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Submitted by **Raymond Ramdayal**Toronto Public Health

CIPHI Ontario Branch President

With warmer temperatures, spring brings a sense of rejuvenation and new beginnings. This feeling is also pervasive across our organization as 2017 represents our first year of mandatory membership for newly certified CPHI(C) holders. This new era elevates our profession and solidifies our place as environmental public health professionals in Ontario and across Canada.

The Executive has been focussed on building key partnerships which will amplify our voice and allow us to contribute to future public health advancements in our province. One such example was my recent presentation at the ASPHIO Conference in May where I was able to highlight the key changes in our governance model and acquire feedback and suggestions moving forward. I am appreciative to everyone on the

ASPHIO Executive and their membership for allowing me the opportunity to attend their meeting.

We also continue to strengthen our ties with the Ontario Public Health Association (OPHA) attending regular meetings and having a united voice on many shared objectives.

In April we seized the opportunity to provide comments to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care on the Standards for Public Health Programs and Services: Consultation Document.

While we have been busy with the formalities around advocacy and collaboration, we have not lost sight of member engagement. This year, Ontario Branch is hosting the 2017 Annual Softball Tournament in Toronto, Ontario, on June 23rd and 24th. I hope you will be able to attend this fun spirited event. In addition, our second Pubs with PHIs event is in its early planning stages. Stay tuned for more information on the date and location.

I would also like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Executive to congratulate Conestoga College who recently celebrated their 1st Annual Public Health Awards Day on April 21st. The event was a huge success and aimed the spotlight on students who are driven by curiosity and innovation.

Finally, our 78th Annual Ontario Branch Educational conference will be held at the Pearson Convention Center from October 1st to 4th in Peel Region. This premiere event has been in the works for some time and the anticipation is building. I have been able to get a sneak peek into some of the events the wonderful staff and volunteers at Peel Public Health have planned. Rest assured, you will not be disappointed. Register now by visiting ciphipeel2017.ca to learn more.

The Branch Councillors and members of the Working Groups remain committed to serving CIPHI to the best of their ability. They continue to impress me with their dedication and support for this organization. I hope you will feel the same inspiration as we move into a long and warm summer.

Sincerely,

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Have a question? Interested in volunteering?

Feel free to contact any member of the CIPHI Ontario Branch Executive Council. We are here to help!

Newsletter Submissions

If you have information about new projects, personal milestones, past or upcoming events, interesting or humourous work experiences, personal photographs, please share with us! We are also interested in conducting interviews with new and recently retired members, and acknowledging members who have recognized for their recent achievements.

Please contact the OBN Editor if you, or someone you know, is interested in sharing your story at:

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Article submission criteria:

- All topics must be relevant to the field of Public Health Inspection
- Articles must be submitted in MS Word
- Articles submitted should be approximately 150 words
- Feature articles should be a maximum of 500 words
- Feature articles will be determined by the editorial team
- Pictures should accompany articles where possible with proper information and credit

Please note that your article may be edited or shortened by the Editor to accommodate the space in each edition.

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2017 CIPHI Ontario Annual Educational Conference

Submitted by **Wendy Pons**Region of Peel Public Health

The 2017 CIPHI Annual Educational Conference hosted by Peel Public Health is closer than you think and will offer a stellar line up of speakers, workshops and activities. Early bird registration is still available to enjoy the conference at a lower cost. However, the deadline is approaching fast (July 7, 2017).

The conference this year will focus on the theme of courage highlighted in different streams; courage to lead, to connect and to innovate.

Keynote speakers include: motivational speaker **Stuart Knight**; risk communication specialists **Trevor Smith Diggins** and **Dr. Ronald Brecher**; Hostage Negotiations and Anti-Terrorism Consultant, **Paul Nadeau**; and Executive Director of Greenpeace Canada, **Joanna Kerr**. The full program is now available on the CIPHI Peel 2017 website.

The conference will offer two post conference workshops: Fundamentals in Enforcement and The Public Health Professional's Wellness Workshop. Social activities include the Monday Night Social at Stryke Target Range, the annual CIPHI Ontario Golf Tournament hosted at Lion Head Golf Course and, of course, the President's Gala.



To register, or for more details on the 2017 CIPHI Annual Educational Conference, including the keynote speakers, workshops, activities, exhibitors and sponsors please visit http://www.ciphipeel2017.ca

We look forward to seeing you this October!

Communications Working Group - Updates

New Working Group Member

The Communications Working Group would like to welcome **Dennis Persaud** as our newest working group member!

Dennis was born and raised in Guyana. He became a certified Public Health Inspector in 1974, and received his Meat and Food Inspection Certificate in 1976. He immigrated to Canada in 1979, and has worked for Peel Public Health for 30 years.



Dennis was the Membership Councillor on the CIPHI Ontario Branch Executive for three consecutive terms, from 2006 to 2012. Dennis has been an examiner on the Board of Certification for over 20 years. He has penned several articles for the Ontario Branch Newsletter and the Environmental Health Review. Dennis has been a CIPHI member for over 30 years.

Dennis is currently working on getting 100% CIPHI membership in Peel Public Health.

Student Members

The Communications Working Group will also soon be welcoming student members from Ryerson University and Conestoga College to assist with our projects.

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Since our last edition of the newsletter, some of our direct contact information has been updated:

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Featured Article

Bill Hunter's Retirement



Submitted by **Brandon Krupa**Niagara Region Public Health

While trying to decide on a career path after high school, it was the free tuition that attracted **Bill Hunter** to the Ryerson Institute of Technology to obtain his degree in Public Health.

Post-graduation, Bill worked in the United Kingdom, for the City of Glasgow Environmental Health Division for three years. He emigrated to Canada and received his CIPHI certification in 1973, where he began the next stage of his career as an inspector with the Hamilton Public Health Unit.

Bill, who is known for his diligent work, accepted a management role with Hamilton in 1985, and was named Director of Environmental Health in 1992. In the year 2000, Bill accepted a position with the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care as a senior Environmental Health consultant. The final chapter of Bill's career took him to Niagara Region Public Health in 2002, where he served as a manager in their Environmental Health Division.

Bill has worked in multiple programs throughout his career, but it is his work in Emergency Management and Preparedness that he has had his biggest impact. Bill lead the City of Hamilton through two declared emergencies. The first resulted from mercury contamination in the north end of the city, and the second was the Plastimet fire of 1997, where several hundred tonnes of PVC plastic burned for 70 hours, and resulted in the evacuation of over 500 residences.

Bill has had a decorated career in public health. Two of his most proud accomplishments came with he received the



Bill Hunter retired from Niagara Region Public Health in 2017 after four decades in public health.

Achieving Communications Excellence (ACE) Award for his work with the 2001 World Youth Day that took place in Toronto; he even shook hands with Pope John Paul II. In 2014, he received the Distinguished Service Award from the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (aLPHA). Bill says that he has been most proud seeing the growth in his staff as they have developed new skills and taken on new opportunities in their own careers.

After a career spanning four decades in public health, Bill retired in early 2017. He plans to spend his time reading, and continues to enjoy his time on the soccer pitch, all while finding time for a round or two of golf. Most of all, Bill is looking forward to devoting time to his family and spoiling his grandchildren.

Some last words of wisdom that Bill wished to share with new members of the public health community: Consider yourself lucky to get into a profession that is constantly changing and extremely rewarding.

Thank you for your dedication and years of service throughout your career, Bill! A sincere congratulations and a happy retirement!

CIPHI Member Highlight

Fred Taylor Retirement

Another life member of Public Health Inspectors has left the working ranks by deciding to retire. **Fred "The Legend of TPH" Taylor** retired from Toronto Public Health where he worked for 42 years.

Fred was passionate about his work as a Public Health Inspector and was involved in the union and occupational health and safety. Fred finished work for TPH in the west end, which is also the area where he lives. Fred is reportedly just back from Florida and is spending his time playing pickle ball amongst other activities.

Fred is pictured below with John Fernando.



Happy 60th Birthday, Ralph!

The Ontario Branch Executive and Communications Working Group would like to wish a belated happy birthday to **Ralph Stanley** who celebrated his 60th birthday on June 7, 2017.

Ralph's daughters and wife surprised him with a family vacation to Florida. Ralph, pictured below, said that they had a wonderful few days at Universal Studios in Orlando, taking in the exhibits and the thrilling rides.

Ralph Stanley has worked in public health for 40 years, and is currently employed a Public Health Inspector / Supervisor with Peel Region Public Health.

Ralph is pictured below with his daughters (Brittany, Christianna), and his wife (Wendy).



CIPHI News

2017 CIPHI Softball Tournament

The Annual CIPHI Softball Tournament was held on June 23-24th by Toronto Public Health in Etobicoke, Ontario. The Friday night social kicked off the tournament with team members gathering to meet old friends and make new acquaintances at the Hampton Inn. The night was filled with music, dancing, and a wide spread of food. Prizes were handed out for the "Best Selfie" photo and a trivia contest.

The softball games commenced the next morning at 9:00 a.m. at Centennial Park in Etobicoke. Weather for the tournament was outstanding, with sunny skies and cool temperatures.

Eight teams competed for the trophy: Toronto Healthy Environments, Toronto CIDIC, Durham, Peel, York/Simcoe, Wellington Dufferin Guelph, Halton/Hamilton and a team of students from Ryerson University. This is the first time that Ryerson has fielded a team and they were a welcomed competitor. We anticipate and look forward to more involvement with the student PHIs at future events.

In the championship game, the final two teams were Durham versus Peel. Durham was the tournament champion, winning bragging rights and taking home the trophy. The winners of Durham Region have also offered to host the CIPHI Softball Tournament in 2018.

Congratulations to Durham Region, and we wish all of the teams a safe off-season! See you at next year's tournament!



Ray Ramdayal and MVP Keith St. Jean













Peel Public Health

News & Tributes

HPEPH Drinking Water System Emergency

On Friday, March 24, 2017 a barge partially sank in the Picton Harbor. It is suspected that the ice in the harbor wore a hole through the hull of the barge. Approximately 30 litres of a hydrocarbon-based product on the barge leaked into the bay, although the actual fuel tank and hydraulics on the boat did not leak.

A state of emergency was declared and the Emergency Operations Centre was activated. Hastings Prince Edward Public Health participated for the duration of the event.

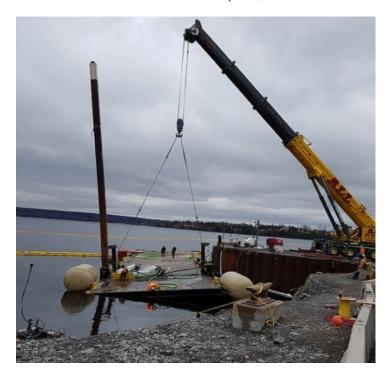
Workers attempted to contain the leak with booms, but ice in the harbor complicated the situation. The leak occurred near the municipal drinking water intake, which resulted in regular water testing was conducted.

When hydrocarbons were detected in these samples, the water treatment plant was shut down and water conservation was encouraged. Stations were set up to provide bottled water to the public, and trucks were used to shuttle water from neighbouring municipal water systems to add into the Picton reservoir.

A boil water advisory (BWA) was issued to the residents of Picton as a precaution and notices were issued to shore well owners in the vicinity.

The Coast Guard oversaw the barge recovery which was pulled to shore with tow trucks and finally lifted out with a crane on April 5, 2017.

A clean-up of the hydrocarbon sheen was conducted and the rest dissipated. The water treatment plant was put back on-line and the BWA was lifted on April 6, 2017.

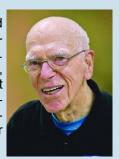


Remembering Our Members in Passing

James Donald (Don) McCaul

We remember James Donald (Don) McCaul, February 5, 1915 - May 21, 2017.

Don was born in Toronto and first moved to Stratford in 1923 when his father became a manager of McLagan Furniture. After completing high school in Stratford, Don worked in Toronto where he met Evelyn Johnston (2009), a medical student from Sault Ste. Marie. Don and Evelyn were married on June 27, 1942 after Evelyn had graduated from the U of T.



In the early years of the war, Don was employed by National Steel Car Corporation, a company that built Anson Trainers and Lancaster bombers at Malton. The plant was purchased by Victory Aircraft which continued to make aircraft and eventually became Avro Canada. Don and Evelyn moved back to Stratford in 1943 when Don was employed at Kroehler Furniture, another company involved in aircraft manufacturing at that time. After the war he remained as an industrial engineer at Kroehler for 28 years.

When Don left Kroehler in 1970 he attended Ryerson University in Toronto for two years to obtain his public health certificate. He then worked as a public health inspector for Perth County until retirement in 1980.

Don also served as a Stratford Board of Education Trustee from 1957 to 1965 and became chairman in 1960. He was a member of St. John's United Church where he sang in the choir for many years, singing his first solo at the age of 88.

Don received a medal for gallantry for saving a drowning boy from the Avon River in Stratford in 1925.

Leslie "Les" Arthur McCreesh

It is with the deepest sympathies that we announce the loss of one of our 50-year members.

Leslie "Les" Arthur McCreesh passed away peacefully on Thursday, February 9, 2017.

Please click on the link below for the article that was published in the June Environmental Health Review which details this outstanding CIPHI member's life.

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Conestoga Public Health Awards Ceremony - April 2017





















CoPE Connection

What is Career Planning without a Learning Plan and Self-Reflection?

Your Friendly Neighbourhood CoPE Crew have made a few improvements on receiving PDHs for Self-Assessments, Learning Plans, and Self-Reflection.

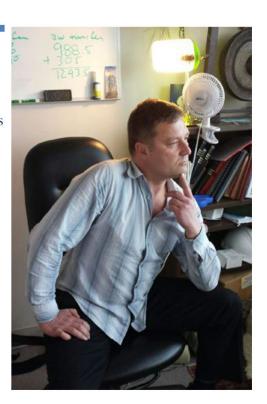
EPHPs can now claim **1 PDH** for every **1 Hour** spent conducting self-assessments, learning plans, and reflecting on your progress.

(Max of 5 PDHs annually)

Stay tuned for new tools, in addition to the existing self-assessment tool on the MSC, to help members plan and reflect to better reach their goals.

Just remember there is a Max of 5 PDHs for this Category!

The MSC is a great place to store your assessments and learning plans, but it is not required.



PD Portal:

Have you watched a Webinar lately? Webinars can be entered under Informal Activities on the Member Service Centre (MSC) at www.ciphimember.ca

Professional Development Hours: Online and In-Person Opportunities

Are you seeking opportunities to earn your Professional Development Hours? Check out these online sources for courses and workshops which may be of interest to you.

- Pinchin Environmental offers various free complimentary sessions across Ontario. Check the calendar for course times and locations. http://www.pinchin.com/courses
- The Columbia Regional Learning Center at the National Center for Disaster Preparedness, Earth Institute, Columbia University provides free on-line certificate training courses, webinars, and lectures designed for individuals working in health systems. http://ncdp.crlctraining.org/



Do you know of a good source for online learning?

Please let the Communications Working Group know so we can share it with other PHIs.

Upcoming CIPHI Ontario Events

CIPHI Ontario 78th Annual Educational Conference

Sunday, October 1 to Wednesday, October 4, 2017

Hosted by <u>Peel Region Public Health</u> Pearson Convention Centre Brampton, Ontario 201

Visit http://www.ciphipeel2017.ca for registration and more information on the annual golf tournament, schedule, speakers, and workshops.

Early bird registration has been extended to Friday, July 14, 2017.

CIPHI National 83rd Annual Educational Conference

Sunday, November 5 to Wednesday, November 8, 2017
Hosted by <u>CIPHI National</u> and <u>Vancouver Coastal Health</u>
Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel
Richmond, British Columbia

Come join us at the 83rd CIPHI Annual Education Conference being held this year in Richmond, BC. The conference theme is *Honouring Traditions, Inspiring Innovation,* and focuses on both current and emerging environmental public health issues and exploring innovative ways to safeguard public health.

The conference will feature three days of workshops, thoughtful keynotes, panel discussions, oral presentations, and social events. We are carefully selecting our speakers and workshops to ensure that your attendance will be fulfilling and inspirational.

Please visit http://www.ciphi2017.ca/ for more information and registration.

Early bird registration closes Saturday, October 7, 2017.

CIPHI Public Health Inspector Grand Rounds Seminar Series

Wednesday, October 11, 2017

Hosted by CIPHI Ontario and Public Health Ontario

Online registration to follow.

The next Grand Rounds seminar, titled "Geared towards compliance: A regulatory training program for public pool and spa operators" will be presented by Fatih Sekercioglu and Anne-Maria Quin of Middlesex-London Health Unit. They will be discussing the relationships between Public Health Inspectors and staff at public pools and spas, and the process that MLHU underwent to develop and implement an evidence-informed training course focused on regulatory requirements.

An additional session may be scheduled on Wednesday, September 13, 2017. Details to follow.

The full Grand Rounds schedule can be viewed at http://www.ciphi.on.ca/images/pdf/PHI Grand Rounds Lineup 2017.pdf

New CIPHI National President Elect

Kari Engele-Carter was appointed by the directors of the National Executive Council to the position of CIPHI National President Elect effective immediately. This appointment will remain in effect until January 1st, 2019 at which time Kari will assume the role of National President. Kari is currently the Saskatchewan branch president.

Congratulations Kari

Final Thoughts & Contact Us

We want to hear from you

The Ontario Branch Newsletter is always interested in hearing about your stories, projects, and events. Please share the retirements and achievements of your colleagues, your experiences as new and practised inspectors, and the involvement of your staff in public emergencies, policy development, research, or new programs.

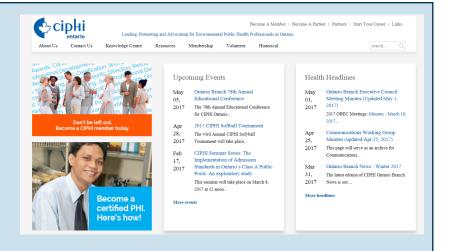
Send your stories to the OBN Editor at editor@ciphi.on.ca. Submission deadline is Friday, September 29, 2017.

CIPHI Ontario Website Feedback

The <u>CIPHI Ontario website</u> will be undergoing some updates in the upcoming months.

We would like to hear what you think works well and what you think could be improved, including necessary updates and corrections, or comments on the current website applications and resources.

Please e-mail your responses to cwg@ciphi.on.ca by Friday, September 8, 2017.



New Segment: News From The North

We are seeking public health news stories from health units and public health organizations located in northern communities to share in our upcoming newsletters.

If you are interested in sharing your story, please forward to the <u>OBN Editor</u> or <u>CWG Co-Chairs</u>. Please share your stories for our next newsletter by Wednesday, September 6, 2017.

#OBNQuestions

Send us a message over social media or an e-mail to the <u>OBN editor</u> answering:

How did you get into your career in public health?

Twitter: @CIPHI Ontario, or use #OBNQuestions.

Keep in touch with CIPHI Ontario

Find CIPHI Ontario online through your favourite social media outlet for the most up-to-date news and events throughout the province.

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| | Exploring Ontario small drinking water system data: a 10-year review Elaina MacIntyre & Tony Amalfa | Public health in a changing climate: leveraging connections and knowledge for action Lydia Ma | Listeria surveillance in RTE meat products and at pro- vincially licensed meat plants Jeanine Boulter-Blitzer | |
| | Precautionary principle tool Dr. Ray Copes, Atul Jain & Dr. Rosana Salvaterra | Working together to build healthy communities Kevin Haley & Lorenzo Mele | It's salad, it's cheese, it's coleslaw. No, it's pasteurized chocolate milk: a challenging Listeriosis outbreak investigation Dr. Bryna Warshawsky & Christina Lee | |
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| | Public pool regulations and | Improving an environmental | Workshop | |
| | maximizing safety Gary Sanger & Paul Di Salvo Geared towards compliance: evaluation of a public pool and spa operator training program Fatih Sekercioglu & Anne- | health division's response to adverse housing situations involving vulnerable individ- uals Sherry Price, Suzanne Lemieux, Burgess Haw- kins & Rylan Yade RentSafe | Developing online tools for public health inspectors Jeremy Herring, Brenda Lee & Lori McKinnon | |
| | Maria Quin | Erica Phipps, Kathy Cooper, Bob Hart, Vittoria Vecchiarelli & Helen Doyle | | |
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| | Keynote: Changinç | g behaviour, building bridges, | conflict resolution and more | - Paul Nadeau |
| | | Workshop Rabies post-exposure prophylaxis workshop Dr. Dean Middleton & Dr. Bryna Warshawsky | AGM | Workshop Assessing the quality of EH research Gagnan Babra & Franca Ursitti |
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| | | Development of heat warning information system for Ontario: collaboration at its best! Louise Aubin, Dave Henderson & Kevin Behan | AGM | |
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| 3.00 am | Developing a continuous quality improvement framework for public health inspectors Jennifer Snow Sous-vide: turning the art of cooking into a science Thomas Pelletier, Andrea Cooper, Katie Le Blanc & Michael Bennitz Foodborne illness trends in | Emerging issues of drinking water chlorination Xiaohui Jin Well, well, wellWaterincreasing private sampling rates in Waterloo Region Brandie Bevis & Aldo Franco Exploring well water sampling in Wellington, Dufferin and Guelph | Synthesis research in support of public health decision-making on vector-borne diseases in Canada Lisa Waddell Modelling West Nile Virus abundance in Southern Ontario Bryan Victor Giordano Exotic Aedes mosquitoes in Windsor, from discovery to | |
| | Peel and knowledge transla- tion strategies Gagan Babra, Michelle Ng & Gregory Kujbida | Shawn Zentner, Bo Cheyne & Blair Hodgson | action Curtis Russell | |
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| | Asbestos and public health: sealing the cracks Tom Kosatsky Development of a high resolution air quality modelling program to inform public health practice in the Region of Peel Louise Aubin & Eric Tram How do you spell collaboration? P-S-S Duri Song & David Ryding | Sampling strategies using innovative technologies for risk management of recreational waters Ramien Sereshk Implementing a small drinking water system program while simultaneously mitigating the health risks of blue green algae blooms on Pelee Island Alex Kusiewicz Becoming tobacco free in mental health and addictions settings Darby Lowe & Dr. Tony George Keynote: Courage to Inn | | |
| | | Closing re | marks | |
| :00 - 4:00pm | | Workshop Fundamentals of Enforcement Mark Riemenschneider | Workshop Public Health Profession- al's Wellness Workshop • Joy McCarthy • Ben Sylvester • Salimah Kassim | |