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Speaker – August 11 Jane Peverett

President and Chief Executive Officer
BC Transmission, Vancouver

*“The challenges of meeting B.C.’s high voltage
electrical transmission needs in the next 10 years”*

Jane is the President and CEO of BC Transmission Corporation (“BCTC”), the crown corporation responsible for the high voltage electricity grid in BC. Jane joined BCTC upon its formation in 2003.

Prior to joining BCTC, Jane worked for Westcoast Energy in a variety of roles, including President of Union Gas Ltd. in Ontario. Jane serves on the board of directors of EnCana Corporation, NW Natural Gas, the BC Business Council and the Electricity Association of Canada.

We will learn more about what BCTC is and its responsibilities for our electricity supply. Jane will describe the corporation’s challenges and commitments and the process it follows in the investigation, planning and development of new transmission line projects.

Jane will speak about BCTC’s current very much in the news Vancouver Island Transmission Reinforcement (“VITR”) project running through Tsawwassen and the need to deal with the expressed concerns and objections of local residents.

Next Month Speaker – September 8

Dr. Max Cynader, Director of Brain Research Centre at Vancouver Coastal
Health Research Institute and University of British Columbia

“How to keep your brain healthy.”

2008 Annual General Meeting

will be held on September 8.

Notice and other relevant material will be mailed in mid-August

Last Month Speaker



Art Eberwein with Maxine Davis

Early in her presentation, Maxine Davis introduced Mrs. Shirley Young from whom we were fortunate to hear first hand how her son, Peter, helped demystify HIV/Aids back in 1992 and how the efforts of this family and many volunteers created the Dr. Peter Foundation which established the Dr. Peter Centre.

Shirley is proud of her son's accomplishment and his being named one of the Greatest British Columbians in the 'Top 10 Crusaders and Reformers', exemplified by those who worked tirelessly to improve our quality of life and who changed the way Canada and the world look at the many challenging issues of our time. Also, his life with HIV/Aids story was the subject of a major award winning documentary presented on CBC TV.

Following Shirley's presentation, Maxine Davis provided us with an up to date report on the Centre. Today the Dr. Peter Centre serves 283 clients, treating 80-90 on an out-patient basis each day with 24 residents in studio suites, and operates with 100 volunteers. The annual cost of operating the Centre is in excess of \$4 million, 85% covered by the BC Government and the balance from donations.

In Dr. Peter's day, 10 to 12 years was the longest anyone survived. That was before the advent of highly active antiretroviral therapies ("HAART"). With the available HAART therapies, a person in their twenties infected today could live into their fifties. However, if anyone needs the therapy treatment and is not on it, he or she may as well be living in Peters' era or in the equivalent of sub-Saharan Africa without access to HIV/Aids treatment.

The lifetime medical cost of treating and managing each new HIV/Aids case in the public health system is

estimated to be \$750,000. The cost of doing so through the Dr. Peter Centre with the relatively inexpensive HAART treatment is less than one-half of that cost, resulting in millions of dollars in savings.

What sets the Dr. Peter Centre apart from other HIV/Aids care facilities in the world is its success with individuals also struggling with mental illness and addiction, particularly the addiction element, and who are living on the street. The Dr. Peter Centre is uniquely successful in that it brings them in from the street to a caring environment that can accommodate behaviours that in other venues would generally be perceived as intolerable.

Data from 2006/07 shows that within one year of admission, Dr. Peter Centre residents reduced their hospital acute bed use by 76% and their hospital emergency department use by 38%. Also, there are indications that if HAART coverage were increased to 90% of infected persons, new infection cases would drop by 54%.

The BC government has recently announced that it will undertake an aggressive new attempt at reaching all persons who should be on HAART and are not, represented mostly by individuals who suffer with mental illness and addiction, and who also often are homeless or in unstable housing. Regardless of the projected savings, that effort recognizes the moral imperative to find ways to get life extending treatment to individuals who should be on it.

The future for the Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation and Dr Peter Centre is now. Their 2008/09 directional interests are twofold: (i) locally, they will expand their capacity to provide more care, with Metro Vancouver a priority, and (ii) they will share their model and experience with similar organizations in Canada and worldwide so they too can provide the Dr. Peter Centre recognized standard of care.

A Q&A period with Maxine Davis and Shirley Young followed the presentation and continued after the meeting. The many thoughtful questions reflected a strong interest in this Foundation's mission of 'COMFORT CARE for people living with HIV/Aids'.

Brief biographies of some of our recent new members

Bob Boase, Consultant (*member since May 2008*) Born in St. Louis, Missouri and resides in North Vancouver; Bob specialized in international development working in many cities and countries consulting for the Government of Canada, United Nations, World Bank and Asian Development Bank.



Bob is married to Hien.



Brian Chalmers, Consultant (*member since May 2008*) Born in Winnipeg and graduate of U. of Manitoba; Canadian Speed Skating Champion (1958) and on Canadian Champions Cross Country team (1962); has worked as computer systems consultant with U. of Winnipeg, HA Simons, Intrawest and COGNOS.

Brian is married to Judy.

Gordon Davis, Oil and gas production and exploration (*member since May 2008*) Born in Lloydminster, Saskatchewan and lives in West Vancouver. In his career with Shell Canada he worked in the US, Holland and England and across Canada. Since retiring, he spent 5 years with the United Nations Development Programme.



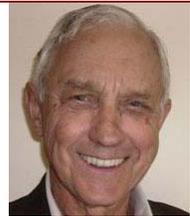
Gordon is married to Elizabeth.



John Graham, Seafood (*member since May 2008*) Born in Goderich, Ontario and moved to BC in 1958, attending UBC in 1958 and 1959; John was a commercial fisherman and worked for BC Packers before forming a successful fish products import and export business now carried on by his son and daughter.

John is married to Shirley.

Clair Kuntz, Labour relations (*member since May 2008*) Born in Walkerton, Ontario; Clair has retired from human resources and labour relations consulting to the private and public sectors across Canada and acting as counsel for arbitration hearings. Clair recently won silver medals in tennis at the BC Seniors Games.



Clair is married to Leigh.



David Philip, Engineer (*member since May 2008*) Born in Nanaimo, British Columbia and has lived in North Vancouver for the past 20 years; David is a professional engineer specializing in the mineral resource industry.

Ernie Wells, Pilot (*member since May 2008*) Born in Saskatoon, Sask., raised in Victoria, and came to Vancouver at 19 to learn to fly; retired after 38 years flying everything from DC-3s to 747s. Per Ernie "Other than a year flying the B.C. Coast, I spent my entire flying with Canadian Airlines. I was hired a week before my 22nd birthday and I never worked a day in my life from then until I retired."



Ernie is married to Barbara.



President's Report:

Art Eberwein

We who are retired and privileged to live on the North Shore tend to live somewhat sheltered from many concerns in the lives of other citizens of our province. Members who attended to hear Maxine Davis at our July meeting were led through an eye-opening exposure to the ravages of HIV/Aids in our larger community, and the vital work that the Doctor Peter Foundation and Centre are doing to alleviate this modern day scourge on our society.

We were particularly appreciative of the presence of Shirley and Bob Young, Doctor Peter Young's parents, and Shirley's opening remarks briefly detailing their son's struggle with the disease, his weekly airing on CBC of its progress, his ultimate passing in 1992, and the beginnings of the Foundation in his memory.

My term as your President is rapidly coming to a close. It has been a year of much activity which would not have been accomplished without the help from your executive, particularly Esio Marzotto. We changed our meeting venue and dates which forced Ernie Maguire to book new speakers on short notice, Phil Boase to adapt to new premises, and Ron Penhall and Gerry Leonard to keep you informed on what was going on.

We also had to replace our Secretary and Membership Chair, and we were pleased that Dan Potts and Bob Birch came forward to fill the respective vacancies.

At the suggestion of Probus Canada, your Strategic Planning Committee consisting of Esio, Brian Cooper and myself, in consultation with the Management Committee has prepared revised By-laws which will be forwarded to you shortly for your consideration, and for discussion and approval at the September AGM.

We have lined up a new slate of members for your Management Committee for the coming year for your approval at the AGM in September. They are:

Esio Marzotto, President	David Osoba, Vice President
Dan Potts, Secretary	George Parkes, Treasurer
Bob Birch, Membership	Ernie Maguire, Speakers
Phil Boase, House	Ron Penhall, Communications
Malcolm Metcalfe, Special Events	
John Leonard – Archivist	

I would like to extend my personal thanks to long serving members John Linthwaite, Treasurer, and Malcolm Nicholson, Special Events, who will be stepping down after serving us well for the past several years. Until recently, Malcolm also served capably as our Secretary.

I look forward to seeing you on August 11, and DO REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR NAME TAGS!

July greeters



Jack Mellor, Larry Terrace, Don Beck, Sandy Buntan

MEETINGS

Second Monday of every month: 9:30 am -11:30 am
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