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### Next Meeting

**Monday, June 14th, 2010**

*with speaker*

**Steve Davis,**

Director, Independent Power Producers Association of BC,  
*Independent Power Producers: Watts New*

Steve Davis is a Director of the Independent Power Producers association of BC (IPPBC). Steve was IPPBC President from 2001 – 2009 during which time he ran the association and wrote or co-authored a dozen major IPPBC reports and provided regulatory testimonies in BC Utilities Commission hearings.

Steve is also the President of Steve Davis & Associates Consulting Ltd, a consulting firm providing commercial, and strategic market advice on developing green power projects in BC.

Steve has a Civil Engineering degree from UBC and an MBA from the University of Western Ontario. For a dozen years prior to setting up his IPP consulting business in 2002 Steve ran the project development subsidiaries for BC Gas and Ledcor and developed over \$200 million of biomass, co-generation and small hydro IPP projects in BC.

Steve's consulting company has performed due diligence on investments in IPP projects, created pro formas for small hydro projects, analyzed dozens of BC IPP projects and development companies, reviewed agreements between IPPs and First Nations and Local Governments, prepared site tenure applications for IPP developers, and assisted on preparing IPP project proposals to BC Hydro.

Steve's presentation will address many recent headlines and announcements about BC's electricity industry and the growing role of Independent Power Producers (IPPs) including; the new Clean Energy Act and Green Energy Advisory Task Force report, BC Hydro's recent awards for 24 IPP contracts totaling \$3 billion and calls for more IPP power plus their own Site C project. There will also be photos of a dozen clean and green IPP projects in the Sea-to-Sky corridor and Vancouver area, and the busting of 20 popular myths about IPPs, closing with a discussion about the elusive electricity export market.

### July Meeting

**Monday, July 12th - TBA**

*We will announce the July speaker at the June meeting*

## Last Month Speaker



### Dan Doyle thanked by David Osoba

Dan Doyle provided an excellent overview of the 2010 Olympics and happenings occurring behind the scenes. Dan was chosen as Executive Vice President of VANOC 2010 responsible for building the venues on time and on budget.

Dan had just retired from government in 2006 and was called to take over the venue construction for VANOC. John Furlong's first instruction was "*Make Canada a better place!*". VANOC's mission statement was "*To touch the soul of the nation and inspire the world by creating and delivering an extraordinary Olympic and Paralympic experience with lasting legacies*". The audience agreed that mission was reached by spontaneous applause.

The Whistler Sliding Centre, where the accidental death of the Georgian athlete occurred on the first day of training, necessitated the calling in of all the suppliers to get modifications done by the next day. This was a very troubling issue, but was handled well by all.

Whistler Olympic Park design won awards for its minimal impact on the environment. Much of the area was built by local First Nations workers who completed the work on time and on budget. Whistler Creekside was a spectacular spot with great audience views.

Cypress Mountain, venue for the first gold medal for Canada, did well with a lack of snow with 24 hours a day efforts to import and preserve snow.

The old UBC rink was refurbished and a new one added. Hastings Park Coliseum, with \$25 million of improvements, was the centre for short track speed skating and figure skating. Hillcrest Curling Centre was behind in schedule and provided a unique challenge to finish it on budget yet built to IOC environmental requirements. Richmond Oval was one of the most spectacular sites with all of the natural

wood and will be a great legacy for Richmond.

GM Place was refurbished. BC Place was a great challenge to make sure that the venue was equal or better than the Beijing Birds Nest. The Opening Ceremonies lived up to the expectations.

The Torch Relay, uniting Canada spectacularly from Coast to Coast, worked despite the threat of protestors. In one place on the relay the protestors were hollering and a friend of Dan's asked "*Does anyone want to get their picture taken with the Torch?*" The protestors came over for pictures!

"*Own the Podium*" had some problems but in the end resulted in Canada getting the most gold medals and the most medals ever. It worked! The Paralympics were a big success and had the biggest turnout ever. VANOC raised the bar in the Olympic Games and set new standards which should make future Olympics better.

The major sponsors set a new record for fundraising for the Olympics bringing in \$750 million, up from the initial target of \$430 million. This was led by Dave Cobb who is now the new CEO of BC Hydro. Transportation element too was a great success especially the Canada Line which was projected to top out at 100,000 a day, but one day carried 260,000.

Dan's next step is to oversee the development of Site C for BC Hydro (stage 3). BC now imports 10% of its electrical energy and additional production is needed. Site C will provide 900 MegaWatts of power, enough to power 410,000 homes. The target is to have it up and producing in 10 years or sooner. The power will be clean, renewable, and cost effective.

*Gordon Adair*

## May Greeters



**Ed Frazer and Nick Geer**

## New Members Welcomed and Introduced at May Meeting



**Stan Chester**  
Forestry



**Peter Grantham**  
Physician



**Ralph Sultan**  
Economist, Member of BC  
Legislative of Assembly

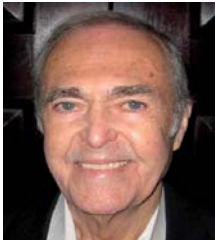
## Brief Backgrounds of a Few of Our Recent New Members



**Peter Kains** (*member since February 2010*) was born and raised in Portage la Prairie and has lived in West Vancouver since 1974. He is a graduate of University of Manitoba with a B. Sc. Agriculture in 1962. Peter enjoyed a 38 year career in the beverage production and distribution industry from Nova Scotia to British Columbia with Coca Cola Ltd., Gray Beverage (as President), and Okanagan Spring Brewery (as Partner and Chairman). Peter is a member of the World Presidents Organization.



**Jim McJannet** (*member since May 2009*) was born in Vancouver and with his father's business career promotions and transfers lived mainly in Winnipeg until returning to BC in 1961. He has lived in West Vancouver since 1982. Jim graduated from UBC with a B A (1965) and LLB (1968) and practiced law as a civil litigation partner with Harper Grey, a large Vancouver law firm. In recognition of his contribution to the legal profession in BC Jim was awarded the honorary title of Queen's Counsel.



**Nick Nicol** (*member since December 2009*) was born in Edmonton, Alberta and has lived in North Vancouver for 42 years. Before moving to BC, Nick served in the Royal Canadian Air Force for 14 years, initially with NATO in France and later at Training Command HQ in Winnipeg with the rank of Squadron Leader, primarily in jet fighters. Nick graduated from UBC in 1983 with a BA and LLB and practised law as a sole practitioner in West Vancouver from 1985 until retiring in 2009.



**John Roberts** (*member since February 2010*) was born and raised in Montreal and has lived in West Vancouver since 1972. He is a graduate from Mount Allison University with a B. Sc. and from McGill University in Dentistry. John carried on his dental practice in West Vancouver until 1989 when he relocated his practice to Whistler until retiring in 2008. John claims he has been "an athlete all my life and a proud member of the Hall of Fame champion, McGill Redmen football team of 1960".



**Peter Taggart** (*member since April 2010*) was born in Liverpool, England. He was a graduate in Mining and Metallurgy from University of Nottingham, England in 1966. After a lengthy career of work assignments in the far corners of the world, including 13 years in Yukon and Northwest Territories, he settled in BC, living on Bowen Island for the past 16 years. Peter has worked for prominent mining and engineering firms and has provided metallurgical consulting services to the industry since 1990.

## President's Notes



**President David Osoba**

This past month (May) was remarkable for some historic anniversaries: the 65th anniversary of the end of World War II in Europe (VE Day on the 8th in Western Europe and on the 9th in the former Soviet Union), and the 60th anniversary of the Schuman Declaration (on the 9th). Robert Schuman, the Foreign Minister of France at the time, called for a unification of the French and German coal and steel industries leading to the formation of the European Coal and Steel Community. This was the forerunner of the European Union (EU) and the adoption of the euro as a common European currency. Thus, Europe Day is celebrated on the 9th of May (but not in the UK which did not join the EU).

However, this year the celebrations were held under the dark cloud of monetary concerns as the EU and the International Monetary Fund struggled to find a way to keep Greece from declaring bankruptcy. They agreed to provide 110 billion euros, but some feel that this will not be enough and result in more trouble ahead as the weaker European economies try to keep their heads above water. Nevertheless, if the EU can stay together, it is a guarantee of no further wars between its members. We can all be grateful for this.

Why do I bring this topic up? Does it have anything to do with our past and future speakers? Well, Dan Doyle showed us how cooperation can bring about the excellent results that marked the 2010 Olympic Games, and we can look forward to Steve Davis' talk this month because he will, hopefully, show us how cooperation can lead to hydroelectric power self-sufficiency in BC. All of these have to do with how people with different backgrounds (be they ethnic or educational) can work together to improve the quality of our lives. Probus, too, is about improving our quality of life by bringing you good fellowship and good speakers. So please come out, participate and enjoy!

*David Osoba*

**NOTE: Four Club Cruise of June 30th is CANCELLED (due to lack of registrations)**

## New Probus Club on North Shore



The interest in joining Probus is certainly evident on the North Shore, so much so that the current women's club has sponsored a new club "*The Lions Gate Women's Probus Club of North Shore Vancouver*". The existing women's club, with a membership of 300 and a wait list over 100, saw the need for a new club and took the steps to create one.

The new Lions Gate Club have a management committee in place and 140+ potential members. So men, if your wives have not heard about this new club and are interested in joining, please have them contact their Membership Chair, **Joan Watchorn**, at **604-818-9902**.

The foundation meeting for all new members will be held in late June followed by their charter meeting on the 4th Monday of September at the Capilano Golf and Country Club.

*Linda Metcalfe*

## Meetings

Second Monday of each month, except when changed to avoid conflict with special holidays on that day; in addition, our Christmas Luncheon replaces the December meeting.

Coffee and fellowship: 9:00 am to 9:45 am  
Club business and speaker: 9:45 am to 11:30 am

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