

# Shorelines

## NEWSLETTER OF THE PROBUS CLUB OF NORTH SHORE VANCOUVER

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**Monthly Meeting at the North Vancouver School Board Offices**  
2121 Lonsdale Ave. North Vancouver, 604-903-3444, Coffee and Fellowship:  
9:00 am, Club Business and Speaker: 9:30 - 11:15 am

**Monday, August 13th**

*with speaker*

**Kevin Desmond, CEO Translink**

*“Transit in the Lower Mainland”*



Kevin is an experienced executive with a career built in the public transportation industry.

Prior to joining TransLink, Kevin was General Manager of King County Metro Transit serving the Seattle metropolitan region. At Metro, he oversaw a mix of transit modes, including buses, trains, vanpools, paratransit vans, as well as approximately 5,000 employees. In his 12 years tenure, he helped to grow ridership by 44 per cent and launch the ORCA Card, as well as light rail, streetcar service, and several bus rapid transit lines. Kevin was also part of three successful votes on transit funding.

Prior to Metro Transit, Kevin was Vice-President of Operations and Development at Pierce Transit in Tacoma, Washington. Before relocating to the West Coast, Kevin acted as Chief of Operations Planning for New York City Transit which included bus and subway operations. Earlier in his career he served as Deputy Director in Mayor Koch's Transportation Office and Assistant Commissioner for the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission.

Kevin has a master's degree in public administration from New York University. He is a member of the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) Board of Directors and the first chair of the organization's Sustainability Committee.

### Mark Your Calendars with the Next Monthly Meeting



**Monday, September 10th at the Capilano Golf and Country Club**

Speaker is yet to be determined. Will send an update when confirmed.

- **Membership Renewals** - details one page 2 ...
- **Special Events** - details on page 3 ...
- **2018/2019 Proposed MC (to be elected)** - details on page 5 ...

## President's Notes



I trust everyone has been enjoying this wonderful weather we have experienced over the past month. I chuckle when the weather forecasts mention highs of 30C plus, when in fact most of the listeners are not far from the ocean with its more temperate breezes. There might be a few uncomfortable hours at mid-day, but the mornings and evenings are always wonderful. I also have to laugh when some people complain about the heat – forgetting those dreary days in winter when we long for the sun. I assume it is simply human nature to complain about the weather!

This month our meeting venue will be the North Vancouver School District offices at Lonsdale and 21st Street. Look for more detailed information in this newsletter on access and parking. A number of years ago when our PROBUS club lost the use of the Joe Mathias Centre, we looked for alternate venues to the Capilano Club in the event of scheduling conflicts. We did not find a long-term solution but continue to use opportunities such as this to experiment with alternate sites. We welcome your comments at the meeting.

As we reach the end of our Club's fiscal and operating year, our September meeting is our Annual General Meeting where new members of the management Committee will be elected. The slate of candidates and a brief biography of each is included in this newsletter. I appreciate these gentlemen putting their names forward and thank them for volunteering to serve our Club. Once the new Management Committee is in place, we will be looking for additional committee volunteers and would appreciate hearing from anyone who is interested.

Following last month's meeting, a number of members asked me to remind members that the "Question and Answer" period following the presentation should be limited to direct questions for the speaker. The view expressed was that several members took the opportunity to present their views on the subject rather than asking the speaker to clarify points in the presentation. A brief question allows the time for many more questions to be asked, so I would ask everyone to respect the opportunity for others to have time for their questions. We all would appreciate that courtesy!

See you August 13 at the North Vancouver School Board offices!

*John Zaplatynsky*

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## Membership Renewals

If you have not received it yet, you will, very shortly, get by e-mail a membership renewal invoice for \$80 due by September 15, regardless of the month in which you joined. Happily, the renewal rate has not changed and remains at \$80 for the year.

Last year, we tried to get a better idea of where members are prepared to assist in the running of the club, even if only occasionally. This was very successful and helped us enormously. We do know, however, that circumstances change, and we are repeating the exercise. Completing the renewal notice will help considerably.



It will also allow you to confirm that your database information is current. Should there be changes, please advise Linda Metcalfe, our administrator, as well.

Please return the completed renewal notice with your \$80 cheque. This helps to ensure the payments are properly processed. We often encounter situations where the payment is with a company cheque or has only initials and a surname rather than the name used in the PROBUS registration.

Completed forms and cheques for \$80 may be mailed to the P.O. Box address on the renewal notice or brought to the August or September meeting – with the form, please.

Your prompt response will be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know at [jeremy@marrassoc.com](mailto:jeremy@marrassoc.com) or contact our administrator at [linda@probus-northshorevancouver.ca](mailto:linda@probus-northshorevancouver.ca).

*Jeremy Marr*



**Don't forget  
the August  
meeting is at  
the North  
Vancouver  
School Board  
Offices  
See detailed  
directions on  
page 4.**

## Special Events

### Capilano Watershed Tour Thursday, August 23rd

The Vancouver Parks Board will arrange a Bus Tour for our Club on Thursday, August 23rd. There is still room for 10 more registrants. Registration available at meeting.

Members are to meet at the Capilano Dam Parking lot at 8:30 AM, for a 9:00 AM departure. A guide will relate its history, management and future of the Capilano River Valley. There will be stops at several historical sites.

Registrants should pack a snack and some water. We will return to the parking lot with lunch following at the Capilano Heights Chinese Restaurant across from the Parking Lot. Please contact Jon Strom at 604-925-1779.

*Jon Strom*



### Vancouver Police Museum Visit and "Sins of the City" Walking Tour Thursday, September 20, 0900 to Noon - Cost \$20

The Museum Visit will be guided and last about 45 minutes. It will feature such items as "The True Crime Exhibit". Real people, real evidence, and the real story behind Vancouver's most notorious crimes.

On the 90 minute guided walking tour we will learn about Vancouver's legendary history of drugs, discrimination, prohibition, sex and scandal by stepping through the narrow alleys of Chinatown and into the derelict dens of the Downtown Eastside.

The Museum is located at 240 East Cordova Street. The tour will start at the Museum at 0930 and end at the completion of the *Sins of The City* Walking Tour at about Noon in Gastown near a Pub where we will all gather for lunch.

Attendance will be limited to 20 members, so advance sign up is recommended with a cheque for \$20 mailed to Probus Club of North Shore Vancouver, P.O. Box 92042, West Vancouver, BC, V7V 4X4. Please include a note with your name, phone number and email and mark "WALK" on the envelope. Your registration is not confirmed until your payment is received.

*John Elliott*

## July 24th Indian Arm Cruise

### Indian Arm Cruise

As a follow up to last years Paddleboat Cruise up the Frazer River, fifty one members and guests boarded the Harbour Princess in Coal Harbour on a spectacularly sunny Tuesday for a four hour voyage to Silver Falls.

The vessel was much larger and so we were unable to secure exclusive use. We did however have seven tables reserved for us at the forward end of the nicer of the two enclosed decks with immediate access to the open bow and up a stairway to the open top deck.

Seeing the City and North Shore from the water was a delight and the commentary added information to the enjoyment. The Falls proved to be tiny but the Captain's skill in bringing the prow to within inches of the rocks at their base greatly impressed those of us who have ever had their hands on a helm. On the return journey we found the Second Narrows railway bridge occupied by a long train, so had the additional excitement of riding the tidal current while waiting for it to shuffle clear. Eventually it did and up went the lifting span to permit our passage.

A plentiful buffet, excellent company, superb scenery and perfect weather. What more could one ask?

*John Walker*



## New Member Introduced and Welcomed at July Meeting



**Don Weber** (*member since July 2018*) Don was born in Vancouver and went to West Van High. He had a spell with the Edmonton Police force before moving into real estate. That took him all over North America from Vancouver to Toronto and from Seattle to Miami in senior management positions responsible for property operations and marketing. He is now a director of the Equitable Real Estate Corporation. That company invests in heritage buildings including two in downtown Vancouver built in 1912 - the Rogers Building and the Vancouver Block. He enjoys motorcycle riding, bike riding, hiking, fishing, golf and travel.

*Special thanks to photographer Ken Bryden*



**Greeters Norm Alban and Don Buckland**



**President John Zaplatynsky welcomes our new member**

## North Vancouver School Board Offices Directions for August Meeting

The August 13th meeting will be held in the North Vancouver School Board offices, 2121 Lonsdale Avenue.

Directions and parking: We have arranged to use the parking facilities of the Centennial Theatre located at the corner of Lonsdale and 23rd Street East. To enter the parking lot, turn east from Lonsdale Ave. to 23rd Street and proceed about 100 metres to the entrance to the Centennial Theatre parking lot on the left (the north side of the street).

From the parking lot proceed to Lonsdale Avenue and head south for one block. The School Board offices are on the west side of Lonsdale between 22nd and 21st Streets. The entrance to the building is at the south end. Take the elevator to the 5th Floor, our meeting is in the Mountain View Room.

The Gordon Smith Art Gallery, directly under the North Vancouver School Board Offices, will be open for an hour after our August meeting for Probus members only. Entrance is by voluntary donation.

*Gary Sutherland*

## Nominating Committee

Your Past President Dave Walker, President John Zaplatynsky and Vice President Jim Grey are the Nominating Committee. They are responsible for putting together a slate of Management Committee members for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. The candidates recommended by the Nominating Committee, for election at the September Annual General Meeting, follow on page 4. Nominations close on August 27, 2018. If you have a member that agrees to be nominated for a position on the 2018-19 Management Committee, please submit the name to Dave Walker 604-922-4047 prior to August 27, 2018.

*Dave Walker*

## 2018/2019 Proposed Management Committee *(to be elected)*



**Jim Grey**  
President\*



**TBD**  
Vice-President



**Norm Alban**  
Secretary\*



**Gordon Adair**  
Treasurer\*



**Ken Bryden**  
Chair: Communications



**Gary Sutherland**  
Chair: House\*



**Jeremy Marr**  
Chair: Membership\*



**Gordon Bird**  
Chair: Speakers



**Gordon Cook**  
Chair: Special Events\*

### Additional Member Not Requiring Election

**John Zaplatynsky, Past President\***

*\* Member of the 2017-2018 Management Committee*

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**Jim Grey** (*Member since September 2012*) Jim's career included 35 years in telecommunications with IBM, TELUS and Radiant Communications. Jim has also served on the board of Junior Achievement of BC, BCIT, the Vancouver Board of Trade and the Campaign Cabinet of United Way. He was also a Director, then President of Hollyburn Country Club.

**TBA** - At time of publishing the August newsletter, this position has yet to be filled.

**Norm Alban** (*Member since April 2016*) Norm's career was primarily as a management consultant at Price Waterhouse and various volunteer projects world-wide. His interests include cycle touring, West Vancouver School Trustee and West Vancouver United Church.

**Gordon Adair** (*Member since December 2008*) Gordon's career for 57 years was in Finance and Accounting and is a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA) and a FCPA (Fellow of the CPA's), is a board member of the Coho Society of the North Shore for 30+ years. He was also a former partner at Deloitte and Director of Finance at ICBC.

**Ken Bryden** (*Member since October 2011*) Most of Ken's years were spent teaching in the Vancouver area. He graduated from UVic with a double major in English and history. These along with some science have been his life-long interests. Ken has enjoyed hiking, biking, skiing, river and ocean canoeing. His main hobby now is making furniture.

**Gary Sutherland** (*Member since February 2014*) Gary's entire career was in the investment industry, first with Pemberton Securities and then VP and Investment Councillor with Royal Bank Investment Management. Gary is a past Director of Pacific Insight Electronics Corp. and past volunteer President of the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

**Jeremy Marr** (*Member since December 2008*) Jeremy came to Canada from the UK fifty years ago with an engineering degree from Cambridge. He worked for Chrysler Canada in Toronto and Pacific Press in Vancouver before becoming a consultant in quality management systems. His interests include bridge, golf and singing with the Pacific Spirit Choir.

**Gordon Bird** (*Member since December 2015*) Gordon's career was as a self employed lawyer, majoring in civil litigation and mediation. He has participated in church mission work, both local and abroad, Rotary and the federal Conservative Party. His interests include bridge, live theatre and travel.

**Gordon Cook** (*Member since September 2012*) Gord's extensive career in Information Technology included IBM and West Coast Energy Inc. He also formed and was President of the Cascadia Consulting Group Inc. and was also a founding partner of Trilogics Inc. While still helping old clients, Gord now spends more time with his family.

## Last Month Speaker - Kim Baird



**President John Zaplatynsky thanks speaker Kim Baird with a bowl hand crafted by a member.**

Our July speaker was Kim Baird, a highly accomplished spokesperson on First Nations issues. She was elected Chief of the Tsawwassen First Nation for six terms, and, has been widely recognized for her achievements. She is a member of the Order of Canada and the Order of British Columbia. Her subject was *Themes for Reconciliation*.

It can sometimes be difficult to grasp the full nature of the underlying issues between First Nations and the Rest of Canada. At the core, there is not simply one issue; there is a whole mosaic that has developed over the past several centuries. There are over 600 First Nations, some with similar issues, but many with unique problems that have to deal with fundamental issues of culture and social practice. Sometimes these issues have a very long history.

If we think back through history, society's view of the norm for group and race relations has constantly been altering. We might think that the history of the British Empire and British culture is based on a whole variety of different peoples getting along under a benign and benevolent crown. The British did preach this, but with the sometimes spoken – and sometimes unspoken – view that the English would be in charge and everyone else would be subordinate. Many of us remember that we were taught there is no point in studying Canadian history because it was dull and British history much more dynamic, and we can also remember that the English continually patronized Canadian cities by saying they were at best poor copies of English provincial towns.

In truth, no one was happy in the role of underdog. It is easy to forget that there was a rebellion against the English establishment in Ontario and Quebec. Today resentment lingers still in Quebec.

Even today, in many communities the Irish, Scots and

Welsh still resent the English, and we should not be surprised that there are ongoing issues with the First Nations.

There are a number of issues that linger about how the English dealt with Treaty obligations. One of the issues of which the author is aware concerns the treaty with an Ojibway nation on the North Shore of Georgian Bay, close to Manitoulan Island. The treaty originally specified the area of the Reserve in English Leagues. A subsequent agent stated that was wrong, and the treaty meant to say it meant miles. This shrank the Reserve area by about 2/3rds and effectively removed one of the significant mining areas in Ontario out of the Band's control.

Ms. Baird pointed out that in many areas, access to schooling today is somewhat theoretical. First Nations students sometimes are quietly streamed, and subtly discouraged from progressing. They may not be given the support offered to other students. This can bring a distrust of the school system and can make the failure to obtain proper education easy.

Yet, as Ms. Baird said, when opportunities are made available and trust is developed, many good things can happen. The development in Tsawwassen is a very good example of what can happen, but the process was not easy on many levels. Most of us are aware of the developments in Osoyoos and the First Nations winery and destination resort in the area, and we cannot forget that Park Royal is on Reserve Land.

Ms. Baird's theme is reconciliation begins with understanding the other side, and how many generations of misunderstanding and sometimes blatant hostility need to be overcome. As a major commentator recently said, we cannot forget that the residential Schools programme was begun with goodwill and a desire to help integration. It was the cultural bias of the times that led to the Schools becoming an avenue for cultural destruction. We forget that strangers with a different background were viewed with suspicion at the time. There was no talk of multiculturalism and little cultural tolerance until quite recent times.

We all hope these times are not returning.

*Tom Gunn*

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