



Emergency Response and Environmental Public Health

While 2017 certainly provided an opportunity for Environmental Health Officers (EHOs) to be involved in the province's wildfires, floods, and spills, the post-emergency reflection that has occurred over the past year has provided clarity to the roles and responsibilities of health authorities and their staff. So far this year, we've seen flooding in parts of the interior of the province that rivaled last year, and we know with our changing climate that these extreme events will become more and more common.

An article published in the March 2018 issue of *Environmental Health Review* looked at the role that environmental health practitioners play in responding to emergencies. The focus of this article was on indigenous communities, but many of the lessons learned are equally applicable in all municipalities, regardless of their makeup.

The article notes that environmental health practitioners are often called upon to "provide typical services under atypical conditions", and that they can "help reduce the impact of EPH disasters ... by supporting <communities> throughout the response and recovery". This year, we have seen how EHOs respond to flooding events, attending community meetings to provide guidance and information, participating in Emergency Operations Centres (EOCs) as liaisons, and supporting recovery planning to ensure citizens remain safe and healthy when they return home.

For EHOs working with indigenous communities, the relationship and frameworks often require additional considerations. The article notes that "recognizing communities' Indigenous rights and title, their right to self-governance, and committing to a respectful, transparent partnership is crucial to this engagement." Decision-making around emergency response and recovery must respect the rights of communities, their cultural protocols, and traditional law.

If the past two years have been reflective of those to come, environmental health practitioners will continue to be called upon to provide services in times of emergencies. Training in emergency response structures (EOC & ICS), and knowledge of the public health implications of typical emergency events can help EHOs best respond in these events, and ensure our presence is supportive of community response. NCEH has also created a topic page on flooding, and oil spills and health, in support of environmental health practitioners, which can be found here: <http://www.ncceh.ca/environmental-health-in-canada/health-agency-projects/floods-prevention-preparedness-response-and> and here: <http://www.ncceh.ca/environmental-health-in-canada/health-agency-projects/oil-spills-and-health>

For more details on the EHR article, please visit the link at: <http://pubs.ciphi.ca/doi/pdf/10.5864/ehr.2018.611>

Casey Neathway & Gethsemane Luttrell
First Nations Health Authority

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Branch Update

And just like that, we're already more than halfway through 2018! It finally looks as though flooding season is behind us, and so far the unseasonably damp weather has kept the wildfires at bay (knock on wood). The branch has been hard at work on a few different fronts so far this year, and I am pleased to provide this update to the membership!

The November deadline for filing information under the revised *Society's Act* is fast approaching, and by now you should have seen an email with some proposed bylaw amendments and wording changes to bring us in-line with our regulatory requirements. Planning for this year's AGM is underway, with the intent to bring together as many members as possible to discuss these revisions, and to pass them as special resolutions. Stay tuned for more information on the AGM coming out by August 1st, and please feel free to reach out to the Branch either via president@ciphi.bc.ca or president-elect@ciphi.bc.ca if you have feedback or input to provide!

Our Education Committee has also been hard at work on identifying ways that the Branch can support members on professional development and continuing education. By the time this BC Page is published, you should have received a survey link for your input on how you and your colleagues would best like to see the Branch support your education, and we certainly encourage your participation. Feedback from the membership is important to ensuring we're on the right track!

We're also looking at some modifications and revisions to our website to make it attractive, informative, and useful. Expect to see some minor changes in the coming months, and if you have suggestions or input on what you'd like the website to look like, please don't hesitate to let me know! We're also very interested in finding a keen member to help the Branch with its social media presence, running our Facebook and Twitter pages, so if that sounds like something you're interested in, we'd love to hear from you!

Lastly, don't forget that September 25th – 29th is Environmental Public Health Week, and keep an eye out for some outreach and messaging in your community, celebrating the work that each and every one of you do!

Stay cool and don't forget your sunscreen!

Yours Truly,



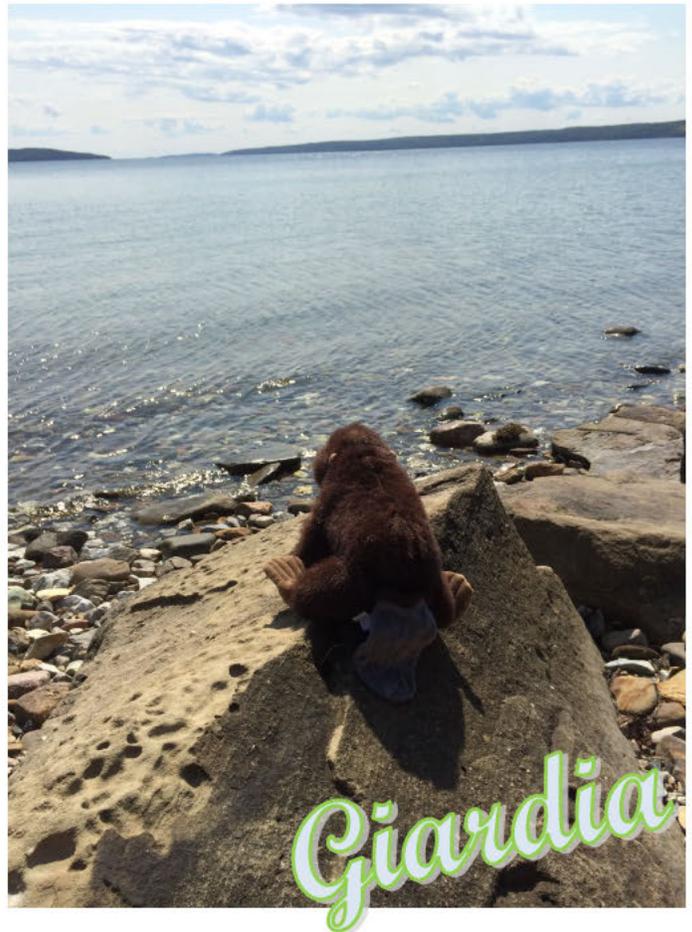
Casey Neathway
BC Branch – President Elect



Hello CIPHI members and environmental health professionals alike! Welcome back again to Giardia's Corner with me, Giardia! I don't have anyone to highlight this edition so instead, I will put the spotlight on Environmental Public Health Week. September 24th-28th, 2018 celebrates you, the environmental public health professional. This year's theme is "The Path Forward" focusing on the future of environmental public health as it changes on the daily and the way we do our jobs changes with it.

Take a look at Page 6 for the EPHW President's Message for a solid reminder of the work you do. Make sure to give yourself a pat on the back.

Thanks for everything you do!



Update from NCCEH

The [Spring 2018 NCCEH Update](#) summarized work done by the BC Centre for Disease Control ([BCCDC](#)), the National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health ([NCCEH](#)), and the National Collaborating Centre for Determinants of Health ([NCCDH](#)) to support health equity in environmental public health (EPH) practice. Two more resources are now available from BCCDC – **Equity 101** and **bc211 training** – and both are eligible for CIPHI professional development hours (PDH) credit. One more resource – **Equity in Environmental Public Health Workshop Toolkit** – is scheduled for release later this year.

Equity 101

[Equity 101](#) is a series of five animated videos for EHOs and Health Protection leaders. Each 5- to 7-minute video addresses a different aspect of health equity. Watch them all in sequence for a comprehensive overview of how equity relates to EPH practice. The videos can also be viewed individually to focus on a specific part of equity-integrated practice. EHOs can earn 1 hour PDH credit for viewing the complete series.

The first three videos provide baseline knowledge about health equity for all EPH professionals.

[Video 1–Introduction to health equity for EPH professionals](#) defines health equity in the context of EHOs' practice, using examples to illustrate how key health equity concepts relate to the EHO role.

[Video 2–Introduction to the social determinants of health for EPH professionals](#) introduces the social determinants of health most relevant to EHO practice. Each of the social determinants of health is illustrated with brief examples to show the impact on EHOs' work.

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[Video 3–How the social determinants of health impact EPH practice settings](#) illustrates the relationships between health equity, the social determinants of health, and specific practice settings (food premises, personal services establishments, drinking water, housing, and healthy built environments).

The last two videos focus on specific actions EPH professionals can use to apply the concepts from the first three videos.

[Video 4–What Health Protection can do to support health equity](#) identifies organizational facilitators and barriers associated with integrating health equity into practice. This video suggests strategies that EHO managers and senior Health Protection leaders can use to apply an equity lens to program planning and organizational development.

[Video 5–What EHOs can do to support health equity](#) identifies concrete actions that field staff can take to support health equity through their practice. This video shows how frontline EHOs can apply an equity lens through incremental changes in how they approach existing tasks and roles. For those ready to go deeper, the video suggests new skills to develop and different roles EHOs can incorporate to advance health equity.

All five videos, with discussion questions to consider after viewing each video, can be found on the BCCDC [Equity tools](#) page.

bc211 training

[bc211](#) is a non-profit organization that provides confidential information and referral to community, government, and social services via telephone, text message, and a website. In 2017, BCCDC conducted a pilot project to trial a partnership between bc211 and EHOs from all five BC regional health authorities and the First Nations Health Authority. EHOs can use bc211 to help link individuals in need with the services they require, particularly where client needs fall outside the core health protection mandate.

This partnership is currently being rolled out across the province as a tool to help EHOs incorporate a health equity lens into practice. bc211 training for EHOs will provide an overview of bc211 along with guidance on how and when EHOs can use bc211 services. In some health authorities, frontline EHOs will have an opportunity to attend a **bc211 EHO training** session. In others, senior staff or managers will participate in a **bc211 train-the-trainer** session so they can provide ongoing education for local frontline staff. Sessions are being scheduled for summer and fall 2018. Details about training options and schedules in each region will be available soon from health authority management.

EHOs will be eligible to apply for 3 PDH credit hours for completing a **bc211 EHO training** session or 4 hours for attending a **bc211 train-the-trainer** session.

An **Equity in Environmental Public Health Workshop Toolkit** is currently under review and will be available in the coming months pending final approval. This Toolkit is a collection of customizable resources that can be used to plan and deliver presentations or workshops about health equity and EPH. These presentations use [Through an Equity Lens](#) resources to guide EHOs and health authorities interested in using these tools to inform health protection programs and EHO practice.



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2018 EPHW President's Message

Welcome to Environmental Public Health Week September 24-28, 2018. The Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors (CIPHI) sponsors this annual event to recognize and celebrate the important contributions of Certified Public Health Inspectors (Canada) and other environmental public health professionals (EHPs).

This year's theme is "The Path Forward," which looks to what challenges Environmental Public Health practitioners across the country will be engaging in and how it can be best managed. There are several new areas of environmental public health, particularly, the impacts for Environmental Public Health on legalization of cannabis, the use of new technologies for education such as virtual reality and communications, and progressive compliance of continuing education with our colleagues. It is important to be cognizant and prepared for a constant changing landscape in the health sector.

The traditional mandate of CIPHI has included health promotion, responding to emerging threats to public health and the prevention and control of communicable and environmental disease. While this has not fundamentally changed, the profession continually faces new challenges in meeting these outcomes. These challenges have and will continue to require us to adapt our practices and embrace change. Never has it been more important as health professionals for CPHI(C)'s to pursue on-going professional development throughout their career.

I encourage all EHPs to celebrate Environmental Public Health Week by taking a moment to reflect on your accomplishments and remind yourself and others how valuable and rewarding your experiences in this unique profession have been. Your work affects many aspects of life for Canadians. This includes the food we eat, water we drink, air we breathe, safe areas for children, and places where our families gather, live, play and learn. Communities across the country benefit greatly from the work completed by environmental public health professionals.

Thank you all for your on-going enthusiasm and commitment. This is your week – enjoy!

Ann Thomas, National President

News from FNHA

FNHA's Environmental Public Health Services team gathered together at the Westin Resort in Whistler from May 29 – 31 for their annual all-staff meeting. Educational presentations for EHOs covered topics such as healthy housing, cannabis health considerations, and traditional food safety. Environmental Health Technicians and Administrative staff had separate break-out sessions for agenda items specific to their scope of work, and to continue to build their communities of practice.



Baby Announcement

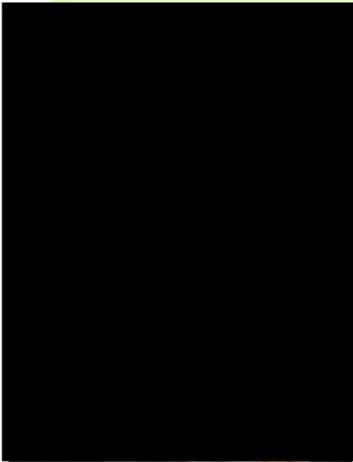


Congrats to the Juatco (Judy) family!

Mom, Dad, and Big Brother Dax welcomed Holly Leni Thi Juatco on April 19, 2018 weighing in at 7lbs 2oz!



Pam, Joe, and Big Sister Samantha Mandarino welcomed Baby Vu into their family at the end of 2017.



Information redacted upon request on March 27, 2023

AWWA Award

Len Clarkson has done it again! The BC Water and Waste Water Association has just announced that Len has been awarded the **George Warren Award** by the **American Water & Wastewater Association** for 2018.

Len joins a select few individuals across North America to receive this prestigious award for **distinguished service to the water supply field**.

Len is the Specialist and Drinking Water Officer with the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority in Squamish. You may also remember that Len had previously been presented the **Stanley S. Copp Award** by the BCWWA. Len received that award for his "Outstanding Contribution" and continuing service as an "Individual" to the BC Water & Waste Association over the past 19 years. The recipients of that award were all key individuals concerned with the provision of safe drinking water to the public in BC.

Len is also the first PHI/EHO to receive this important award.

Our heartiest congratulations, Len!



Tim Roark, Branch Historian



BC might soon have another former Public Health Inspector as Mayor. George Harvie, the recently retired Chief Administrative Officer for the City of Delta, started his career as a Public Health Inspector in Burnaby after graduating from BCIT in 1971. George worked in Burnaby as a field Inspector for a number of years until he was promoted to Supervisor under the former Chief PHI, George Armson. After several years as Supervisor, he was the successful candidate for Chief PHI upon the retirement of Mr. Armson. George held that position for several years before moving to the Human Resources Dept. as Manager. With hard work and additional education, it wasn't long before George was appointed Deputy City Manager for the City of Burnaby. A special review was initiated within the City of

Delta and George, who was a long-time resident of Delta, was seconded to that City to carry out the review. This move ultimately led to George switching to the City of Delta and taking on the position of Chief Administrative Officer, a position he's held until his retirement a short time ago.

George may well be the third PHI in BC to become a Mayor in BC. Neville Cox was the first being a Public Health Inspector in the Kootenays and then the North Fraser Health Unit covering Mission and then ultimately, he became the Mayor of Mission. Watch for more information about Neville in a future issue and the fact that he used his Public Health background to help the residents of Mission. Ken Christian, a former PHI in Kamloops and ultimately Executive Director of Environmental Health Protection for the Interior Health Authority was elected Mayor of the City of Kamloops in 2017.

We wish George all the best in his run for Mayor of the City of Delta, BC.

Tim Roark, BC Page Associated Editor



TempSafe®

The EHFC developed the TempSafe® symbols to enhance Health Authorities' food safety education strategies. The symbols are an important part of the EHOs' education toolkit and ensure that food safety messages will continue to be emphasized after inspections, food handler training, and community events. The symbols are available in magnetic, cling, button & large display formats, and can include the agencies name where the EHFC name is shown below.



For more information including pricing go to: www.ehfc.ca/pages/food_safety_about.html & for questions email: ehfc@outlook.com

2018 EHFC AWARDS

The Board of Trustees are pleased to announce the 2018 National EHFC awards opened to all CPHI(C)s who have been a CIPHI regular member in good standing for the past five consecutive years. The awards listed below, provide an excellent opportunity to nominate colleagues for outstanding work in their field, and to apply for support of continuing education in the field of Environmental Public Health.

- Canadian Water & Wastewater Association Safe Water
- Clifford E. Van Alstyne Communication
- Continuing Education
- Dr. R. Neil Lowry Safe Recreational Water
- Hedgerow Software Ltd Leadership in Environmental Health
- Lillia Ann Zahara

For more information & nomination/application forms go to: www.ehfc.ca/pages/award_description.html or for questions email: ehfc@outlook.com

BCIT Environmental Health Program Celebrates 50 Years!

On May 4, the Environmental Health program marked 50 years at BCIT by inviting the first and second graduating classes (1967-69) and (1968-70) back to the Burnaby campus for a reunion luncheon. Turning to our photo albums, which record the pictures and names of every graduating class, and with the help of Tim Roark, we were able to track down many of the original grads. Five members from the original class of 1969 attended with their spouses: Jim Brookes, Bill Rogers, Jim Davidson, Len Boguski and Rita Manuel (formerly Swakum). Roy Wong was unable to attend. Of the remaining two grads, Barry Lawley was too ill to attend, however, his wife Kathy was able to participate and Dave Urquhart is unfortunately deceased. Three members from the second grad class of 1970 participated: Kelvin Higo, Norm Clarkson and Patrick Fan.

The event was lively with a sprinkling of speeches and plenty of reconnecting and swapping stories. Lisa Chu, Associate Dean opened the festivities, welcoming everyone to campus. Tim Roark delivered a history of the events leading to the establishment of the Diploma program at BCIT in 1967, under the first department head Len Penner. Current program head, Martin Macleod, read out a brief biography for each of the attending graduates, highlighting the diverse and interesting careers they had after graduation. Also recognized were the contributions to the program from special guests in attendance Dr. Blatherwick, Charlie Young, and Lorraine Woolsey and others who were unable to attend. Rita Manuel spoke on behalf of the graduates, sharing her recollections of being a student in the first class and what BCIT meant to her career. Rita has the distinction of being the first woman and First Nations graduate of the program. Attendees also included members of the Advisory Committee, current faculty and the Dean of Health Sciences. At the close, student volunteers from the current first year class led the graduates on a campus tour. While most of campus was changed beyond recognition they did remember the labs.

A student was heard to remark that this must be a great profession as all the graduates looked so young for their age!

Martin Macleod, Program Head



1969 and 1970 grads celebrating 50 years for BCIT's ENVH Program. (L to R) John Davidson (69'), Jim Brookes (69'), Bill Rogers(69'), Rita Manuel (69'), Kelvin Higo (70'), Norm Clarkson (70'), Len Boguski (69), Patrick Fan (70')



BCIT's first class of 1967-69 – (Back Row L to R) – Barry Lawley, Len Penner (Program Head), Bill Rogers, Dave Urquhart, Jim Brookes, (Front Row L to R) – John Davidson, Rita Swakum, Len Boguski, Roy Wong

BCIT 1988 Today

The BCIT Class of 1988 have done something that many of us have thought about doing but few have ever done and that's get together every five years since graduation. What a wonderful way to renew friendships, have fun, and catch up on all the highlights over the past five years even if it's a bit harder to remember things now. As Bill Wrathall put it: "Our reunion took place on June 15-17 in Sicamous, BC. Marc Van Houtteghem and his wife Deb were gracious enough to allow us to invade their get away home. There was lots of reminiscing, laughs, singing, food & beverage, golf, and sight-seeing. That's about all we did. "



2013



2018

Left to right standing: Paul Ross, Brian Gregory, Warren Boychuk, Peter Ross, Marc Van Houtteghem, Kevin Touchet, Bill Wrathall, Shendra Brisdon.

Left to right sitting: Clark Blythe (hubby of Debra), Debra Langier-Blythe, Ann Thomas, Kirt Sellers and Mocha (lying down this time, after all it is 5 years later).



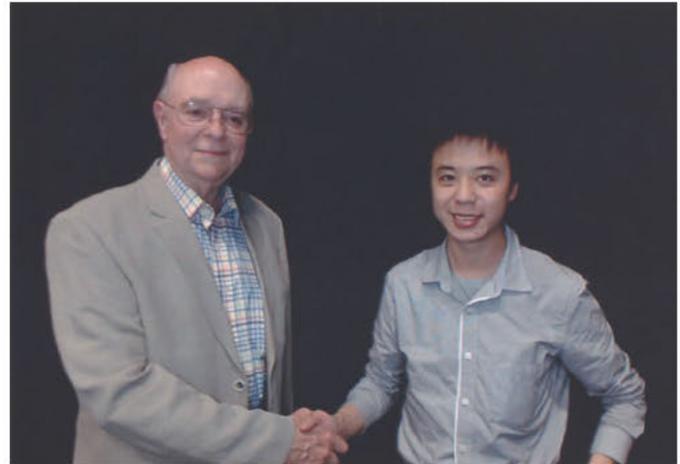
**YOU KNOW WHAT
REALLY GRINDS MY
GEARS . . .**

"Our last health inspector said..."

Please submit your "heard it a thousand time before one-liners" that you hear in the field over and over to stacey.sowa@viha.ca. Let's all share in the hilariously annoying joys of our environmental public health experiences.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Jeffrey Ma, recipient of the John A. Stringer Memorial Award for 2018 is congratulated by Tim Roark on behalf of the BC Branch. The award was announced at the Graduating Student Award Ceremony at BCIT on June 19th. The endowment for this award was established by Mrs. Mabel Stringer in 1976 in memory of her late husband with the support of the BC Branch CIPHI and its membership. John Stringer was an executive member of CIPHI and a strong supporter of the PHI program at BCIT.



We are pleased to confirm that Pooja Kumar is the recipient of the Bill Leith Memorial Award at BCIT for 2018. Bill Leith was a long standing executive member of the BC Branch of CIPHI and a generous supporter of the BCIT PHI Program since 1996. The award was announced at the Graduating Student Award Ceremony at BCIT on June 19th.

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

www.ciphi.bc.ca

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

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



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



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

BCIT Awards—Continued

Congratulations to Martin Macleod who received a *2018 Teaching Excellence Award* at BCIT. For anyone who has had the privilege of taking one of Martin's classes, I am sure this award doesn't come as a surprise. I was lucky enough to be in my first year at BCIT when Martin became an instructor; you would never guess he was new to the gig as his teaching was seamless and appeared effortless. I recently reached out to Martin to ask a question about something he had taught me nearly 10 years ago, he responded quickly and with the exact minute detail I was looking for, a true teacher at heart. Martin's colleagues and students offered glowing nominations to ensure he would be a successful candidate for the 2018 Teaching Excellence Award. Below are only 3 of the **14** nominations he received:



Martin Macleod receiving his award from Lisa Chu, Associate Dean of Health Sciences .

Excerpt from Keith Herle, Instructor with BCIT: “. . .Martin is continually alert for new and emerging instructional methods for potential integration into our program. It's difficult to imagine anyone more worthy of this teaching and excellence award.”

Calvin Tan, BCIT ENVH Student: “Martin is a professional, prepared, and knowledgeable instructor. His experience shows in his teaching materials and methods. Being a growth oriented instructor, Martin has encouraged the growth and development of his students to equip them for success in their careers. Martin is attentive to detail and is always ready to listen and help his students.”

Christine Swezey, BCIT ENVH Student: “Martin has inspired me to begin a new chapter in my life. He teaches every day with enthusiasm, positivity, and encouragement. His teaching empowers me to succeed and better prepares me to follow in his footsteps and make him proud. His teaching style is comforting. And not only is he a mentor, he is a friend.”

Congratulations Martin, a well deserved honour!

Stacey Sowa, BC Page Editor

Retirement—Stuart Pike

Stuart Pike took an early retirement, starting as of March 23, 2018, to return to UK to be closer to his family. He will be working there as an EHO for her Majesty the Queen!

Best of luck, Stuart!



Retirement—Bill Wrathall



The Parksville Crew L to R: Glenn Gibson, Elizabeth Thomson, and Retiree Bill Wrathall.

Note from the Editor: I hemmed and hawed about how to present the information Bill sent me regarding his career but his presentation was just too witty. I decided it would be an injustice to rework his words so I give you, in his own words, *“The Career of Bill Wrathall”*:

“In a nutshell:

Graduated BCIT Environmental Health Program in June 1988.

First job as a Public Health Inspector with City of Winnipeg Health Department from June 1988 to September 2001. This entailed three years of housing complaints, untidy & unsightly premises, personal service establishments, pest complaints, pools and pretty well everything else except food & water.

I had enough of mosquitoes and cold weather and accepted a job as an Environmental Health Officer in Inuvik, NWT. The Inuvik Regional Health & Social Services Board covered an area as far north as Sachs Harbour on Banks Island, east to Holman (Ulukhaktok), as far south as Tulita in the Sahtu Region and everything in between such as Tuktoyaktuk, Fort McPherson, Norman Wells, Deline and Colville Lake. Most travel was accomplished by small plane in all sorts of weather. Flying across the Beaufort Sea in a twin engine was sometimes interesting, especially when one engine would stop. Helicopters were used to fly into Fire Camps. Some communities were reached via winter ice-roads. Survival training was mandatory.

In addition to covering all the traditional areas of Environmental Health such as food, water, sewage and pools there was considerable diversification. This included working with the Inuit respecting “country foods”, botulism investigations, sewage lagoons, pump & haulage septic, drinking water haulage, rabies investigations, vaccinating dogs for rabies – a big challenge with working dogs at –30 C, schools and playground safety. Our program also included injury prevention and Human Contaminate Blood Cord Monitoring.

The high Arctic was an adventure and highly recommended.

I had enough of big mosquitoes and extreme cold weather and started work with Vancouver Island Health Authority in July, 2001. Initially covering a maternal leave EHO position in Parksville, then a few months in Tobacco Enforcement, five years as an EHO in Port Alberni/West Coast and finishing back in Parksville in April, 2018. My highlights with Island Health included the BC Winter Games in Port Alberni in 2004, the Tofino water shortage in 2006, and kick-starting and overseeing the City of Parksville Surface Water Treatment Objectives successfully progress towards completion.

If I could do it all over again, I would.

Cheers,

Bill”



Retirement—Karen Rehbein



Karen enjoying her farewell!

By all accounts Karen's recent retirement party was a great send-off. The party was held at Karen's place and her "immaculate garden" made a lovely setting for the party. As can be seen from the great photos, lots of HP staff and managers attended including Patty Daly and John Blatherwick. Richard Taki was the speaker and by all accounts did a great job. He went through Karen's career and experience which were extensive. He indicated Karen was a "true professional". Richard said he'd searched for a flaw in her long career but couldn't find a single issue! He then presented Karen with her shield in a frame for display purposes. Karen gave a beautiful and well thought out response. She spoke on the personal connections she felt for VCH staff and the love of her job. She hoped this was not goodbye entirely as she would welcome the opportunity to work further as a casual.

Karen Rehbein graduated from BCIT in 1982 and was hired as a Public Health Inspector by the City of Burnaby. She stayed with Burnaby for 24 years working in all areas of their diverse environmental health program. As Glen Embree put it, "Karen served in Burnaby with distinction, due in large part to her strong work ethic and her very positive attitude". In 2006 Karen accepted an EHO position with the Vancouver office of VCH where she really enjoyed working with her colleagues and the operators in her district.



Karen (center) and colleagues.

In 2017, Karen was a member of the CIPHI National Educational Conference Organizing Committee. As a result of her amazing volunteering during the conference, Karen was awarded the **Alex Nilsson Award** for outstanding volunteering by the BC Branch. A great tribute for a dedicated and very professional colleague.



The whole VCH crew!

Retirement—Glenn Gibson



Note from the Editor: It seems like the Parksville team has a way with words, presenting *“A Tale of Glenn Gibson—narrated by Glenn J. Gibson”*

I was hired by Bob Smith, Ministry of Health in the fall of 1986 after my first training summer with the gang in Prince George (Glen Timbers, Chief and Larry Jarvis, Daryl Melnick, Craig). Bob Smith offered me \$5000 to sign with the Ministry for work projects they had planned for 1987 after my second summer training in Mission with Tim Roark, Chief, Larry Percival, Supervisor, and Bill Koberstein. I took the option of a Sanitary Survey around Charlie Lake for every sewage system type and function.

After working with Greg Baytalan and our Chief, Steve Chan, another Chief that I hold in highest regard for their patience with my high energy attack methods. In 1990, the Northern Recruitment Option of the North was exercised onto Bill Rogers. He was not happy being forced to take on an inspector. He told me so and put my office beside his and said he was going to keep a close eye on me. Well, after 1 year the restaurant community of North-West Surrey was done with me and Bill announced to me, one day after being chewed out on the phone, that he believed I would be good in land development in our Cloverdale office where my friend Daryl Melnick was working and Kerry Schneider wanted out.

One solid year of mostly land development there led to the opening in early 1992 in the Parksville Office as Dave Anderson was leaving. I applied and then got a call from Mr. David Coombe who announced over the phone that I got the job and it starts on April Fools Day! This was my 4th job with no interview and my first job in Environmental Health. I had an interview with Art Hamade and Kelvin Higo as a pest control officer in Richmond under Warren Fox and Lorraine Woolsey, the summer of 1985.

So, on April Fools, I joined Richard Hicks in Parksville to enjoy over 26 years of serving and protecting the public in land development issues.

There are many others that have influenced, what I believe as, a successful career with environmental appeals, thousands of permits/sites, and some court time too. From Terry Preston, Glen Smith, and Ann Thomas, to Doug Glenn and recently Craig, Shaun, and Cole, and all the partners I have had over the 31+ years. I appreciate the emails for this article from Stacey, Maxine, and Tim as it gives me the opportunity to thank all of you dedicated officers to our profession and all the fun I had. We need not talk about driving habits. Okay...this one time in August 1986, I was driving the “Hood”, a 1976 Ford Torino, trying to see what it could do. On highway 16 to Vanderhoof, at 120mph, I passed Glen Timbers, my Chief, along a straight stretch. Our eyes briefly met and I thought “Oh God, this is the end of the road in Public Health.” After spending 3-4 days in Vanderhoof, I returned to face Glen, who apologized to me first as he said sorry for passing me so fast as he was speeding near 100mph. Steve Chan and Dave Coombe felt the brunt of this habit; with them, I drove government vehicles, with Bill I drove my own. However, I lost my license due to points accumulation while working with Bill. Once again, I thought this is the end...however, Bill’s experience and thoughtfulness...saw my career continue.

I am very proud to say my vocation to anyone that will listen. I am very proud to raise 4 great boys in the Oceanside area and look forward to building a business with them. Hope to see you in the field.

Glenn J.

Council of Professional Experience (CoPE)
Volunteer Position – BC Committee Representative
About the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors

CIPHI represents and unites Environmental Public Health professionals across Canada. We advance the profession and field of Environmental Public Health through certification, advocacy, education and professional competencies. Through this we protect the health of all Canadians. More information about our organization is available at our website, www.ciphi.ca.

The Council of Professional Experience (CoPE) is tasked with administration of the CPC Program. CoPE is comprised of voluntary members who have been appointed through consultation with the Branches of CIPHI. The Council has been in place since June 2009 in an interim format working to formalize the structure, operations and policies of the permanent Council. The permanent Council has now been in operation since early 2010. CoPE is administratively responsible to the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors but operationally independent. For more information on CoPE and its Terms of Reference, visit <http://www.ciphi.ca/files/documents/cpc/copereg.pdf>

CoPE is inviting applications from persons working as a Certified Public Health Inspector [C.P.H.I.(C)] to fill vacant member positions. Applicants may also include persons working in a Health Discipline **other than** that of a Certified Public Health Inspector [C.P.H.I.(C)] such as a Medical Health Officer, Public Health Nurse, Epidemiologist, etc. The appointment is for a three-year term and will commence immediately after the selection of the successful candidate.

Role and Responsibilities

- Work as a full member of CoPE
- Conduct business on behalf of CoPE
- Be an active participant within 1 or 2 assigned Portfolios with specific roles and responsibilities
- Participate in monthly telephone conference calls
- Attend annual face to face meeting

Qualifications and Key Attributes

- Must have a valid Certificate in Public Health Inspection (Canada) or CPHI(C),
- Minimum 5 years experience in field
- CoPE membership must represent diverse disciplines, geographic regions, and employers in Canada and these factors will have significant weight in the selection of an applicant.

Applications

Applicants are asked to email a cover letter and a resume by **August 31st, 2018** to: cope@ciphi.ca

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