

Shorelines

NEWSLETTER OF THE PROBUS CLUB OF NORTH SHORE VANCOUVER

July 2023

www.probus-northshorevancouver.ca

Vol.21 No.07

Management Committee

President:
Gord Cook

Vice President:
Terry McLeod

Secretary:
David Walker

Treasurer:
Gordon Adair

Past President:
Darryl Stodalka

Communications:
Steve Wilson

House:
Rick Ryan

Membership:
Dale Douglas

Speakers:
Gordi Moore

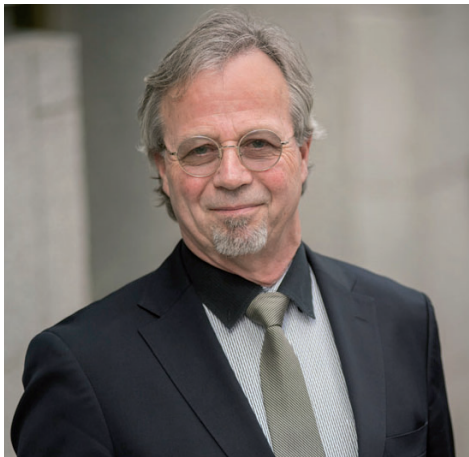
Special Events:
Doug Magoon

Monday, July 10th, 2023 Meeting

West Vancouver Yacht Club, 5854 Marine Dr., Coffee/Buns 8:30, Meeting 9:30

with guest speaker

**Gordon Maynard, Partner, Vancouver Law,
“Immigration”**



Gordon Maynard has been practising immigration law, exclusively, for nearly 30 years and has extensive experience in this facet of the law.

Since inception of the company, in 2002, Gordon has been a Partner at Maynard Kischer Stojicevic.

Gordon advises clients in matters of temporary entry and permanent status, including entry of workers under NAFTA, GATS and IMIA processes, as well as achieving resolution of issues of admissibility and issuance of appropriate authorizations. He is knowledgeable and effective in the transitioning of temporary workers and students to permanent resident status through Provincial Nomination Programs, Canadian Experience Class, and

Federal Skilled Worker programs.

Gordon Maynard's clients have included major businesses engaged in international transfer of personnel and private individuals seeking assistance and guidance in navigating the immigration law avenues. From 1990 through to present date, Gordon has been an active member of both the BC Provincial and National Canadian Bar Association immigration law sections. With the Provincial Branch, he has served as Provincial Section Secretary, Treasurer, and Branch Chair for three terms.

For the National Section, he has served as Provincial Section representative, Member-at-large and as Table Officer from 1990 through to 2004. He completed his term as Chair in 2003 and immediate Past Chair in 2004. In 2018, Gordon received the CBA Immigration Law Section's Award of Excellence for his dedication and leadership to the Canadian Bar Association and his professional excellence and significant contribution to Canadian Citizenship and Immigration Law.

Mark Your Calendars with These Important Dates



August 14th, 2023 - Tyler Zickel, Vancouver Canadians Baseball, Public Relations,

September 11th, 2023 - AGM and 20th Anniversary Celebration

President's Notes



As we enter the summer months, with sunny days and warm breezes, it's worth noting that our Probud Club doesn't take a break like some others do in July and August. We believe in staying active and connected all year round!

Our Probud Club is more than just a monthly gathering - it's a place where we find intellectual stimulation, personal growth, and genuine connections. It's where we support each other, draw inspiration, and engage in activities that bring us joy, no matter the season.

In today's fast-paced world, it's crucial to find moments of relaxation and engage in activities that nourish our well-being. And that's exactly what our Probud Club offers - a cozy haven where we can explore new interests, learn from one another's stories, and forge lifelong friendships.

I urge each and every one of you to participate actively in our club's summer activities. Join us for insightful guest speaker sessions, exciting group outings, and delightful social events. By sharing your expertise, tales, and passions, we create an environment of continuous learning and personal enrichment.

I also want to express my heartfelt appreciation to the dedicated individuals behind the scenes - the committee members and volunteers - who pour their hearts and souls into making our Probud Club a lively and welcoming place for all. Their unwavering commitment is truly commendable.

This year, we proudly celebrate our twentieth anniversary. Two decades filled with laughter, camaraderie, and unforgettable experiences that have shaped our thriving club. To commemorate this special occasion, we have planned a fabulous celebration that coincides with our Annual General Meeting in September. Let's make this anniversary a heartfelt celebration of the wonderful Probud Club we have built together.

Remember, our Probud Club is here for you throughout the year, offering friendship, growth, and fun. Together, let's continue to create cherished memories and embrace the spirit of our community.

Gord Cook, President

happy
Canada day

Special Events

Capilano Watershed Tour July 27th

The Special Events Committee is pleased to offer on July 27th a tour of the Capilano Watershed hosted by Metro Vancouver staff and PROBUS Club member Alastair Campbell. We will start our tour by overlooking the majestic Capilano Reservoir complimented by the Lions, two of Vancouver's most iconic peaks. Join our tour guide for a journey into this protected watershed to explore unique landscapes that tell the story of our tap water from past to present. The tour is free for PROBUS members.

Meet at the Cleveland Dam parking lot at 8:45 to sign waivers. A bus supplied by Metro Vancouver will leave the Dam parking lot at 9:00. The tour will take four hours. There will be some walking on uneven trails but there are no hills to climb. Bring a water bottle and a small snack if you wish. There are no flush toilets but there are porta potties.

For those of you who have signed up for lunch, we will go to Cantina Norte, a Mexican restaurant in Edgemont Village, at 1:30.

For those of you who have signed up for a ride to the Cleveland Dam, meet at the Senior Centre at 8:15. Cars will be there at no charge to take you on this adventure.

If you wish to attend, please contact Alastair Campbell and let him know if you plan to attend lunch following the tour and if you want a ride to the Dam from the Senior Centre. There will also be a sign-up sheet at the next PROBUS meeting on July 10th. So far 24 members have signed up and we can take a maximum of 30 people on this tour. If you want to join us, don't delay.

Alastair Campbell, Special Events Committee

Seymour Salmonid Society Visit September 14th

A visit to the Seymour Salmonid Society fish hatchery facility in the Lower Seymour Conservation Reserve, has been organized by Arvind Thakore, Special Events Committee member, for September 14th. You will learn about hatchery operation and the activities of this society dedicated to the preservation and improvement of the Lower Seymour River as good spawning habitat for the species that frequent it. If you wish to attend this informative event, please contact Arvind.

20th Anniversary Celebration September 11th

The 20th Anniversary of the founding of our PROBUS club will be celebrated at our regularly scheduled September 11th club meeting at the West Vancouver Yacht Club. Following our AGM we will have a special celebration including a brief presentation about the founding of the PROBUS Club concept, its activities internationally and

Special Events cont'd

in Canada, the history of the founding of our club and an overview of some of our club's accomplishments over the past 20 years. The presentation will be followed by a lunch for participating members.

Christmas Luncheon December 11th

Our Christmas Luncheon, to be held on December 11th at the West Vancouver Yacht Club, will feature Madison Mailey, Canadian Gold medal winner at the 2021 Japan Olympics in 8-shell rowing as our guest speaker. Her presentation has been described as most impressive and inspiring by those who have witnessed it. We are honoured to have her join us for our Christmas event. Details about signing up for this event will follow in October.

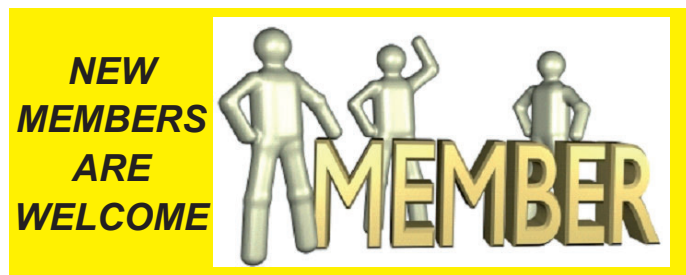
Doug Magoon, Chair Special Events Committee

Johnson Group Insurance Benefits for PROBUS Members

On the home page of our website, right hand column, is a link to a flyer summarizing the Insurance and Extended benefits plans that are available to members of PROBUS through our insurer Johnson Group.

Click on the link below to view the flyer.

<https://www.probus-northshorevancouver.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/PROBUS-Canada-BC-Insurance.pdf>



**L to R -
Vice President Terry
McLeod welcomes
new members
Bill Ross,
Alan Shearer
and
Bill Rich.**



New Members Introduced and Welcomed at June Meeting



Bill Rich was born in Kitchener Ontario and has resided on the North Shore for 40 years. Bill obtained an Engineering degree in Metallurgy and began his career with Alcan in 1961 and retired 38 years later. His career took him to Kitimat, Arvida, PQ, and Vancouver. Bill's interests include golf, fishing, home reno projects and reading.



Bill Ross was born in Ottawa Ontario and has lived for 40 years in West Vancouver. Bill obtained a BA, MD and completed his Ophthalmologist residency in Wills Eye Hospital in Philadelphia. He was a specialist in retina surgery until his retirement in 2022 working in St. Paul's and Vancouver General Hospital. Bill's interests include cycling, skiing travel and reading.



Alan Shearer was born in North Vancouver and has resided in West Vancouver for 15 years. Alan's profession was Dentistry and he practiced in Prince George and Abbotsford for over 35 years. His present activities include golf, skiing, sailing and travel.

Last Month Speaker Lynette DuJohn

In her introduction it was noted that YVR is located on the traditional and unceded territory of Musqueam and that she sits on the Musqueam/YVR sustainability agreement committee. Over the past 6 years they have worked closely with Musqueam to create opportunities for jobs, procurement, art calls and welcoming travelers to their land in a culturally appropriate way. This includes having Musqueam elders and members welcome refugees new to Canada including those displaced due to the war in Ukraine. YVR puts an indigenous lens on their operations as part of the agreement and truth and reconciliation journey.

When Covid hit, aviation was one of the hardest hit industries. YVR traffic dropped from about 27 million passengers per year prior to the pandemic to virtually zero during the height of the pandemic. The flights that continued were for medical emergencies, repatriation requirements, and humanitarian needs. She said she felt very safe going to the office during the pandemic and that the airport was one of the safest places on earth!

Today passenger numbers are returning to pre-pandemic levels but not in the same way. Some of it is “revenge travel” which is people making up for missed adventures, and some of it is people wanting face to face family gatherings or business meetings. Travel within Canada is up over pre-pandemic levels, return to Europe has been excellent, while travel to China is still lagging significantly. Prior to the pandemic there were 8 Chinese carriers, and we will not see that many again any time soon. New markets are opening up – Dubai, Fiji, and Istanbul, and announcements will be coming for direct flights from YVR to other Asian locations.

YVR has been working to help make the passenger travel experience better as the industry is rebuilding. They have created an “Innovation Hub” that is focused on people adopting technology. People want to do things that matter and YVR’s leadership approach is to set up an environment where people can feel a sense of accomplishment and give back to their community locally, nationally, and globally. They look for problems to solve and do so while paying attention to truth and reconciliation with indigenous peoples, climate change and sustainability, leveraging the benefits of accessible design, and incorporating diversity and inclusion. These are the lenses they put on all their work.

Innovation and Technology at YVR is centered around people – employees, passengers, and community. The Innovation Hub is not a facility at the airport like a lab or an incubator for technology startup companies. For YVR, it is a mindset approach. Airports are often described as small cities, or a mall with planes or even a construction

site with planes. Any type of technology can be tested or trialed at an airport – in both a physical world and a virtual world. They look for problems, concerns, or issues that need resolving, and consider themselves successful if their innovations are adopted and used by a group of people at scale.

One of the Innovation Hub’s most noted innovations is the “Digital Twin “. It is digital representation of a real world that can be used for modeling, monitoring, and simulation. This technology came out of the gaming world. We have all seen the worlds that are created in these games for avatars and adventures. Instead of creating a fake world, they started leveraging new technologies to replicate real worlds. The Digital Twin is like an airport simulator.

With traffic virtually down to zero during the pandemic, they took advantage of that time to do a lidar capture for all of sea island. They mounted lidar and 5 high fidelity cameras to a helicopter. The helicopter flew back and forth numerous times to collect data for a 3D model. The lidar capture uses light pulses to measure and map distances. They did the scan from the air, the ground (using the same equipment on top of a car) and inside the terminal.

The digital twin is used by operations people to deal with any congestion, for maintenance people to deal with work orders in an efficient way, and for airfield activity to show delays or problem areas. For the US pre-security area, it provides a number of real time metrics - live queue levels, passenger counts, area occupancy, passenger flows, expected waiting times, throughputs and the number of resources on the floor to support the operation. The digital twin also models weather. There was a terminal expansion during the pandemic and the digital twin was used to set up heating, security, and how people will move through the area. Also incorporated is a “Green House Gas” tracker for emissions, for individual aircraft based on descent and taxi time, which can be targeted specifically. Lineups can be monitored for immediate changes as needed. The terminal is Accessibility Gold Certified by Rick Hansen Foundation. Accessibility is built in at the front end so there is no need to go back and retrofit.

YVR maintains a relationship with higher education including BCIT, SFU and UBC. For BCIT, instead of building their own lab – YVR is their lab. Students helped solve a problem YVR had with water quality monitoring around sea island. Previously it was all done manually. The students chose the sensor that would work best, determined the locations around sea island to install them, the housing for the sensors, how to backhaul the data and developed the analytic tools for the data.

YVR is also maintaining indigenous connections. They are currently training 8 Musqueam members on how to

Last Month Speaker Lynette DuJohn

develop on the Unity Gaming Platform which is the engine that powers our Digital Twin. They are now starting their project which will showcase the Musqueam history on the land, and their connection to their ancestors.

Many new technologies have been introduced including: YVR Express (can book time to go through security) and a Passenger experience platform (various applications for your phone to order food, etc.)

Questions:

Q1 Can you comment on YVR's luggage issues?

A A lot of work has been done on this. It hasn't been incorporated into the Digital Twin yet. Luggage goes out of YVR at a high rate but incoming luggage is a different story that we continue to study.

Q2 Do you sell the Digital Twin technology to other airports?

A We are developing new kiosks that we will sell to others.

Q3 What is being done about screening?

A CATSA oversees this for Transport Canada. They are working on different technologies to make things better.

Q4 Question on Cybersecurity – how do you protect all the systems?

A People try to break into systems all the time but there are layers and layers of protection. We have ongoing forums to discuss issues and also role play situations.

Q5 What is YVR's second biggest opportunity?

A Our biggest opportunity is working with our Nav Canada counterparts on how to share data. Also sharing the digital twin technology with other airports in Canada but not internationally.

Q6 Are travel issues from Toronto to YVR a YVR problem or carrier problem?

A YVR facilitates communications between carriers. After Covid, business went from "0" to 100% resulting in several bumps along the way. We continue to work on flow and communication.

Q7 What is your relationship with Air Traffic Control?

A We have constant communication with them – based on airfield activity – not baggage. Safety and security in our number one concern.

Q8 Who is YVR?

A YVR is you the community. The YVR Board has broad representation. YVR is a non share capital organization where all money gets re-invested back into the airport.

Summary Prepared by Member Darlene Dean

History of Canada Day Celebrations

The Celebrations Start ...

July 1, 1917: The 50th anniversary of Confederation. The Parliament buildings, under construction, are dedicated to the Fathers of Confederation and to the courage of Canadians who fought in Europe during the First World War.

July 1, 1927: The 60th anniversary of Confederation. The Peace Tower Carillon is inaugurated. The Governor General at the time, Viscount Willingdon, lays the cornerstone of the Confederation Building on Wellington Street.

From 1958 to 1968: The government organizes celebrations for Canada's national holiday every year. The Secretary of State of Canada is responsible for coordinating these activities. A typical format includes a flag ceremony in the afternoon on the lawns of Parliament Hill and a sunset ceremony in the evenings, followed by a concert of military music and fireworks.

July 1, 1967: The 100th anniversary of Confederation. Parliament Hill is the backdrop for a high-profile ceremony, which includes the participation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

From 1968 to 1979: (with the exception of 1976): A large multicultural celebration is presented on Parliament Hill. This concert is broadcast on television across the country. The main celebrations (called "Festival Canada") are held in the National Capital Region throughout the month of July. These celebrations include many cultural, artistic and sport activities and involve the participation of various municipalities and volunteer associations.

From 1980 to 1983: A new format is developed. In addition to the festivities on Parliament Hill, the national committee (the group tasked by the federal government to plan the festivities for Canada's national holiday) starts to encourage and financially support the establishment of local celebrations across Canada. Start-up funding is provided to support popular activities and performances organized by volunteer groups in hundreds of communities. Interested organizations can make a request to the Celebrate Canada program.

1981: Fireworks light up the sky in 15 major Canadian cities, a tradition that continues today.

1984: The National Capital Commission (NCC) is given the mandate to organize Canada Day festivities in the capital.

2010: Festivities on Parliament Hill receive a royal treatment when Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh join the festivities to celebrate Canada's 143rd anniversary.

2011: Their Royal Highnesses Prince William and Catherine, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, participate in Canada Day festivities on Parliament Hill on the occasion of Canada's 144th anniversary.

2014: Canadian Heritage organizes the 147th Canada Day celebrations. As we approach Canada's 150th anniversary in 2017, the government has given the Department the mandate to organize Canada Day festivities in the capital.

2017: A wide range of activities from coast-to-coast-to-coast are held to mark the 150th Anniversary of Confederation. Attending Canada Day for the first time, The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall join in the festivities on Parliament Hill to mark this milestone anniversary with Canadians.

My One Day Employment

So after landing my new job as a Wal-mart greeter, a good find for many retirees, I lasted less than a day...

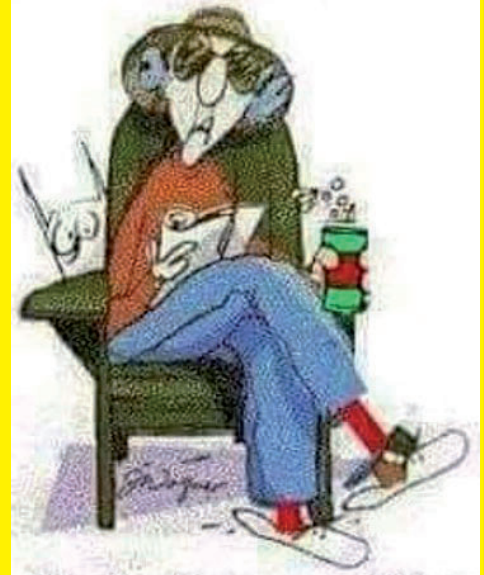
About two hours into my first day on the job a very loud, mean-acting woman walked into the store with her two kids, yelling obscenities at them all the way through the entrance.

I said pleasantly, "Good morning and welcome to Wal-Mart. Nice children you have there. Are they twins?"

The woman stopped yelling long enough to say "Hell no, they ain't twins. The oldest one's 9, and the other one's 7. Why the hell would you think they're twins? Are you blind, or stupid?"

So I replied, "I'm neither blind nor stupid, Ma'am. I just couldn't believe someone slept with you twice. Have a good day and thank you for shopping at Wal-mart!"

My supervisor said I probably wasn't cut out for this line of work.



Did you know on the Canary Islands there is not one canary? And on the Virgin Isles? Same thing - not one canary there either!



"What else did you fix today?"



"Shorelines" © a monthly publication of
The PROBUS Club of North Shore Vancouver

Editorial contributions and comments are welcomed