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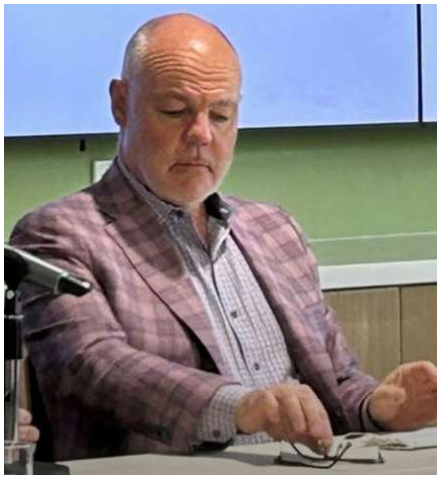
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Monday, November 9th, 2026 Meeting

West Vancouver Yacht Club, 5854 Marine Drive,
Coffee at 8:30, Meeting at 9:30, with guest speaker

Russell Brown,

"Legal Landscape in Canada from a Supreme Court Perspective"



Join us on November 9 for our final talk of 2026 - a rare opportunity to hear from and engage with a much admired and distinguished jurist, the Honourable Russell Brown, retired Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada.

Justice Brown will begin with a brief introduction to the Court's practice and procedure. Your questions will then shape the conversation and guide his further remarks.

During his time on the bench, Justice Brown was widely recognized for his intellectual rigour, close attention to the text of the Constitution, and skepticism toward expansive interpretations of state power. Joanna Baron, a contributing writer for The Hub, described him as "a judge of extraordinary rigour and clarity, who consistently hewed to the demands of the rule of law, namely clarity, consistency, and congruence."

We hope you'll join us—and come ready with a question!

Save the Date - Christmas Luncheon

All members are cordially invited to our annual Christmas Luncheon on **December 14th** at the West Vancouver Yacht Club. Cost is $75/person.

Our festive entertainment will be provided by the UBC School of Music.
Further details and registration instructions will be emailed to all members shortly.
This is a very popular event and we are somewhat limited by space.
Alastair Campbell, Special Events Chair

Mark Your Calendars



December 14 - Christmas Luncheon

January 11 - Dr. Ellen Wiebe, Research Director of the Canadian Association of MAID Assessors and Providers, "MAID"

President's Notes



As we head into late Fall and a busy season of meetings and events, we are reminded that our club is a member of the PROBUS Canada family of 250 clubs across the country, totalling 36,000 members.

As you know by now, the PROBUS Canada (PC) 40th anniversary is coming up in 2027, and PC is creating a celebratory video that shows PROBUS at it's best – members connecting, laughing, learning, exploring and enjoying club life. Sherrill Purvis (our PC District Rep), the two north shore ladies Probus Presidents, and I submitted a joint video on behalf of all three north shore clubs.

PC is now asking each club to submit photos of members engaged in Probus activities – whether it's a hike, a lunch, outings, a trip or any other club event, they would love to include it. Photos of our upcoming TRIUMF tour would be a good example.

PC has created a simple online form where you can upload your photo. The form accepts one photo per upload, so submit the form again if you have more photos. You can send as many as you wish.

Here is the link to upload your photos:

https://tally.so/r/9qKRgp

Everyone who submits a photo will be entered into a draw for a dinner for two voucher (worth $140).

Important note: by submitting a photo, you are giving permission for your images to be used in the PC 40th video which will be posted on the web.

PC asks that your photos be submitted by November 30th, 2026.

. *Steve Wilson, President*



Special Events

TRIUMF Tour Wednesday November 18, 2026

Our Next tour will be on Wednesday November 18, 2026, to TRIUMF at UBC.

- **Time of the tour: 10 am-11:00 am**
- **No host Lunch: 12:00 pm at Browns Kraft House 6111 University Blvd unit 101 Vancouver. Tel 604-259-6885, Mike**
- **Transportation: By bus from West Van Senior Centre at 8:45 am. Cost $50/person.**

NOTE: further registrations are for the WAIT LIST ONLY Payment will be advised by a member of the special events committee.

"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."

Arvind Thakore, Alastair Campbell, Special Events Committee

In Memoriam

In remembrance of members who passed this year:



We mark with reverence those friends now gone,
Whose presence brightened days that shone.
Their fellowship, their kindly ways,
Enriched our lives on countless days.
Though parted now, their memory stays,
A quiet light to guide our ways.

New Members Welcomed



Chris Newcomb was born in London, England and has been in North Vancouver since 1981. He has a degree in civil engineering from Manchester University.

He has spent most of his career as a design engineer, project manager, branch manager, president and chair for consulting engineering firms.

Chris has worked in Vancouver, South America, and East Africa on pipeline construction projects. He has been actively involved in engineering, professional and business associations at the provincial, federal and international levels. He has been on the boards of the Association of Consulting Engineers of BC and Canada and two as Chair.

He continues to work on a part-time basis for three engineering firms. Chris has a passion for genealogy, road cycling, travel and eating regional food.



New Members Are Always Welcome

Vancouver West End Walking TourReview

Probus West End Walking Tour
October 14, 2026

Our Tour Guide, John Atkin, took the members on a very interesting tour of the West End neighbourhood. We were treated to the unique landscape of architecture and history that is the West End.

It's surprising that Vancouver's West End doesn't overwhelm with tall buildings and concrete. The urban density has never been more beautifully planned and landscaped. The neighbourhood is made up of many historic residences, secret parks and laneways, all beautifully maintained.

Following the tour we enjoyed lunch together at Earls restaurant on Robson Street. *View photos from the tour on page 5.*

Mark Jackson Special Events Committee

October Speaker Paul Evans Review

"What did Mark Carney mean in his Davos speech by 'middle powers,' the rupture of the world order and the emergence of a new world order?"

These were among the questions senior Chinese policy analysts put to Dr. Paul Evans during his recent visit to China. Dr. Evans, UBC professor emeritus and a leading figure in the university's School of Public Policy and Global Affairs, spoke to a capacity audience at our October 5th meeting.

Canada–China relations are in a period of reset following the 2018 detention of Michael Kovrig and Michael Spavor, widely seen in Canada as retaliation for the detention of Huawei executive Meng Wanzhou under a U.S. extradition warrant.

The relationship is "shifting in real time," with no return to the status quo. Whether the path forward will lead to better relations remains to be seen.

China has shown little contrition over the two Michaels' case and appears content to see Canada move past it. Canada, for its part, has gained a clearer understanding of China's approach. As it considers the way forward, it will need to account for the significant differences in culture, concerns, objectives and methods between the two countries.

Pierre Lebel, Speakers Chair

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For those Probus members about to jet off to a warmer climate or explore other parts of the world or within Canada, this may interest you.

PROBUS Canada has obtained group rates for Probus members through belairdirect. Members are encouraged to compare insurance services with other opportunities that they have available. All-in-one travel insurance (formally Medoc)

Travel freely and safely with our annual travel insurance. Receive coverage for medical emergencies, trip disruptions, lost baggage and more – all in one package. It's your journey, with our protection.

- Jet off on as many trips as you wish per year, up to the maximum days allowed per your policy, with no time limits for trips within Canada.
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- You could receive medical insurance coverage of up to $10M per person, per trip for medically necessary treatments during emergencies while travelling outside your province.

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Photos from the October Meeting





Above Left - Membership Chair Ron Ash welcomes and introduces new member Chris Newcomb to members.

Above Right - Speaker Paul Evans poses with member Roddy MacKenzie

Below - Speaker Paul Evans, gave an impressive talk using only a microphone. He went to individuals for the Q&A. VP Christopher Hebb is standing behind him.



Vancouver West End Walking Tour Photos







