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Monday, February 12th, 2024 Hybrid Meeting

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

with guest speaker

Mayor Mark Sager , District of West Vancouver



Mark Sager has lived in West Vancouver his entire life and attended both West Bay and Hillside schools. Mark was elected as a School Trustee in 1979 and served in that role till 1983, the last year as Board Chair. He was later elected as a Councillor and served from 1983–1990. In 1991 he was elected as Mayor and served in that position until 1996. Mark stepped away from public service to have more family time as their daughter Mikayla was then six years old. As Mikayla is now a successful opera singer in San Francisco, he decided to return to public service, and was elected Mayor again in 2022.

Mark has held several other positions in the community over the years, including: West Vancouver Police Board (Chair), Metro Vancouver (Vice-Chair), British Columbia Court of Appeal (Law Clerk), British Columbia Commission on School District Administration (Chair), Ambleside Dundarave Business Improvement Association (Secretary/Director), West Vancouver Foundation (Honorary Governors' Council), and Ambleside Centre Strata Corporation (President).

He has also served on numerous homeowners' associations and strata councils, both locally and in the US. He has also been a diplomatic guest of both the United States Government and the Government of China. Beyond his community work, Mayor Sager is an avid sportsman and pilot. He loves Crossfit, skiing, snowboarding, paragliding, sailing, cycling, windsurfing, travel, golf, and swimming. Mark raced the Victoria to Maui Yacht Race and won the Andreas Schurrler Memorial Trophy for Best Navigator.

Most importantly though, Mark is dedicated to his community, having had deep roots in West Vancouver spanning over generations, he is a proponent of seeing our business communities come back to life.

NOTE: This meeting will be both in-person and by Zoom for members unable to attend.

Mark Your Calendars with These Important Dates



March 11th - Jeanette Ageson, Tyee News Publisher

April 8th - Conner Da Silva, Community and Education Program Coordinator, Port of Vancouver

May 13th - Karen Tyrell, Dementia Consultant

President's Notes



Welcome everyone, it's Ground Hog month and the question is, 'Will we see his shadow?' No, he'll be searching for a water pump! A little humour to perk you up from the present weather deluge. But we live in a northern rainforest blessed with a healthy climate compared to other parts of the continent. With the wet weather be careful walking. It's slippery outside as I found, being so careful, I slipped on wet leaves ending with a torn rotator cuff (shoulder tendon). Now I visit a physiotherapist for my outings.

Focusing on in-door activities, the coming speaker should kindle your political air - our local Mayor, Mark Sager, will be speaking at our monthly meeting, February 12th. Thanks goes to Gordi Moore, Speaker Chair, for arranging this event. It should be a full house event so arrive early.

On other club matters, Events Chair, Steve Wilson, will have undertaken the Tour of the Richmond Olympic Oval which included bus transportation. His team is putting together interesting activities, one this Spring - a private Tour of the Revitalized Vancouver Aquarium, May 9th. The new owners, Herschend Family Entertainment, have two large Aquariums and purchased the Aquarium & Marine Mammal Rescue (MMR) operations, as well as financially assisting Oceanwise, the former research arm. The undertaking has been to improve foundations, buildings, equipment, exhibits and add back to previous staffing levels. These actions give the facility a fresh look and experience. I've volunteered for 10 years, in many capacities, and for our tour they're providing a special format. Stay tuned for updates from Steve's team.

Our golf group (PGG) has laid initial plans for start up in April with events being organized through September. They are interested in new members and offer 'no-pressure' golfing. Typical prizes are given each game. Current roster is 42. Contact **Phil Boase** for information.

Are we on target for membership growth? Yes, our program of Info Business Cards is stimulating interest and bringing about new members. At meetings, continue the effort to have a 'red dot' badge member join your table. Many new members indicate they feel welcomed and included. These cards are available from the reception table. MC members have personalized cards reflecting our management structure.

In closing, I wish everyone simple joys and adventure moving through the winter solstice.

Terry McLeod, President

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Special Events



TRIUMF Tour - Wednesday, March 6, 2024

TRIUMF is one of three subatomic research facilities in the world that specialize in producing extremely intense beams of particles. The heart of the facility is the world's biggest cyclotron, which is used to accelerate 1000 trillion particles each second. TRIUMF is also a centre for the practical application of this basic research:

It is the only centre in Canada using proton therapy to treat eye-cancers, and in the past was one of two centres in the world where pion beams were used on an experimental basis to destroy brain cancers in human patients.

TRIUMF researchers have built a Positron Emission Tomograph ("PET Scanner"), one of only three operating in Canada, used at the UBC hospital for specialized brain scans.

Scientists at TRIUMF are participating in developing new radiopharmaceuticals, microchips, computer software, original new designs for small cyclotrons, remote-controlled equipment, analysis of mineral samples, and many other high-tech innovations.

Here are the details for the tour.

Date of Tour: Wednesday March 6, 2024

Time of the Tour: 10 am - 11:30 am

No Host Lunch: 12:00 pm (At a restaurant that will be confirmed later)

Transportation: By bus from west van senior centre at 9:00 am. (Cost will be announced later)

Return: 3:00 by bus after lunch

Participation limit: 20 Maximum

To Join this Tour: A sign up sheet will be available at the next Probud meeting.

Alternately you can email **Arvind Thakore**.

Arvind Thakore, Special Events Committee

New Members Introduced and Welcomed at the January Meeting



Rick Alexander was born in Vancouver and has resided in West Vancouver for several years. He has a business degree from SFU, is a certified green home builder, a certified energy advisor, a certified building inspector, a licensed realtor, a licensed insurance agent, a certified structural steel designer and a journey man carpenter belonging to the Vancouver Carpenters Union. He was VP for WBI home warranty in association with Wilson Beck Insurance as well as working for National Home warranty, Angel Hasman Realty, Rixan construction, and various construction firms. Rick is a family man with 3 grandkids, has built 2 ebikes, has biked his way around BC, the USA and Mexico. He is a regular member at both the gym and Fit Fellas.



Harley Cameron was born in Estevan, Saskatchewan and now resides in West Vancouver. He received a Bachelor of Science from the University of Saskatchewan, & MBA from both Simon Fraser and McGill University. Harley was VP of International Paints in Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal for 25 years. He was President of CamCoat Industries for 10 years. Harley's recreational activities include golf, travel and a men's card group. He is now retired.



Doug Horswill was born in Nelson, BC and has resided in West Vancouver for 30 years. He received a BSc. in mining engineering and an MA in economics. His working years included Sr VP sustainability and external affairs 1992 to 2014 for Teck Resources, deputy minister of

finance and corporate relations for the Province of BC, following 20 years in federal and provincial governments. He was also a mining engineer for Inco and Utah Copper after graduating in 1971. He enjoys skiing, guitar, biking, duffer, golf, fly fishing, grandkids, and family. Doug is on the boards of Providence Health Care, Sunnyhill Health Centre for Children, BC Childrens Hospital, St. Paul's Hospital Foundation, International Fertilizer Development Foundation, Vancouver Aquarium, and Whistler Sports Legacy. Doug was awarded the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee medal for charitable service in international development with Care Canada



Bob McGill was born in London, Ontario and has resided in West Vancouver for nearly 50 years. Bob received a B.A. Economics at Univ. Western Ontario. His career has been in investment management. He worked for the Bank of Nova Scotia in Toronto, Dominion Securities in Brantford, ON and in sales management for both Dominion Securities and Phillips Hager and North in Vancouver. Bob's interests include golf, skiing, fishing, sailing, travel and Fit Fellas. He is involved with the Lions Gate Hospital Foundation, Capilano University Foundation and Kay Meek theatre performing investment management.



Ed Vermiere was born in Vancouver and has been a West Vancouver resident for 51 years. Ed's education includes attending BCIT and receiving a certification degree and accredited as a Canadian Registered Safety Professional. His career includes working at Telus, ICBC and BC hydro. Ed's interests include golf, travel, and fitness. He has been a member of Fit Fellas for several years. He a manager of a condo strata council and is now retired.

President Terry with Chris O-Riley



Last Month Speaker - Chris O'Riley

Chris O'Riley, President and CEO, BC Hydro "Stepping Into the Transition Ahead"

BC Hydro delivers 98% clean, renewable electricity to its four million customers mostly from water, with 20% being clean electricity. To ensure a reliable supply of this critical product, BC Hydro is spending approximately \$2 billion per year over the next 10 years to refurbish and expand its electricity assets. With construction of the Site C Project currently underway, they continue to seek opportunities to support clean development in BC such as through low carbon electrification. We currently rely heavily on fossil fuels, and this has to change.

We are in the midst of an energy transition and while these times are challenging, we are doing everything we can. Experiencing climate warming, this year we have record drought conditions with water well below normal levels. We are fortunate to have a hydroelectric system that supports us in managing this historic drought. He showed a picture of the extremely low Arrow Lakes Reservoir in the Kootenays, with beaches usually well under water.

Small and large investments in infrastructure are being made to meet changing conditions for 230 substations across BC. New lines need to be built as well as increasing throughput on existing lines.

Electricity can be a tough sell as fossil fuels are much cheaper. Copper Mountain Mine uses hybrid trucks that run on electricity instead of diesel. There is greater opportunity in transportation than in general with a strong demand for electric vehicles. BC has the highest adoption rate for electric vehicles in North America. It is anticipated that most of the charging will be done at home, preferably overnight. New condos that are being built to include an EV ready site. So far, across the Lower Mainland, there are 162 fast chargers for the public to use. The future will bring higher powered chargers that will be faster, and incentives will be offered to various forms of transport.

Power needs to be ready and available for customers as well as changing the behaviour using these resources. The Capilano substation was expanded to accommodate more demands on the system. As more housing is built, expanded resources are required.

For legacy structures, we have developed programs with condos and stratas to offer incentives for sharing the infrastructure e.g. having 10 or 20 slots available for charging on a shared basis and not having cars plugged in all night.

Many Canadians are taking advantage of converting to heat pumps from natural gas through refunds and incentives to make the switch. We can't predict the future, but we must remain adaptable and flexible. A lot of momentum is building for electrification.

Summary Prepared by Member Darlene Dean



Whatever you may look like, marry a man your own age - as your beauty fades, so will his eyesight.
Phyllis Diller



"I married for love. But the obvious side benefit of having someone around to find your glasses cannot be ignored."

— Cameron Esposito

Every year in the middle of February, something wonderful and heartwarming happens.
Tons of candy goes on clearance!



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