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**Next Meeting**  
**Tuesday July 17, 2007**

**Jamie H Graham**  
**Chief Constable**  
**Vancouver Police Department**

Chief Jamie Graham was sworn in as the 29<sup>th</sup> Chief Constable of the Vancouver Police Department (VPD) in August 2002. The VPD is one of Canada's largest Police Departments with approximately 1,200 sworn police officers, 300 civilian support staff and numerous volunteers. He previously served with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for over 34 years holding command, investigative and executive positions in British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Chief Graham is an active member of Provincial, National and International Associations of Police Chiefs. He is involved in considerable committee work in support of these organizations and he has been widely recognized for his work and advocacy. Chief Graham is a member of the Major Cities Chiefs Association where he is a member of their Bylaw committee. He is also a member of the Executive Committee of Criminal Intelligence Service Canada and previously chaired their "Tier 1 Strategy" to combat outlaw motorcycle gangs. In addition, Chief Graham chairs the Gaming and Mental Health Committees of the British Columbia Association of Chiefs of Police and is their representative on the Integrated Illegal Gaming Enforcement Team Committee. He is a member of the Board of Governance for the Combined Forces Special Investigation Unit (formerly Organized Crime Agency of B.C.). He proudly serves as Commanding Officer of the world-famous Vancouver Police Pipe Band, one of the oldest in existence.

**Next Month – Tuesday August 21**  
**PAUL GRAVETTE**  
**Kay Meek Centre**

## LAST MONTH'S SPEAKER



**President Brian thanked Speaker Don Krogseth**

Don began by telling us Nature Trust's Mission. The Nature Trust is dedicated to conserving for future generations, British Columbia's biological diversity through selective securement and effective management of areas of ecological significance and natural beauty.

In the spring of 1971, Bert Hoffmeister, a retired forestry executive, and conservationist, was riding near Pavilion, BC, when he was told Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau was calling for him. Trudeau said he had a \$4.5 million grant to finance a unique conservation project in BC. Thus the Nature Trust of British Columbia was born. Bert Hoffmeister was the Chair of the organization for the next 20 years.

### **Key Land Acquisitions**

**Antelope-brush Conservation Area, South Okanagan;** secured 40 hectares (100 acres) 04.  
**Burgoyne Bay, Salt Spring Island;** acquired 278 hectares (687 acres) along the north side of Burgoyne Bay on Salt Spring Island in 2001.  
**Englishman River, Vancouver Island;** near Parksville on Vancouver Island, among the most endangered rivers in BC, acquired 364 hectares (898 acres).

**Francis Point, Sunshine Coast;** acquired 72.8 hectares (180 acres) 2001.

**Hoodoos Property, East Kootenay;** purchased the 4,037-hectare (10,000-acre) Hoodoos Property in 2003.

**MacMillan Provincial Park, Vancouver Island;** a key partner in almost doubling the size of MacMillan Provincial Park near Port Alberni on Vancouver Island including Cathedral Grove, 2005.

**Roderick Haig-Brown Conservation Area;** between 1976 and 1986, with partners acquired 46.9 hectares (166 acres) on the Adams River in order to participate in the establishment of 977 hectare (1,436 acre) corridor along the world-famous sockeye salmon spawning grounds of the Adams River.

**Savary Island;** northwest of Powell River at the mouth of Desolation Sound, Savary Island is a crescent shaped island stretching 7.5 kilometres. The Nature Trust and its partners acquired a 50% interest in 147 hectares (363 acres) of land in 2002 in order to conserve the largest intact example of rare coastal-forested dunes in western Canada.

**Land management** of the properties employs youth crews that remove weeds, restore wetlands and install interpretive signs for visitors who are welcome to fish, hike and hunt on the properties. Thirty young people in nine crews maintain the six regions working 2,487 person days.

**Funding Partners** include; individual donors, foundations and corporations, conservation organizations, federal, provincial and local governments, first nations, stewardship groups and community volunteers.

British Columbia is the most biologically diverse province in Canada. Because of the diversity of ecosystems in the province, a large number of the total number of species in Canada is found here. BC is home to more than 60 per cent of Canada's birds, vascular plants, mammals and insects. We don't inherit our environment; we borrow it from our children.

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**Our June meeting greeters were Bill Gardner and Dick Andersen**

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## NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED



(L – R) Bill Asselstein, Robert Brown, Herb Gruble, Dan Axford and, Les Strike



## TITANIC ARTIFACT EXHIBITION

On 12<sup>th</sup> June, a group of our members and guests enjoyed a day-long outing to Victoria viewing the outstanding IMAX film “Titanica” and the Titanic Artifacts Exhibition. A brief stop was made in Chemainus on the way home via Nanaimo.





## President's Report

If you haven't been participating I strongly urge you to do so. Believe me. It's worth it! Malcolm is continually on the look out for interesting, educational, and enjoyable programs.

We are becoming well-known for our excellent special events program, as we have been for our excellent speaker slate.

Thanks, Malcolm. You and your team add an important dimension to the enjoyment of our Club.

Brian Cooper

Gentlemen:

This month I would like to comment on another important dimension of our Club: Our Special Events Program. Chaired by Malcolm Nicholson, the programs we have enjoyed include: symphony concerts; Shakespeare plays; Aquarium tours; B.C. and Museum tours, and this doesn't include our annual Xmas Dinners!

It certainly seems that those that have joined in on these "special outings" have had an outstanding time, not to mention the cultural and educational gains they have made.

Here is a part list of what has taken place.

- An extremely well-organized day trip to the B.C. Museum to view artifacts from the Titanic along with an extremely well presented "real story" of the doomed ship
- An enlightening tour of the embattled Vancouver Aquarium.
- Local theatre presentations
- Ship tours and cruises
- Educational presentations, e.g., ex-Concorde pilot

And now there is more planned. Watch for:

- an afternoon of lawn bowling complete with lessons.
- An evening of Opera favourites at the Bard on the Beach complex.

## NEW MEMBERS

The Management Committee approved the applications of four new members this month.

Welcome to Probud:

Derek Leeson  
 Rod Coote  
 John McConville  
 John Molson

## MEETINGS

Third Tuesday of each month 9:30 – 11:30 AM  
 Year Round  
 Hollyburn Country Club  
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