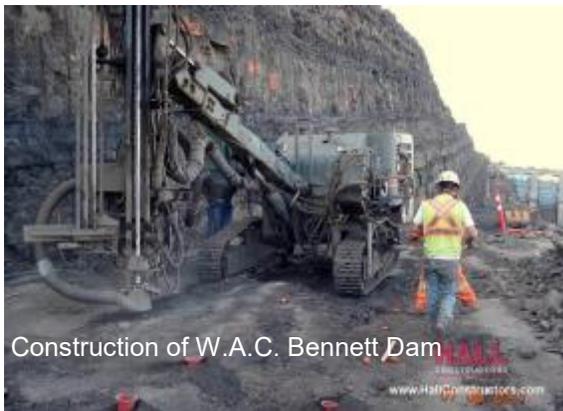
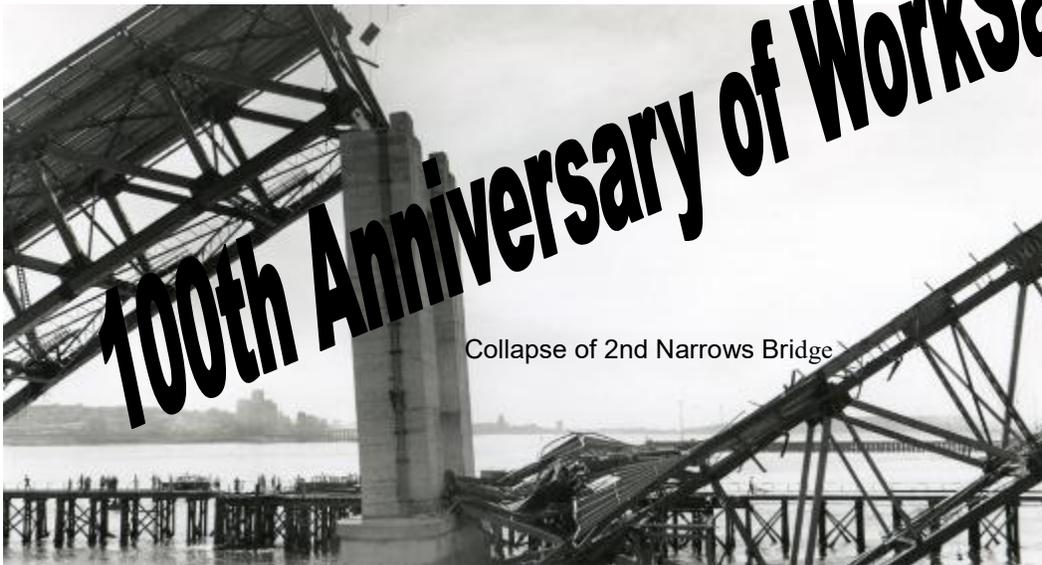


WCB RETIREES ASSOCIATION



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Collapse of 2nd Narrows Bridge

Annual General Meeting

The **AGM** was held at the offices of WorkSafeBC on Thursday, April 13, 2017. While we had no choice but to hold the luncheon and meeting immediately prior to the long weekend, the turnout was phenomenal and **Eighty** (80) members attended. New members were in attendance as well as a few we hadn't seen in a while, and everyone had a good time catching up and sharing stories of trips, various projects and the endless rain on the lower mainland.

At 1:00 p.m. members adjourned to the auditorium for the meeting where Maryanne Schulz, President, introduced the current Executive. Ruth Friesen had stepped down as director due to travelling commitments and moving plans. We will miss Ruth who was a valued member of our Executive. Nominations were thus held for the vacated position, and Virginia Caldwell was nominated and accepted the position.

Prior to the meeting, amended documents with regard to the change to the Constitution and By-laws to conform with the new Societies Act had been sent to all members. There was a quorum present for voting on the issue, and the retirees present all voted in favour. Maryanne also acknowledged the hard work that Margaret Perry had put in to preparing the amendments.

Thank you to those members who delayed for a day their long weekend plans and attended. And thank you to Scott McCloy and Kerri Buschel on behalf of WorkSafeBC who presented us with a lovely 100th Anniversary cake and a sneak preview of one of four excellent videos showing the formation and growth of workers' compensation from 1902 to 1941. This may be viewed online under [WorkSafeBC Our Anniversary](#). Kerri Buschel spoke of the projects WorkSafeBC is doing for its 100th Anniversary and asked if any retirees had any mementos, photographs, stories showing the changes over their employment at the Board. She said they would be welcomed by the Communications dept. They plan on putting up a display wall of various artifacts, stories, and pictures on the wall outside the auditorium for staff and visitors to view.

There was a general discussion regarding outings for the retirees, and by show of hands, two possibilities looked to be very popular; a Granville Island Tour (day trip of breweries includes appetizers and samplers) and a harbor cruise up the Indian Arm in July. There is further information on this elsewhere in this newsletter.

20 members were fortunate to win a Tim Horton's Gift Certificate in a draw just before the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.



Roak Citroen, Peter Hopkins



Scott McCloy, Terry Bogyo



Jeanine Nicholls (l), Diane Henry, Carol Lawes



Gloria Lucas (l) in front



Sherron McGinn, Ishbel Kennedy



George Matheson, Deanna Bremner, Joe Pinto, Carole Dalgleish



Ken Vicic, Richard Neeley



Joe Lakatos, Bob Byrne, Joanne Krahnbiel



Gary Korstrom, Richard Hart



Marjorie Wilke, Pam Price, Linda Jorgenson



Bev Gelhorn, Barb Charron



Elizabeth Oviatt (facing)



Wendy Pantages



Carol Christopher, Maryanne Schulz, Eldon Johnson, Margaret Perry, Mary Iverson

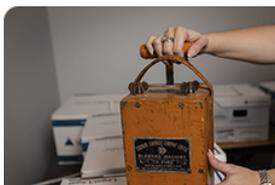




We have all taken pride in the work we did for WorkSafeBC whether it was in Occupational Health & Safety, Compensation Services, Assessments, Disability Awards, Industrial Hygiene, or whether we worked as clerks, lawyers, adjudicators, carpenters, phone controls, accountants, officers of the Board, physiotherapists—the list goes on. You'll note that I've used a lot of the old terms. At one point the Workers' Compensation Board as we knew it (now WorkSafeBC) was the envy of the Western World—we had an on site world-class Clinic staffed with medical specialists where we assessed injured workers from around the province. They were housed in the residence upstairs. Downstairs dedicated staff worked closely and daily with the workers to rehabilitate them and give them back their lives; whether it was to teach them how to walk again, lift utensils to become independent, or retrain in another field altogether. The Industrial Rehabilitation Clinic was staffed with instructors in welding, upholstery and furniture refinishing, sheet metal, small motor repairs, appliance repair. There were machine and automotive shops and there was a shoe shop. There were gyms, pools, occupational and physiotherapy clinics. I remember dignitaries from other countries and provinces visiting the Clinic and marveling at the progressive work being done at this facility. Of course, at the time the province was still a resource-based economy, and unfortunately there were more traumatic and serious injuries from logging, fishing, construction, mining and farming. The Clinic over a period of five years started to outsource many of its programs and services so that clients could receive services in their local communities, and it finally shut its doors as a Rehabilitation Center in 2003. The residence in the tower was brought down and demolished while the old clinic building is used today by several departments as well as the cafeteria and the auditorium. There have been many changes over the years administratively, as well as politically, and we have weathered our way through changes of Government, legislative changes, and several Royal Commissions; some computer system implementations have failed dismally while others have streamlined registration procedures for both employers and workers. In any event, this year is the 100th anniversary of that great organization we used to call home. And worked for diligently. I think ultimately what we were proud of most was helping a worker who had been injured during the course of his employment to regain his strength, his dignity, and his right to earn a living despite having a disability either permanent, partial, or temporary.

We were pretty self-contained as a work environment. We had our own Credit Union (still operating) and Print Shop whose artists produced some incredible and sometimes funny safety posters. Remember the "Tuck Shop" and the cranky lady and attack dog? And we had the wonderful InterComp Newsletter which kept us apprised of upcoming retirements, a Welcome Mat for new employees, anniversaries and area office information as well as interdepartmental information. It was full of pictures and news, all to the credit of Editor and Photographer, the late Jack MacDonald.

This year WorkSafeBC is celebrating its 100th anniversary. The Workers' Compensation Act of BC came into effect in 1917. Despite how I feel sometimes in the mornings, this is actually before my time. We have had some requests from WorkSafeBC for information and feedback on historical items in this centenary year so this issue features some historical pictures at their request. Our retirees have a wealth of information and anecdotes about the "old days", some good, some sad, some funny. I implore the members of the WCB Retirees Association to submit stories, artifacts and bits of forgotten history as you are the experts; you are the gatekeepers of the old days, the obi-wan of compensation in the province. (I might be getting a bit carried away here).



Dominion Cartridge Company Ltd. wood-frame no. 2 blasting machine



Paint spray respirator

We have also had a request from [Laine Dalby, Editor, WorkSafeBC](#) who advised that her staff had uncovered about 15 items from their archives and wanted to know if any of the retirees had any information about them. She has sent us 3 out of a possible 15 for consideration, although they appear to have now been identified. Two are featured on the previous page.



Two pages from a scrap book kept by WCB Commissioner Chris Pritchard from 1945—1955.

Ashtray Mystery

Someone here at WorkSafeBC has an old “WCB-issued pink ashtray.” We’re trying to get more information about it. Apparently back in the day, everyone was allowed to smoke at their desk and if you did, you got a pink or blue ashtray, depending on your gender. I’d love to know

- What time period was this?
- How many staff had these?
- What was it like to smoke at your desk in the old days?
(were some people bothered by that?)
- Any other memories of that time?

If possible, can you contact our retirees and ask them if they have any additional info?

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So there you have it - even the ashtrays some of us used are considered artifacts. (I actually didn't know about the pink and blue ashtrays).

I have my own memento.

Remember these?



Jim Nielsen, Chairman, approx 1988 presented every employee with these gym bags. I still have mine. Do you?

Wendy Pantages, Editor





Due to the interest shown at the AGM in April, we have booked the following cruise for interested WCB retirees and guests on [July 24, 2017](#).

This dining cruise departs at 11 a.m. Embark on a 4-hour float through Vancouver's scenic Inner Harbor and Burrard Inlet. Relax and admire unobstructed views of the city skyline and natural landmarks like Stanley Park, Indian Arm – a 12-mile (18-km) steep-sided glacial fjord – and the stunning Coast Mountain Range. Hear about the dramatic landscape, an area of verdant forests that was once covered in glaciers. Lunch consists of a delectable buffet featuring an array of regional dishes from creative salads to fresh salmon and roasted chicken. As you eat, admire views of Silver Falls and enjoy chance sightings of local wildlife like seals, bald eagles, herons or black bears. Your dining cruise ends back at the departure point in Vancouver .

Recommend Meet Time: 10:00 a.m.

(your pre-paid tickets for cruise will be handed out prior to boarding)

Boarding: 10:30 a.m.

Departure: 11:00 a.m.

Returning: 3:00 p.m.

Cost: \$72.25 per person

[Seats will go quickly as this is a popular cruise for tourists as well as locals. Please sign up early and send your money in so we can secure the necessary number of seats.](#)

Cheque payable to [Carol Sallenback](#) at 2555—127 St., Surrey, BC V4A 6J8. Payment must be received by Carol no later than [July 7, 2017](#). Money is non refundable after July 7, 2017.

You may hear from the Phone Committee to confirm your reservation. If you do not receive a call, please contact [Rina Luchin directly at 604-253-8547 or 778-228-2840](#)

Address: 501 Denman Street—located at the North end of Denman which is at the intersection of Denman and Georgia. Public Parking is right above the marina and costs \$14.00 per day. Please note the parking machine only takes credit cards.

Deadline to sign up: July 2, 2017

Deadline for Payment: July 7, 2017

Welcome Mat

BARBOUR, Heather
BERTRAND, Michael
DEAN, Susan
DIETIKER, Debbie
DREADON, John
FAVELLE, Kerri
KRAMER, Alex
NICHOLS, Elizabeth



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View our web site at www.wcbra.com which profiles upcoming retirements, social events and has links to relevant BC Government sites on health, pension, seniors and retirees

And lastly we have had a **request** from the Senior Communications Advisor of the **pension plan** publication, WorkSafeBC's Report to Members. They are looking for a variety of "short inspirational quotes" from retirees and want to give retirees "a chance to reflect on the pension plan and share their thoughts" for their next annual publication. I think they want to know how retirement is treating you. Please send your quotes to:

Nadine Wallace

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Visit us online at bcpc.pensionsbc.ca



The "B" Social Club allows members of the Association to participate in their sponsored "offers" and events.

PLAYLAND DISCOUNT TICKETS 2017 PNE Fair to be held Aug 19—Sept 4

WorkSafeBC 2017 Online Promotion Code is **CP7635KB**. This promotion code will enable employees (as well as retirees) to purchase discounted tickets for Playland, the PNE, Fright Nights, and other special events at Hastings Park, such as Disney on Ice. To purchase tickets online, visit the [PNE group sales online Ticket Program Events Web Page www.pne.ca/groupsales](http://www.pne.ca/groupsales) <<http://www.pne.ca/groupsales>> to purchase tickets for the event of your choice. Then just follow the on-screen instructions.

Playland group purchase order: Play passes for \$25 (reg \$36) pre-payment is required before order is placed.

Ticket information is not yet available for hockey or football as there has been staff turnover within the BC Lions and the Canucks. Information may be available for the fall issue of the newsletter.

Soccer ticket inquiries can be made to Ernest.Salcedo@worksafebc.com

Movie Tickets: Please e-mail Sally Melo (Sally.Melo@worksafebc.com) to order @\$9.25 ea.

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Calendar of Events 2017

July 24	Mon	Indian Arm Cruise
October 4	Wed	Semi-Annual Meeting/ Lunch
Dec 6	Wed	Christmas Lunch at Marine Drive Golf Course



Kids today don't know how easy they have it. When I was young, I had to walk 9 feet through shag carpet to change the TV channel!

Current Executive

Maryanne Schulz	President
Margaret Perry	Vice President
Carol Sallenback	Treasurer
Christine Lucovic	Secretary
Rina Luchin	Director
Wendy Pantages	Director, Editor
Loraine Fraser	Director, Web Master
Eldon Johnston	Director
Carole Peterson	Director
Carol Christopher	Director
Virginia Caldwell	Director



We welcome our new Director, [Virginia Caldwell](#). Virginia had joined WorkSafeBC in March 1999 as Sr. Administrative Assistant to Roberta Ellis, who was then Vice President Prevention Division. Over the next 17 years, as Roberta's areas of responsibilities changed, so did Virginia's as she continued her role of supporting Roberta in the Review Division, the Policy & Regulation Division, and then in the Human Resources Division. Virginia changed her focus again in June 2016 to become a 'retiree'. Prior to Virginia's move to British Columbia to be closer to her kids and grandkids, she worked many years in the Public Sector in Ontario. Virginia states "BC is home now, and I'm excited to have this opportunity to contribute to our WCB Retirees' Association".