

THE CIPHI OBSERVER

Saskatchewan Branch Newsletter



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello members, and happy fall!

I hope everyone has had a wonderful year so far, and was able to enjoy the summer. Your CIPHI-SK branch executive have been busy on multiple initiatives this year, and continue to move along with branch business. CIPHI-SK members are encouraged to reach out to myself, or any executive member, with questions or comments on CIPHI-SK branch activity.

CIPHI-SK branch participation in CIPHI-National advocacy campaign

The CIPHI-SK Branch had a wonderful opportunity in 2022 to elevate the awareness of our profession and support the CIPHI-National advocacy campaign. We were able to support this further with the 2023 continuation of the general campaign. Once again, the CIPHI-National advocacy director and Be the Change Group researched and developed a very well received ad campaign. I am so proud of the participation from the CIPHI-SK Branch on the planning meeting, with myself, Kari-Engel Carter (branch advocacy lead), and Hilary MacDonald (advocacy committee member), attending the meetings.

The SK campaign buys were successful in reaching a wide Saskatchewan audience. The CIPHI-SK Branch supported posters, online banners, physical newspaper ads, and billboards. These, along with the CIPHI-National digital

ad buys, meant that most of the province received campaign coverage!

CIPHI-SK Branch work

- The CIPHI-SK policy committee has finalized and received approval of bylaw changes to be presented at the 2023 AGM for members' vote. The changes will improve transparency and accountability.
- The branch executive launched two new professional development support initiatives through a student grant and new bursary option for members.
- Planning for the 14th Annual CIPHI-SK professional education and development seminar.
- Increase CIPHI-SK branch merchandise offerings. Golf balls and hats are available now!
- Continue improving branch operations through use of the shared GDrive.
- With the immediate past president deciding to step down, the branch executive worked together to disperse the roles and responsibilities for continuity of work, so our service to members would not be impacted.
- The CIPHI-SK Branch executive is in the process of supporting the

planning for the CIPHI-National annual education conference, which will be held in Saskatchewan in 2024 (dates TBD).

- The CIPHI-SK Branch Policy Committee continues work on the branch governance documents to update and align with current practices and branch needs.
- The CIPHI-SK Branch executive continue to work hard to bring benefit to our members through a variety of initiatives, including awards, bursaries, grants, communications, advocacy support, education support, and promoting the profession.

We are looking forward to seeing members at the upcoming 14th Annual CIPHI-SK professional education and development seminar in Saskatoon!

Thank you,

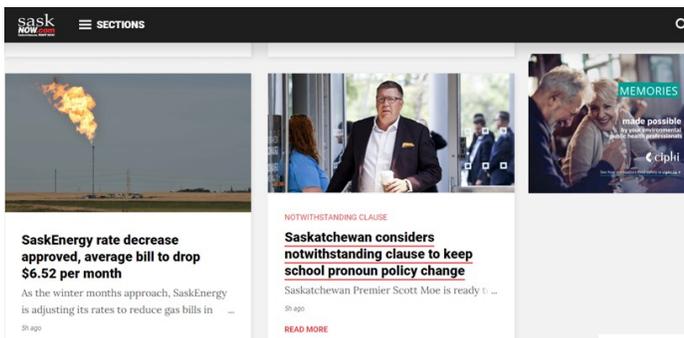
Kelsie Dale, CPHI(C), BSc, BEH, MPH
CIPHI-SK Branch President

CIPHI ADVOCACY

CIPHI *Made Possible*

The Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors (CIPHI) initiated a general campaign this summer, building on the successful campaign from last year, titled “CIPHI *Made Possible*.” Through CIPHI-National, listserv printable posters were shared, as well as social media format posts. The CIPHI-SK Branch encourages you to print, share and post these ads! The advert link is <https://ciphi.ca/what-is-environmental-health/>. The campaign runs between August 22 and September 25, 2023.

On behalf of Kari Engele-Carter, CIPHI-SK Branch councilor leading the advocacy portfolio, I am pleased to announce that the CIPHI-SK branch supported this campaign and has invested in space to share the CIPHI *Made Possible* ads. The posts will be seen over the next couple of weeks on digital platforms across Saskatchewan, including the SaskNOW webpage and its subsidiaries, including paNOW, saskNOW, meadow-lakeNOW, larongeNOW, battlefordsNOW, northeastNOW, and HuskieFAN.ca.



Left: Screenshot of CIPHI *Made Possible* digital ad, purchased by the CIPHI-SK branch, appearing in saskNOW on Thursday, September 14, 2023.

Right: Screenshot of CIPHI *Made Possible* digital ad, purchased by the CIPHI-SK branch, appearing in the University of Saskatchewan newspaper, The Sheaf, on September 6, 2023.



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The Case for Deep Work
BY ANNE LIT APRIL 11, 2023
As finals approach in the coming weeks, one smidgen of study advice I can offer you is to work deeply.



Little Pieces of Joy: Introducing Saskatoon's Tiniest Art Gallery
BY TONYA BELL APRIL 4, 2023
Art teacher Stacy Schwanke helps bring community and accessibility to art with her Free Little Art Gallery



ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK 2023

“Standing up to protect everyone’s health each and every day.”



Employees from the Saskatchewan Ministry of Health Population Health Division celebrated with cupcakes on a beautiful sunny afternoon in Regina, SK. Pictured left to right: Wayne Johnson (environmental health consultant); Kelsie Dale (food safety consultant); Cindy Rogers (environmental health administrative assistant); Shawna Stevens (environmental health consultant); Nicole White (director of environmental health); and Ben Nwadialo (environmental health technical consultant).

Public health inspector with the Saskatchewan Health Authority, Dustin Kagan (top right), treated his colleagues in the Rosetown, SK, community health office to cupcakes!



Environmental public health employees from the Prince Albert Grand Council (PAGC) celebrated together with cake. Pictured left to right are Moe Elrafihi (program supervisor); Roxanne Henderson (EPHO administrative assistant); Nitin Koli (EPHO); Muhammad Tahir (EPHO); Zahidur Rahman (Student EPHO). Missing from the photo is EPHO, Farman Amrao.





Environmental public health staff from the Saskatchewan Health Authority's Weyburn, SK, office celebrated with some delicious sweet treats!

Environmental public health staff in the Lloydminster, SK/AB office treated their colleagues to some cake. Pictured left to right are Olamide Adebogun (PHI) and Jennifer Reid (senior PHI). Missing from the photo is Raj Thathibhai (PHI).



Public health inspectors with the Saskatchewan Health Authority in Moose Jaw, SK, gathered together with some cupcakes! Pictured left to right are Nimone Campbell (senior PHI); Gabriela Zelada (PHI); and Erika Yakiwchuk (PHI).



CIPHI National Annual Education Conference

The 87th CIPHI-National annual education conference was held in St. John, New Brunswick, between September 17 and 20, 2023. The National Executive Committee (NEC), Board of Certification (BOC), and Council of Professional Experience (CoPE) boards arrived early for meetings, and were greeted with an impending hurricane and a fire at the recycling plant, which prompted a city-wide air quality warning. Unfortunately the hurricane disrupted travel plans for multiple attendees, with some arriving late or through alternate cities, and some being unable to attend at all.

Fortunately, the weather improved, and the conference went ahead as planned with great presentations, engaging keynote speakers, and interesting sponsors. The president's gala was entertained by the performance of James Mullinger, the award-winning British comedian now living in New Brunswick. CIPHI swag was on full display, offering both blue buffalo plaid shirts with the ICISP logo, and black golf polo shirts sporting both CIPHI and ICISP logos on the arms.

A special thank you to the event co-chairs, Joël-André Hachey, CPHI(C), and Kari Engele-Carter, CPHI(C), who worked incredibly hard to pull off this memorable event!



CIPHI-SK Branch president, Kelsie Dale, promoting the CIPHI -National annual education conference, which is being hosted in Saskatchewan in 2024.



Pictured left are the CIPHI-National Members, attending the Annual Education Conference. Back row (L to R): David McDonald (NS PEI President), Tammy McDonald (NFLD Representative), Cristina Bueti (MB President), John Cannan (ON President), Natalie Lowdon (National President-Elect), Casey Neathway (National President), Kevin Kapell (National Past-President), Kelsie Dale (SK President), Manny Ahmed (AB NT NWT President).

Front row (L to R): Valerie Jackson (BC YT President), Meaghan Allen (National Advocacy Director), Kari Engele-Carter (National Education Director), Ann Thomas (National Policy Director), Joël-André Hachey (NB QU President).

CIPHI LIFE MEMBERS REUNION

Retired public health inspector, Doug Terry, CPHI(C), contacted the CIPHI-SK Branch to share he had reunited with fellow former public health inspector, Gordon Button, CPHI(C), in late July of this year. Both Doug and Gordon share the distinction of being life members of the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors (CIPHI). They are the only remaining lifetime members in Saskatchewan.

Gordon, who turned 95 in September, served as the CIPHI-SK Branch president for two years; 1962-63 and 1963-64. He was awarded his lifetime membership in 1999, and was presented with his 50 year CIPHI membership award in 2010.

Gordon is happily residing in an assisted living complex just outside of Regina, SK. According to Doug, Gordon continues to have a positive outlook, great sense of humor, and is still sporting his cowboy boots!

According to CIPHI, "if you are a qualified environmental public health professional and CIPHI member who has made a noteworthy contribution to the advancement of sanitary science and/or the purposes of the institute, you may receive a life membership by vote at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).



CIPHI-SK Branch lifetime members, Doug Terry, CPHI(C) (left) and Gordon Button, CPHI(C), (right), reminiscing about their long-standing careers as Certified Public Health Inspectors.

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

“Saskatchewan Health Authority Public Health Inspectors Recognized for Commitment to Public Safety”

Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) employees, and CIPHI-SK Branch members, Nimone Campbell, CPHI(C), and Travis Philipation, CPHI(C), were the recipients of the Community Safety Award, presented by the Moose Jaw Police Service on June 7, 2023.

Senior public health inspector, Nimone, and clinical integration manager for integrated rural health, Travis, were essential in providing the Moose Jaw Police Service with accurate and timely information throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Without the cooperation of Nimone and Travis, the police role would have been much more difficult in keeping the citizens safe during this unusual time,” Staff Sergeant, Cam Lewis stated. “It must be noted that these two individuals, while maintaining professional integrity, were extremely patient and pleasant to deal with - even though MJPS was just one of many organizations that placed significant demands on them on a daily basis. They were a key part in contributing to the success of managing the challenges our police service had through the pandemic.”

A big congratulations to Nimone and Travis from the CIPHI-SK Branch executive and branch members for all of your hard work in the field of environmental public health.



From left: Police Chief Rick Bourassa, Board of Police Chair, Mary Lee Booth, Nimone Campbell, Travis Philipation, and Board of Police Commissioner member, Kim Robinson.

“CIPHI-SK Branch President Presents at the National Environmental Health Association’s Annual Education Conference and Exhibition”

Kelsie Dale, CPHI(C), travelled to New Orleans, Louisiana, to present at the 2023 National Environmental Health Association’s (NEHA) annual education conference with CIPHI-National president, Casey Neathway, CPHI(C). The presentation topic was "Traditional indigenous foods: the role of environmental health professionals in increasing access and decolonizing food safety". The presentation was well attended, with standing room only!

In addition to presenting, Kelsie attended many topical and informative sessions related to environmental public health.



Despite the extreme heat warning that sat over the city, the conference arranged a walking "Pest Tour of New Orleans" that was a unique and fascinating look at the city from an environmental health perspective.



“CIPHI-SK Branch Member Awarded CIPHI-National Alex Cross Award”

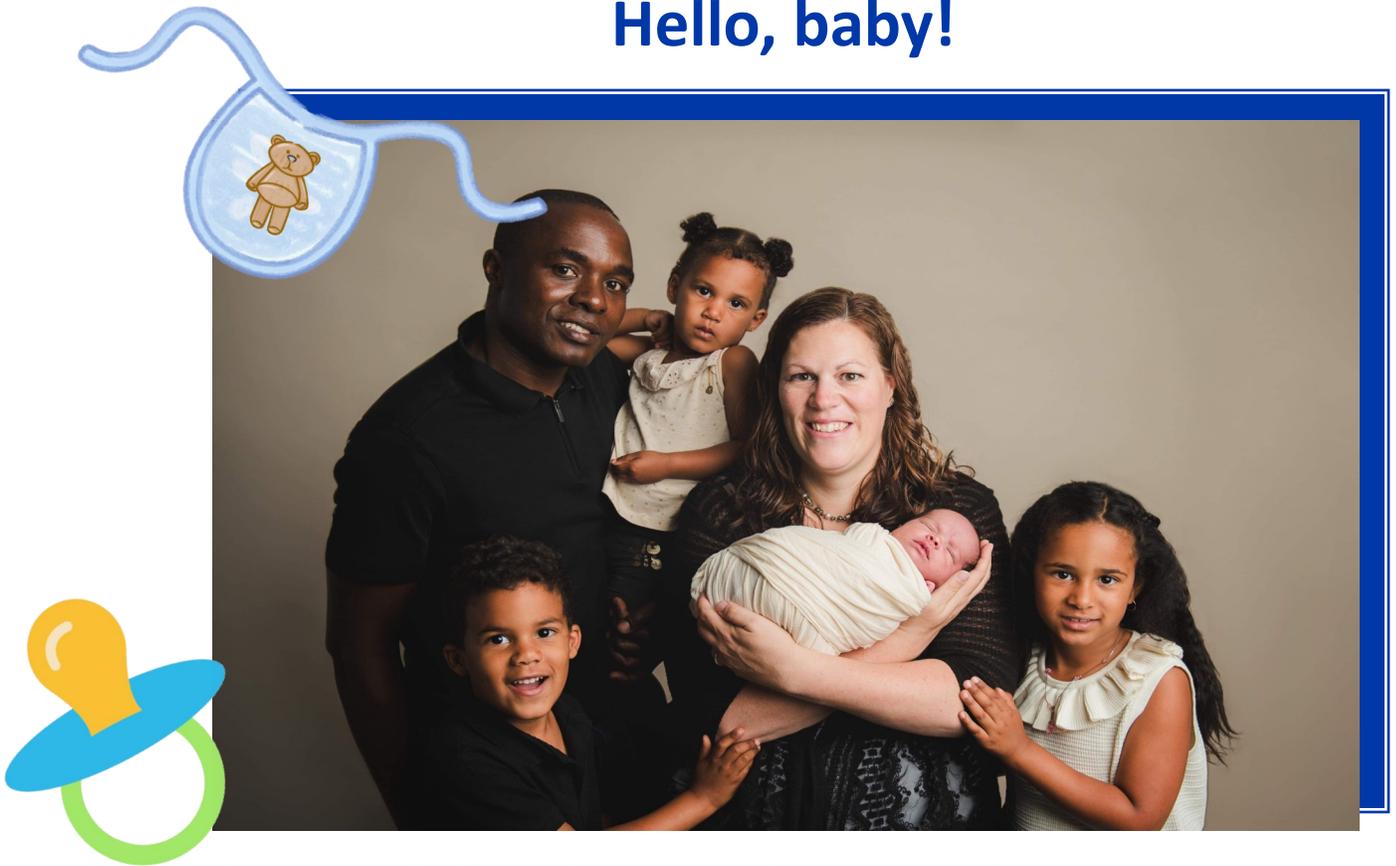
CIPHI-SK Branch member, and CIPHI-National past president, Kevin Kapell, CPHI(C), was awarded the Alex Cross Award at the 87th CIPHI-National annual education conference held in St. John, New Brunswick.

According to CIPHI-National, “although many members of the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors (CIPHI) participate in association activities, it is recognized that certain members make a significant contribution to the organization. Consequently, CIPHI is of the opinion that these special efforts deserve recognition and will acknowledge the individual deemed to have made such a contribution with special distinction, specifically the Alex Cross Award.”

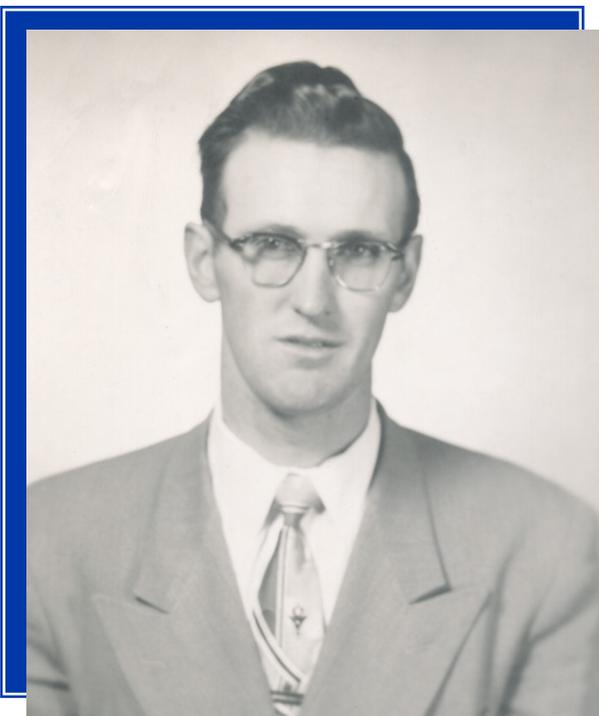


Kevin Kapell, CPHI(C), right, receiving the Alex Cross Award at the Annual Education Conference.

Hello, baby!



Kristin Waroma, CPHI(C), a senior public health inspector with the Saskatchewan Health Authority, and her family, welcomed baby Ellis to the world on July 8, 2023. Congratulations to you and your family, Kristin, from the CIPHI-SK branch!



Happy birthday, Gordon!

CIPHI life member, Gordon Button, CPHI(C), turned 95 on September 14, 2023. Happy birthday, Gordon, from all the CIPHI-SK branch executive and members.

Pictured left is Gordon, circa 1955, when he received his certificate in public health inspection.



SAVE THE DATE

“CIPHI-SK Branch to Host 88th CIPHI-National Annual Education Conference”

The CIPHI-SK Branch is excited to announce that Regina, Saskatchewan, will be welcoming CIPHI members from across Canada to the beautiful land of living skies for the 88th CIPHI-National Annual Education Conference (AEC). Dates to be determined, but more information on the AEC will be announced throughout the year.





NEW CIPHI SK Branch Merchandise

Your CIPHI-SK branch is now offering baseball caps. Caps bear the CIPHI-SK logo and are only \$20.

Don this stylish new cap while you hit the links with your CIPHI-SK golf balls!

Balls are only \$10 for a pack of 3!

Each merchandise purchase supports your CIPHI-SK branch. If there's merchandise you'd like to see offered, please let us know.

Requests for merchandise can be directed to Alden Georget, CIPHI-SK branch councilor 1 at councilor1@ciphi-sk.ca.



THE FINE FEATHER CROSSWORD

“Across”

- The professional association that represents public health inspectors and environmental health officers across Canada.
- Giardiasis, often referred to as “___ fever,” is a GI illness caused by a parasite called Giardia.
- Lyme disease may be transferred to humans by this type of tick.
- Worm-like parasites that cause swimmer's itch.
- The disease caused by the bacterium from clue 3 down.
- A leading cause of drought and an increase in wildfires.
- Be wary of this virus, when cleaning your summer cabin.
- E. coli* O157:H7 may cause this “tasty” but serious foodborne illness.
- Particles from wildfire smoke are best trapped by an air purifier that utilizes “_____” filtration.
- Hepatitis can sometimes cause this symptom.

“Down”

- These bacteria cause blue-green algae blooms, often in the warm summer months.
- Opt for an insect repellent that contains “_____”, to prevent mosquito bites.
- The bacterium that causes Lyme Disease.
- Raise your well head or relocate your well, to protect it from this type of natural disaster.
- This chlorination procedure is recommended when your well has tested positive for *E. coli* or total coliforms.
- Use this device to check that your food reaches an internal temperature of 74°C.
- Standing water is an ideal breeding ground for these annoying summer pests.
- Too much exposure to this type of light may lead to sunburn.
- Swimming pool drains pose this hazard, as a result of the suction created when filtering out the pool's water.
- “Slip, ____, slap,” one of Australia’s most successful health campaigns, was designed to encourage people to protect their skin from the sun’s harmful UV rays and reduce incidents of skin cancer.
- Viral disease that causes encephalitis in humans and other mammals. Often transmitted through an infected, biting animal.

