the NEC, BOC and COPE.



In Memoriam—Norm Carlson

Norm passed away early on February 2, 2019 after attending an evening curling event on February 1, 2019. Norm's career began with a Bachelor of Science from the University of Alberta. He found work in Fort McMurray, but soon after, he applied for a government of Alberta bursary to attend BCIT Environmental Health Program. He was accepted and attended BCIT from 1976 -1978 when he graduated. His first Job was at Stettler (East Central Health Unit) where he completed his field training and sat the oral exams. After a few years, a manager position was available at Wetoka Health Unit (Wetaskiwin). He applied and was soon moving to Millet, Alberta to be the new Manager of Wetoka Health Unit. After settling into his new position he decided to take a leave of absence and obtained his Masters of Health Administration from the University of Alberta.



Soon after he graduated with his Masters degree he was hired by Calgary Health Services as a manager. Norm retired from this position in 2017 and moved to Myrnam, Alberta. He is survived by his lovely wife Marie and his two children Krista and Joel. Norm encouraged his children to get a good education and both have a Masters degree. Norm throughout his career took on many projects for not only Calgary Health Services but also Alberta Health Services. He became a champion for the sport of soccer as he became a board member for the Calgary Soccer Association a position he held for many years. Norm was a good guy he had a great personality and was easy going. He treated people fairly and was a great manager for many health Inspectors. He supported the CIPHI in many ways throughout his career.

Submitted by Larry Crowe

Alberta Branch News

The Alberta Branch News is published twice yearly by the Newsletter Committee of the Alberta Branch to provide current information on the many activities of the Alberta Branch. The newsletter is distributed to members and friends of the Alberta Branch.

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Final Thoughts:

Do you know of great work being done by yourself or your colleagues?

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