

# Shorelines

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### Monthly Meeting at the Capilano Golf and Country Club

420 Southborough Drive, West Vancouver, 604-922-9331

Coffee and Fellowship: 9:00 am, Club Business and Speaker: 9:30 - 11:15 am

**Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>** *with speakers*

**Mayor Linda Buchanan, Mayor Mike Little and  
Councillor Craig Cameron**

*“North Shore Mayors’ Forum”*



Mayor Buchanan was born and raised in North Vancouver, and through her professional work, volunteer efforts and service as an elected official, she has spent her life working to improve this community. After obtaining her degree in nursing from UBC, Mayor Buchanan worked as a public health nurse in the Squamish Nation and in North Shore schools and community clinics, providing preventative health services to people of all ages.

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Mayor Mike Little was elected Mayor of the District of North Vancouver in 2018, having previously served three terms as a Councillor from 2004 to 2015. Mike served for seven years on the District of North Vancouver Advisory Committee on Disabilities Issues, chaired the North Vancouver Heritage Commission, as well as chaired the North Vancouver District Public Library board. *Bio cont'd on page 2 ...*



Councillor Craig Cameron first joined Council in 2011 and was re-elected in 2018 for his third term as councillor. He has a degree in Urban and Environmental Geography from UBC and a law degree from the University of Victoria. He also studied International Law at the Universiteit Utrecht in the Netherlands. After clerking with Madam Justice Beverley McLachlin (now Chief Justice) at the Supreme Court of Canada, he articulated with John McAlpine, Q.C. and was called to British Columbia Bar in 1999.

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### Mark Your Calendars with the Next Monthly Meeting

**Monday, November 4th at the Capilano Golf and Country Club**

**Speaker - Professor Rene Goldman, Holocaust Survivor**



- **Special Events - details page 3 ...**
- **Annual Christmas Luncheon - Monday, December 9th - details page 3...**

## President's Notes



This PROBUS Club offers its members great opportunities to learn about important issues affecting them and the world. It also provides opportunities for social contacts that pundits say keep us happy and healthy. I am pleased to serve this fine organization as your President.

During the last year I have participated in the meetings of the club's management committee and am happy to tell you that the club is in excellent shape. Membership has been virtually unchanged for several years with resignations matched by new memberships. Finances are solid with small annual additions to the accumulated surplus.

The heads of special committees are doing a great job. I found them highly experienced and conscientious and we are lucky that nearly all of them are returning for another year. The exception is Gordon Cook, who after many years as the head of the Special Events Committee is replaced by John Elliott. Thank you, John for joining the team and you, Gordon for the great events you have organized for us in past years. I found the visit to the Britannia Mines was as interesting and informative as all the others I have attended.

The rotation of Presidents continues. Our thanks go to outgoing past president John Zaplatynsky, who will be replaced by last year's president Jim Grey. John has been a valuable source of help in dealing with problems facing the management team. His experience and expertise will be missed.

We are fortunate to have Ron Wood serve this year as our Vice President. Sorry, Ron, after your experience as mayor in dealing with the raucous members of the West Vancouver municipal council for many years, you will be bored working with this management committee.

The Club enters this year with a continued offering of more interesting speakers and events. We thank the Capilano Golf and Country Club for its hospitality and hope that no meetings will have to be cancelled because of winter snows.

Our October meeting will take place just a couple of weeks before the federal election. I hope that this comment is sufficiently non-partisan to keep me out of trouble: May the best party win, form government and deliver on its promises without bankrupting the country.

*Herb Grubel*

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## Speaker's Bios cont'd...

### Mayor Linda Buchanan

In 2008, she was elected as a school trustee for the North Vancouver School District, where she worked to revitalize the City's schools and ensure the preservation and restoration of the historic Ridgeway Elementary School.

In 2011, she was elected as a City Councillor, and over the course of her two terms she championed the creation of the Child, Youth and Family Municipal Strategy, the Dementia-Friendly Action Plan, and the North Shore Child and Family-Friendly Charter. Since 2018, Mayor Buchanan has been proud to serve as the Vice-Chair of Metro Vancouver. Throughout her time as Councillor and her current work as Mayor, she has focused on building a City that is people-focused, where businesses can prosper, and residents can access the support they need to live healthy and happy lives.

Mayor Buchanan and her husband Kevin raised their four children in North Vancouver, and they share a passion for the City's amazing local jazz music scene." Points of Interest: Healthy communities, transportation, affordable housing.

### Mayor Mike Little

As a former Councillor, Mike was appointed to several regional boards including Metro Vancouver Parks and Environment Committee, Port Cities Committee, and the Greater Vancouver Labour Relations Bureau.

Mike holds a degree in political science and has had a successful career working in international shipping.

### Councillor Craig Cameron

For the past nine years, Craig has worked as a litigator with the Department of Justice Canada, practising in various areas of civil litigation. He has training in and experience with a range of forms of alternative dispute resolution, including mediation and negotiation. Craig also has relevant experience in business, government, construction and the non-profit sector. Craig is a founding Board member of Access Pro Bono, one of Canada's leading non-government providers of free legal services.

Craig spent the formative years of his childhood in West Vancouver and returned to the community to raise a family. He lives with his wife, artist Cori Creed, and three young children in a house that he built in Ambleside.

Craig and his family are active members of the community and his children attend Ridgeview Elementary. Prior to being elected, Craig served as a Director of the West Vancouver Community Centres Society and a member of West Vancouver's Community Engagement Committee.

## Life Membership



**Congratulations to Phil Boase awarded a Life Membership by President Jim Grey and Fraser Grant.**

## Special Events

### Keep The Date!

#### OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

will be held on

**MONDAY DECEMBER 9, 2019 at**

**TheWest Vancouver Yacht Club**



Keep this date open for our annual Christmas Luncheon. We are keeping the price the same as the past 2 years (\$50).

**This will be a members only event.**

**with Special Guest: Dr. Jonathan Berkowitz**

Jonathan is a high demand speaker who loves sharing his passions for statistics, numbers, words, puzzles, and ideas. In all his presentations he combines humour, education, entertainment and theatre. For the past four years, he has appeared as The Word Guy on CBC Radio 1's weekend morning program North by Northwest talking about the wonders of the English language.

*Registration information will be available next month.*

*Gordon Cook*

**Visit to Vancouver Fraser Port Authority  
and Harbour Air Control Tower  
Friday October 25, 2019**

We are presently **SOLD OUT** and have a wait list. If you are interested in being on the wait list please contact Doug Magoon by email at [magoon@telus.net](mailto:magoon@telus.net) or John Elliott, 604 925 3535, [johns.elliott@telus.net](mailto:johns.elliott@telus.net)

## Special Events



### Britannia Mine Museum Tour September 11, 2019

On September 11, eleven PROBUS Club members and two spouses embarked on an informative and entertaining adventure at the Britannia Mine Museum. The private tour was hosted by two delightful and knowledgeable guides who provided a very comprehensive overview of the history of the mine, how it was operated, the self-contained mini society that formed its workforce and the legacy of pollution that has been successfully addressed since its closure.

The mine operated from 1904 until 1974 and was accessible only by sea until a rail line was completed in 1956 and the Sea-to-Sky highway in 1958. Some 60,000 people called Britannia Beach their home during the seventy years that the mine operated, living in the communities of Britannia Beach and Mount Sheer up the mountain valley.

The visit began with a very informative video chronicling mine history, work camp society and successful mine wastewater remediation program. Our group then took a short underground tram ride to two side tunnels where mining techniques, evolving miners' lamp technology and the operation of an air driven drill and scoop tram were demonstrated.

A highlight of the tour was experiencing the new audio-visual presentation – Boom! - in the concentrator building that illustrated clearly how the concentrator operated, complete with sparks, flashes and the booming sound of the mill when it was operating. An informative and entertaining outing was enjoyed by all!

*Doug Magoon*



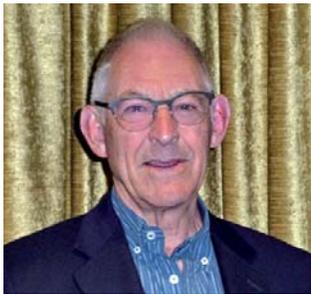
## New Members Introduced and Welcomed at September Meeting



**Ron Youngberg** (*member since September 2019*) Terry was born in Sioux Lookout in Ontario and received his B. Sc. and M. Sc in Community Planning at the University of Manitoba. Planning has been his career - with the Aluminum Company of Canada, City of

Vancouver and as a community planning consultant.

Now he plays golf and travels, and is involved with the United Church.



**Richard Youldon** (*member since September 2019*) Terry was born in Sussex in the UK and studied Electrical and Electronic Engineering at the City and Guilds Institute in London. Early in his career in the UK that electrical became lighting to the extent that in

2003 he formed his own company – Raylight Ltd, a designer and manufacturer of lighting system for fine art.

Mostly retired, his interests include art, sculpture and wood carving, golf, travel, cooking and conservation.

*Special thanks to photographer Ed Frazer*



**Greeters Dale Douglas and Colin Jones**



**Past-President Jim Grey welcomes our new members**

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## Last Month Speakers - Jane Jordan and Eleanor Campbell



Past-President Jim Grey thanks speakers Jane Jordan and Eleanor Campbell with a hand crafted bowl.

### Palliative and Hospice Care on the North Shore

Jo-Ann Wood, Chair, Hospital and  
Palliative Care Project,

Eleanor Campbell, Community Palliative Care  
Health Nurse,

Jane Jordan, Every Day Counts Program Coordinator

In this enlightening talk, three goals stand out: care, compassion and respect. As Jane Jordan says, “Palliative care is about living.” It is about improving the quality of patients lives while facing life-threatening illnesses through the prevention and relief of suffering. It applies to people of any age. Hospice care provides care for patients with an estimated three months or less of life. These services are provided without cost, and are funded through donations. Bequests are needed and always appreciated. Palliative care is offered on 7-West in Lions Gate Hospital, and the North Shore Hospice is at 319 E 14th Avenue. in North Vancouver. The services were merged in 2010.

Patients prefer to stay at home as long as possible. Home care nurses will assess the patient’s needs and goals to determine a suitable program, and to develop a plan to help the patient and the family. Families also need support. If a patient can stay at home, he or she may come to the Palliative Care centre for a “tune-up” and to give the family a break, and then return home for as long as possible. Home care nurses will make regular home visits. And patients can come in for two weeks to give the family a break or time for a vacation. They will need it.

The Every Day Counts program is coordinated by Jane Jordan. Its mandate is guidance, well-being and support through psycho-social care. Eleanor Campbell said that the key to the success of this service is for patients to be referred early when much can be done, not near the end of a life. There are also many other professionals who can give a family advice on the decisions that must be made at this

time. Questions of dying at home can also be addressed. A spouse or other family members do not have to face all this alone. It is also important for the patient to be asked what they want. Both family and the patient need counselling at this time and at some point the patient needs a decision maker on what to do. It should be remembered that not all patients are old; they can be of any age. As these professionals say, “We going to help you live life until you die.”

On September 28 a seminar will be held on how to live well, and on September 30, one on advanced care planning prior to death.

*Ken Bryden*



Our scribe for September meeting Ken Bryden

## Membership Renewals Final Notice

### 2019-2020 Year

If a member fails to pay the renewal fee of \$80 by **October 15th** his membership will lapse and his name will be removed from the mailing list.



**Please mail ASAP or  
bring your payment with your  
renewal form to the October meeting  
if you have yet to renew.**