

Renowned pollster Angus Reid to share passion for big issues



Renowned Canadian pollster Angus Reid, known for his ability to identify trends that have influenced society, has spent more than four decades asking people what they think and feel about critical social, governance and economic issues.

And, on Friday, Sept.22nd he will share his passion for independent research and big public policy issues with the Association of Former MLAs of BC as its members celebrate their 30th anniversary gathering at Government House in Victoria.

Dr. Angus Reid brings with him a weighty list of credentials and credits. Through the 1980s right up to 2002 he was Founder, Chair and Chief Executive Officer of the Angus Reid Group in Winnipeg following his early career as a university professor. The company grew organically from its Winnipeg base to become the largest, most recognized market research organization in Canada with 300 staff and significant international operations including partnerships with Canadian media, the Economist and CNN in Atlanta. The company sold to Ipsos in 2000 and is now branded as Ipsos Reid.

Angus and son Andrew started Vision Critical in 2000. The company became one of Canada's largest cloud based private technology companies with 700 employees, \$110 million in revenue and offices around the world. The company's award winning software was

created and maintained at its Vancouver development lab. Vision Critical online software powers the market research and customer insight programs of many of the top 500 companies worldwide.

Reid stepped down as CEO in 2014 to engage in his original passion: public opinion research. At the time he told the Vancouver Sun that the media has little money to spend on polling, and when governments do their own polling (separate from the political parties within them), they often don't make their results public.

He saw big public policy issues, from youth voter-engagement to attitudes and understanding of energy projects and pipelines, begging for truly independent research.

"I really want to focus my remaining years on this thing we're calling the Angus Reid Institute," Reid said. He wanted to model the institute on the American Pew Research Center, as a non-profit, non-aligned public-policy research centre that has no corporate interests or political affiliation.

Reid is Chair of the Angus Reid Institute, a federally incorporated charitable foundation dedicated to measurement and advancement of public opinion in Canada on critical social, economic and policy issues. Funded by Reid, the institute fills a growing gap between the need for data on public opinion and declining support for non-partisan research among traditional sponsors such as the media and government.

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From the Editor's Desk

The next June edition of *Orders of the Day* will be the last chance to report on how our patriotic community of former MLAs plans to celebrate Canada's 150th on July 1st. The "Summer" issue of OOTD will be published towards the end of July.

With that in mind, I urge you to email us or drop us a snail mail to share your plans to celebrate Canada's Sesquicentennial milestone. If you can pronounce it, you can celebrate it.

Finding out what is going on in your town is as simple as a call to the local newspaper, recreation commission or chamber of commerce or as simple as a Google search.

There will be celebrations from Fort Nelson to Sooke.

Victoria will be celebrating our nation with a special series of free local, family-friendly community events. In fact, the party started at the Inner Harbour on New Year's Eve and Donna and I were there to participate in the celebrations. From June 21st through July 1st there will be 10 days of free outdoor events at the Inner Harbour. The city will celebrate our nation and our city's multicultural artistry, and diverse food and beverage offerings, all culminating with a spectacular fireworks display on Canada Day. Visit the Victoria Spirit of 150 website for a full schedule of Canada 150 events.

In Vancouver, the celebrations will be known as "Canada 150+" in recognition of the much longer history that the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations people have in the area. Many of the celebrations will be focused around Canada Day on July 1st, but throughout the summer there will be plenty of reasons to raise a glass to Canada and wish her a happy birthday. Visit the Vancouver Tourism website for celebration details.

Do you have something special planned? Do you have a special reason to celebrate? Please share them with us at: PO Box 31009, University Heights PO, Victoria, V8N 6J3 or by email at ootd.afmlabc@gmail.com.

(PS: Your June issue of OOTD will include all the information you need to purchase your tickets to attend the AFMLABC's 30th anniversary dinner at Government House on September 22nd.)



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Orders of the Day was conceived, named and produced in its early stages by Bob McClelland, former MLA and cabinet minister, following his retirement from office. Hugh Curtis ably helmed this publication up through May 2014.

2017 Association Dues

It's that time again. Dues for 2017 are due.

Annual membership in the Association is \$60 (unchanged from previous years) and that includes the subscription fee for *Orders of the Day* (OOTD).

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Angus Reid to speak

The Angus Reid Institute commissions, researches and disseminates original impartial statistical public opinion polling and policy analysis. It makes this information available through its website and via publications, news media, consultants, social media channels and through its partners.

In fall 2016, the Angus Reid Institute and Canadian Broadcasting Corporation partnered for a nationwide polling project. Stories from the study included Canadian views of multiculturalism in 2016, Quebec's diminished desire for separatism and the lower levels of pride among Canadian millennials.

Angus Reid has also published a column discussing the perceptions and realities of multiculturalism in Canada. He has written numerous columns on economic, social and governance issues and well as the best-seller; "Shakedown: How the New Economy is Changing our Lives" (1996). He has a B.A. and an M.A. in Sociology from the University of Manitoba, and in 1974 he received a Ph.D. in Sociology from Carleton University in Ottawa.

He is the recipient of a Canada Council Doctoral Fellowship, the Entrepreneur of the Year award, and was inducted into the Marketing Hall of Legends (2010).

Government House adds accessibility ramp



BC Government House has just completed the construction of the Barrier Free Access Ramp that will allow more people with accessibility issues to readily get inside the historic home of the Lieutenant Governor. Before the ramp was built guests with mobility issues had to be escorted from the East entrance to the elevator, then up to the Main Floor.



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Legislature display remembers Vimy 100 years later

The Legislative Assembly of BC has unveiled a new exhibit commemorating the centennial of the Battle of Vimy Ridge.

“The 100th Anniversary of the First World War Battle of Vimy Ridge” includes two information panels and a listening station with Members' statements on various anniversaries of the Battle.

Members featured include David Mitchell, Bill Barlee, Val Anderson, Gordon Campbell, Gretchen Brewin, Brian Kerr, Katherine Whittred, Charlie Wyse, Leonard Krog, Gordon Hogg, Chuck Puchmayr and Carole James. Their words address various aspects of BC's First World War involvement, including women, aboriginal soldiers, and the bravery of all the men who fought during the war. They also speak to Vimy's legacy, thanking those veterans for preserving the freedoms we enjoy today.

As I look around this House I see a well-lit, comfortable room that is warm and safe. Eighty-six years ago it was a very different story. Men did not spend four years in a building such as this. They spent four years in the trenches. In the trenches, our grandfathers and great-grandfathers lived lives of filth and misery... great sacrifices that were made by those who came before us so that we could debate freely all the issues that are important to us today.

(MLA Brian Kerr, 2003)

One of the panels reminds us that “The Great War” brought out the best and worst in British Columbians.

It states: “In addition to the Canadian Expeditionary Force, many other British Columbians served on the frontlines - including women in the Nursing Sisters Corp, First Nation soldiers and Sikh volunteers with the Indian Army.

“On the home front, British Columbia contributed raw materials, provisions, and equipment, including Sitka spruce, tinned salmon and submarines.

“The home front was also the site of the internment of members of the Croatian, German, Hungarian, Polish, Serbian and Ukrainian communities - the so-called enemy aliens.

“More BC residents enlisted per capita than in any other province in Canada. Among them were various Members of the Legislative Assembly including: George Hanes, William Henry Hayward, John William McIntosh, Kenneth Forrest Duncan, Joseph Clearihue, Joshua Hinchcliffe, Cyrus Peck, and Nelson Spencer. Cyrus Peck received the Victoria Cross for bravery and another soldier, George Pearkes, later became the Lieutenant Governor of BC.

“From Vimy Ridge, British Columbians soldiered on until the end of the war on November 11, 1918. 'The war to end all wars' did not end as quickly as anticipated, nor did it end all armed conflict. British Columbia's contribution to the First World War will not be forgotten.”

Visit the Parliament Buildings to explore the exhibit and listen to the words of your colleagues, past and present. If you'd like to read the panels online, please visit the Learning Resources page of the Assembly's new website at <https://www.leg.bc.ca/learn-about-us/learning-resources> and scroll down to Exhibits.



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John Shields: A champion of social justice



John Shields, a champion of social justice who served seven two-year terms as BCGEU president between 1984 and 1999, died in Victoria in March at 78.

Shields is survived by wife Robin June Hood, stepdaughter Nikki Sanchez Hood and family and friends. He was predeceased by his first wife, Madeleine (Longo) Shields, who died in 2005 after a long illness.

Shields died in hospice care at Royal Jubilee Hospital through the medically assisted dying program.

After breaking his back in a car accident in 2015, Shields discovered he had a rare, terminal blood disease. In the weeks before his death, he participated in the Living Well, Dying Well program through the Centre for Earth and Spirit, a charity he helped found dedicated to Earth-based spirituality and awareness.

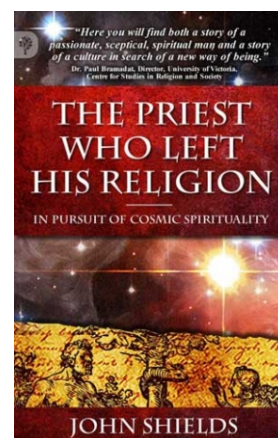
Shields was born in 1938 in New York City where he grew up. He moved to Canada in 1969 and worked for 15 years as a social worker with the Victoria Family and Children's Service.

BCGEU president Stephanie Smith said: "It's a sad day for the BCGEU. John was a great friend to me and so many of us at the BCGEU and within the labour movement nationally. He felt 'equal pay for equal work' was a mantra. He was a true feminist in that way ... We've lost a real warrior. He's left a hole we're all going to have to pull together to fill."

During his tenure with the BCGEU, Shields negotiated landmark pay-equity agreements and advocated for women's, workers' and First Nations rights. The organization said in a statement that Shield's legacy, "can be found in every workplace in BC in the improved working conditions, benefits and wages that were achieved during his time leading the BCGEU."

Before Shields moved to Canada, he was an ordained Catholic priest, theology teacher and civil-rights advocate. He obtained a master's degree in theology from St. Paul's College in Washington, D.C., where he joined Reverend Martin Luther King in silent vigil during national debates around the Civil Rights Act.

Shields became disillusioned with the church when it changed direction from the progressive approach under Pope John XXIII. He left the priesthood to pursue other spiritual paths aligned with his values, a journey he detailed in the 2011 book "The Priest Who Left His Religion in Pursuit of Cosmic Spirituality." He continued to write about his spiritual journey and the dying process on his website blog.



John Shields: The true measure of the man

By Bob Plecas

You can get the true measure of a person sitting across from them at a collective agreement bargaining table.

You learn how ideological they are, how committed to their cause. Are they willing to work hard; are they problem solvers, or just hell raisers; are they conceptual or lineal thinkers; how tough are they; can they deal constructively with serious issues, but still find time for tension breaking laughter?

I sat across from John Shields when he was President of the BCGEU on many occasions. I represented the management side. He was smart, came to realize I wasn't there as a Socred. Sure, my marching orders came from cabinet, but I was at the table because I was the senior public servant responsible for human resources. Many in his caucus never had that degree of sophistication. John told me in later years he had a harder job bargaining with his caucus than with me. I told him he should try a Socred cabinet. Time had passed; we could both laugh.

We battled. We had two strikes, long and bitter. In the heat of the day it was difficult to separate those differences. Government was downsizing, and then in the next round privatizing. It impacted his members significantly.

After those days were over we became, well, not come-to-dinner friends, but friendly respectful colleagues. I left government in 1991 at the BCGEU's insistence, but Glen Clark asked me to return five years later to set up the children's ministry. The cabinet froze the budget the first year. John was as annoyed as me and we teamed up. He dealt with the politics; I with the bureaucrats. We pulled every trick we knew, twisted every arm. The result: An increase of 250 staff and \$100 million.

Years later, 2015, I was appointed to look into a child welfare matter for the minister. One of my first phone calls was to John for his counsel.

I had discovered he was not ideological in a political sense, but in a social sense. He was extremely committed to the causes he believed in. He tirelessly put in the long hours, was a conceptual thinker, unbelievably tough and effective. All that was wrapped in a package of kindness with a ready laugh and a great sense of humour.

Most importantly, he was one of the most principled men I have ever had the privilege to work with. BC is worse off for his loss.



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When initiative fails, real initiative is needed

By Jim Hume

When former NDP Premier Mike Harcourt introduced the Recall and Initiative Act in 1995 it was welcomed by many as a refreshing change to the political process in British Columbia. For the first time in history Canada's westernmost electorate would have the opportunity to organize and persuade the government to establish laws wanted "by the people" but not necessarily favoured by the elected law makers.

The new act also made it possible for voters disappointed with the performance of MLAs they had elected in a general election or by-election to be fired and replaced. It was politely named "recall" and there was general rejoicing in the land until disenchanting voters tried to use the wonderful new weapon a seemingly kind government had given them to discipline the elected between elections.

The rejoicing proved premature.

Since the Recall and Initiative Act came into force in the closing years of the 20th Century 26 recall petitions have been launched and approved by the Chief Electoral Officer. But hold the cheering for democratic progress because of the 26 recall petition applications "approved" by the CEO only six moved on to the application verification stage where five were rejected because they didn't have enough valid signatures and one was halted during the verification process because the member under "review" resigned his seat.

The placating carrot dangled temptingly was proving hard to bite by the number of registered voter signatures required to achieve the ultimate goal of removing an allegedly defaulting MLA. How many signatures? Says Elections BC: "A voter can only petition to recall the Member for the electoral district in which they are registered to vote. The voter must collect signatures from **more than 40 per cent** of voters eligible to sign the petition."

The **more than 40 per cent** bold face emphasis is the CEO's not mine. He wanted the collectors to be sure they knew what they were getting into and the fact that in BC there have been 26 recall starts but no finishes would indicate they learned the hard way that recalling a democratically elected MLA was not impossible, but it is tough and could be an expensive objective to achieve.

The "initiative" half of the Recall and Initiative Act is even tougher to achieve and requires an army of volunteers to collect petition signatures and involves considerable expense. At first glance the support signatures required seem a relatively easy 10 per cent until we discover that the 10 per cent must come from "the registered voters in each of the province's electoral districts for an initiative petition to succeed." There are 87 electoral districts in BC with quite a few embracing vast areas of sparsely populated land.

Of the 10 initiative petitions launched since 1945, the 2010 last hurrah campaign launched by then private citizen and former premier Bill Vander Zalm to end the Harmonized Sales Tax was the only one to be successful. It was a



triumphant time for the old spell binder at his best. He needed 299,611 signatures on his petition. When he presented it there were 713,883 of which only 557,383 were verified on audit but more than enough to force the referendum that got rid of the harmonized collection system but not, as most voters seemed convinced, the taxes it had collected. It didn't. Federal and provincial sales taxes are still in force but collected separately.

Among the other initiatives, two were withdrawn, two were never submitted and the others "failed insufficient signatures." The last to finish in that category was this year's bid by Paramedics to be declared an essential service and included as such in the Fire and Police Services Collective Bargaining Act. Their army of volunteers collected 215,192 signatures but fell far short of the 10 per cent of the more than three million voters registered.

It is ironic that in 2010 when Paramedics went on strike to improve their working conditions they were quickly legislated back to work as an essential service. Today the government argues it would cost too much to permanently affirm what they temporarily proclaimed seven years ago. It refuses to include Paramedics with firefighters and law and order officers. The move would cost Paramedics the right to strike, but government says settlement by binding arbitration of future collective agreements to improve high pressure working conditions would be too costly for taxpayers.

The end result means Paramedics will continue as a minor health care component under the Health Authorities Act lumped in with "hospital support workers." Although there are 4,000 Paramedics in the province they make up only 10 per cent of the total "support worker" group which includes janitors and general labourers.

The refusal of governments to acknowledge the skills of Paramedics and the pressures they undergo while applying those skills on a never-ending basis is mystifying. There should not need be difficulty achieving a citizen's initiative to place Paramedics alongside our two other front line essential services. It's where they belong.

The Great Trail: A work in progress across Canada

In time for Canada's 150th birthday July 1st, a "Great Trail" will cover about 24,000 kilometres of this nation from the Atlantic to the Pacific to the Arctic oceans making it one of the most expansive recreational use trails in the world.

Also known as the "Trans Canada Trail," it is a work in progress, a vast network of biking and walking trails that sprawls across Canada. The creation of the trail was born of Canada's 125th anniversary celebrations in 1992. It has its counterparts in such other greenway routes as the 12 European routes, the UK's National Cycle Network, and the U.S Numbered Bicycle Routes network.

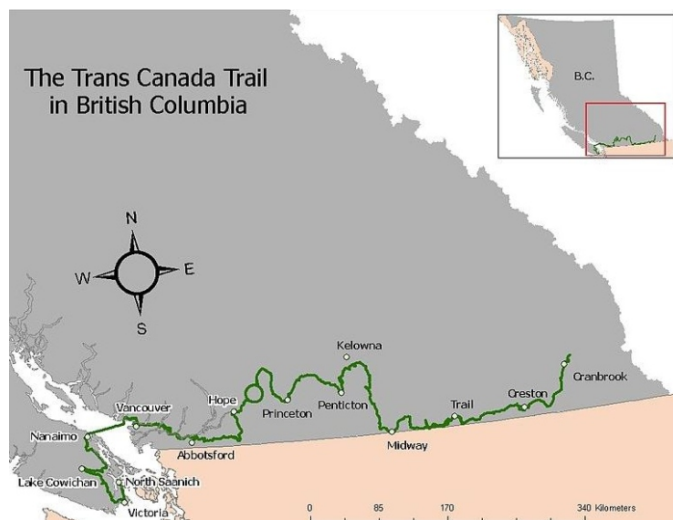
To date it has been funded largely by Canadian federal and provincial governments, with significant contributions from corporate and individual donors. The first province to complete its designated section of the trail was PEI.

The network is made up of more than 400 community trails. Each trail section is developed, owned and managed locally by trail groups, conservation authorities and by municipal, provincial and federal governments, in parks such as Gatineau Park and along existing trails such as Vancouver Island's 55 km Galloping Goose Trail.

Significant parts of the trail are repurposed defunct rail lines donated to provincial governments by CP and CN rail and rebuilt as walking trails. As such, much of the Trans Canada Trail development emulated the successful 'Rail-to-Trails' initiative in the United States, whereby these transportation corridors are "rail banked" as recreational trails, allowing conversion back to rail should future need arise.

The Trans Canada Trail may be one of the largest volunteer projects ever undertaken in Canada. The main section runs along the southern areas of Canada connecting most of Canada's major cities and most populous areas. There is also a long northern arm which runs through Alberta to Edmonton and then up through northern BC to the Yukon.

The map of BC below shows the Trans Canada Trail starting in North Saanich.



The trail is multi-use and depending on the section may allow hikers, cyclists, horseback riders, cross country skiers and snowmobilers. It is intended that the trail be equipped with regularly spaced pavilions that provide shelter as well as fresh water to travellers, but this varies widely from section to section and from province to province.

Some early adopters of the trail say it is not living up to expectations. They claim that some parts of it are off limits to bicycles while other parts are spread out and hard to actually access.

"On the face of it, it seems like a dream come true. The reality not so much," says trail user Richard Roussey. "To date it is a hodge-podge of local trails, some paved, most not paved. Some limited to bikes and pedestrians. Some are 'Oops, you have to use the highway for 35 kilometers because ... canyon. One section was arbitrarily designated part of the trail, but is actually prohibited to bicycles."

Due to Canada's not so friendly winter climate, cycling, of course, is not an overly reliable method of year round transport. But the activity is on an upswing. Events like Bike to Work Week here in BC are encouraging the use of bicycles and have more than 7,500 new riders this year alone. In Ottawa, Toronto, and Vancouver there are designated bicycle lanes which provide safer travel. In Vancouver, designated bike lanes have also contributed to the 40 per cent growth in bicycle users between the years of 2008-2011.

The Trans Canada Trail is not the first of its kind. The European EuroVelo trails have a combined total length of 45,000 km (almost double the total length of the Trans Canada Trail) with a total of 15 different trails spreading through 44 countries. The EuroVelo, conceived in 1995, was envisioned to be just 12 different trails, but quickly expanded in scope.

Just a Club member caught in a couture death spiral

By Brian Kieran

Many former MLAs will remember the days when members of the Legislative Assembly were welcomed with open arms as guests to the inner sanctum of the Union Club of BC.

Several MLAs even made those hallowed halls their home away from home. Indeed, one of my first ever visits to the Club was as a dinner guest of Bill Vander Zalm. I joined the Club a few years later when member Jim Hume announced that he was tired of carrying me, his regular guest, on his drinks chit.

A lot has changed over the years. More than 20 years ago women were invited to join and the Club has truly benefitted from that burst of enlightenment. One thing that did not change was the dress code. In a world where "smart casual" (read: designer blue jeans) has become de rigueur, the Club remained gray flannelled with sharp pleats.

Well, my friends, all that has changed. Just published in the current Club newsletter is the new meaning of Smart Casual for Gentlemen ... "Collared shirts (including polo styled collared shirts); Trousers (including dark and fitted denim); Fitted dress shorts; Shoes or closed toed sandals."

Jeans and sandals? This is the end of Western Civilization as I know it.

Back in the day, as a 'professional' Boomer trotting the globe and mixing with royalty, prime ministers and assorted villains, it was my partner's keen 'sens de la mode' that always pulled me back from the brink of career-diminishing fashion breaches.

About 10 or 12 years ago - I recall it as if it was yesterday - I was frog-marched into Finns on 41st in Kerrisdale and fitted for a pin-stripe charcoal Italian suit. The elegant Canali fit my lean frame like a Stradivarius slides under a violinist's chin.

Within about a year, I had packed on so much weight that I looked like Sicilian roadkill and my Canali was relegated to a sealed clothing bag and sent to the closet where it has languished ever since.

You can imagine my delight this spring, after a winter of dieting and exercise, when I discovered I could again fit into my Canali without embarrassment. It came out of hibernation with all its genetic Italian elegance intact and I could once again strut the Union Club's hallways and chambers with pride.

I donned my Canali recently for a working business lunch with several colleagues at the Club. The women were outfitted in a variety of flattering pant suit, dress and skirt ensembles. My two male colleagues were something



else entirely. I found myself seated across from a couple of fellow Boomers in khaki cargo pants and wrinkled windbreakers. They could not even have got through the door at a model call for a Zellers flyer.

And, this was weeks prior to the dress code change. I swear, I and my revered Club are victims of a Boomer fashion crisis. Doyothang.com tells me this is all the fault of Millennials who get stressed out if they have to go to work in anything more formal than the clothes they slept in.

Men's Wearhouse known for its suit wear promoted by founder George Zimmer, my hero, just recently changed its dress code policy from business formal to business casual. One of the main reasons it did this was to attract younger Millennials into the store.



Business casual, by the way, constitutes wearing a pair of pants that are a different color than your blazer whether it is a pair of slacks, khakis or even jeans. Forget about pulling a neck tie off the rack; it will look stupid with your polo shirt.

According to a recent study, America's 92 million Millennials, born between 1982 and 2000, exceed the 75.4 million Baby Boomers. The bold relaxation of standards at Men's Wearhouse was the death knell for Zimmer who was unceremoniously fired by his own hand-picked board of directors.

I wish I'd gone to lunch with George. We would have had something to talk about, being a couple of over the hill Boomers caught in the death spiral of business couture and bidding farewell to an age when a fine suit was the measure of the man.

Adviser, advisor ... learned that the hard way

By Brian Kieran

When I started researching how the banks trick clients with misleading titles for bottom tier employees being hounded to meet sales targets, I was reminded of Woody's famous line in the TV sitcom Cheers: "Flammatory, inflammatory ... learned that the hard way."

A common trick for misleading banking and investment customers - many of them seniors trying to augment their retirement income - is the financial sector's use of the term "financial advisor" spelled with an "o."

"Advisor" is an unregulated title that anyone can use, whereas the title "adviser" spelled with an "e" can only be used if the employee has a fiduciary responsibility to the client.

A recent report by the Small Investor Protection Association (SIPA) found there are 121,932 total registrants in Canada in the investment industry. Only 4,076 are registered in the category where a true fiduciary professional responsibility is legally required to be delivered to you as the investor.

A fiduciary is an individual in whom another has placed the utmost trust and confidence to manage and protect property or money. This person has an obligation to act for another's benefit. The duties of a fiduciary include loyalty and reasonable care of the assets within custody. All of the fiduciary's actions are performed for the advantage of the beneficiary.

So, what about the other 117,856 registrants? They fall under the most common registration category and are called Dealing Representatives. What exactly does Dealing Representative mean? According to the Canadian Securities Administrators (CSA) a "Dealing Representative is a sales person ... what they can sell depends on the firm they work for and their registration."

The Ontario Securities Commission confirms that "adviser" is a legal term under securities law that describes a person or company that is registered to give advice about securities, whereas "advisor" is not. And, the CSA confirms that it does not regulate most titles used by employees in the financial industry.

"Financial Advisor ... is a common title which many persons use, whether they are registered under securities legislation or not. The use of this title is not generally prohibited, and may be used by anyone, including persons who are only licensed to deal in insurance products, mortgage brokers, deposit agents, or employees of financial institutions."

Chris Besko,
Acting Director, Manitoba Securities
Commission
(Responding to a SIPA question to the CSA.)



Many bank employees who've recently contacted CBC's Go Public say they act more like salespeople than anything else because of pressures from managers to hit revenue targets.

A financial services representative at TD Bank told CBC if a client has money in a savings account, she's encouraged to get them to buy TD mutual funds instead of giving financial advice she thinks would be better, such as paying down a credit card or high-interest loan.

An RBC branch manager in BC says tellers are now called "client advisors," and are required to get a licence to sell mutual funds. RBC says it "stands behind the advice and support" its "investment advisors provide to clients."

Bank employees at all levels at BMO and Scotiabank told CBC their titles are misleading because they're under pressure to sell bank-owned mutual funds and other products to boost the bottom line.

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It's the most Canadian thing: Sask. beaver herds cattle

Call it a cow-beaver.

Ranchers northeast of Regina are shaking their heads after watching a herd of curious bovines slowly follow a beaver across one of their pastures.

Adrienne Ivey and her husband Aaron were out checking their 150 cattle near Ituna on Good Friday when they noticed something odd.

The cattle were gathered together and walking slowly behind a beaver, with some of the heifers lowering their heads to get a closer look at the furry cowboy with a funny-looking tail.

When the beaver stopped, the herd would stop, and then follow again when the rodent resumed its stroll.

Ivey told radio station CJME that she and her husband are used to herding their cows with horses or quads, but nothing like this.

She said young cattle are naturally curious, while the beaver seemed to ignore all the attention.

"We knew that people would get a great chuckle out of it because you cannot get more Canadian than that," said Ivey, who posted a video of the beaver-bovine cattle drive on Facebook.

"We talk about how awesome our Canadian beef is, but a beaver leading cattle around? It's the most Canadian thing ever!"

Ivey said the beaver was probably looking around the pasture for a place to build a dam.

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Coin toss decides winner of small Illinois village election

MARION, Ill. (AP) — The flip of a coin decided the next leader of a tiny town in southern Illinois after an election earlier this month ended in a tie.

Williamson County Clerk Amanda Barnes said Bryan Riekema let fellow candidate Tammy O'Daniell-Howell choose heads or tails before the coin toss. She picked heads.

Barnes said she "let it just fall to the ground" and it landed on heads, making O'Daniell-Howell village president in Colp, home to about 250 residents.

After her victory, O'Daniell-Howell said she made a promise to Riekema that if she won she would work to find a place for him on the village board.

"I intend to honor that promise," said the lifelong resident of the village. "We need young voices, we need change, and we need growth."

O'Daniell-Howell has been the village clerk since 2009. Riekema describes his occupation as "geek." He attended Southern Illinois University on a swimming scholarship and stayed in the area after earning a bachelor's degree in chemistry.

O'Daniell-Howell said her long-term plans for the town include creating a community center which would also function as a storm shelter.

Barnes said she let both candidates inspect the 2016 North Dakota quarter before she tossed it.

The candidates each received 11 votes in the April 4 election. Illinois law calls for coin flips to settle ties.



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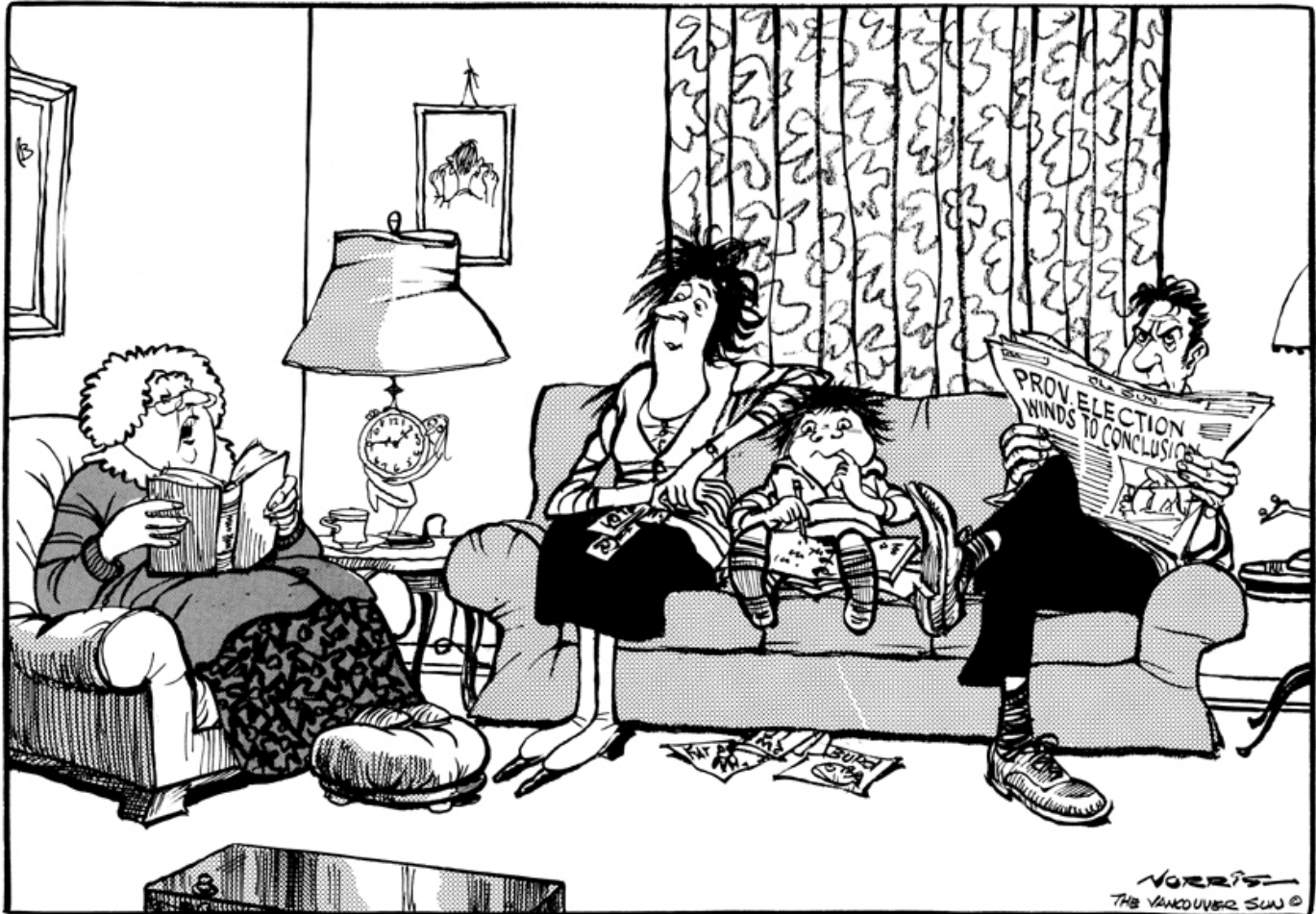
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May 3, 1983

"Think of the good side ... he has learned new words like hocus-pocus, bombast, balderdash, twaddle, and rant ..."

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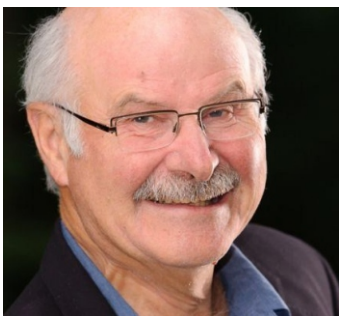
Where Are They Now?

Mike Harcourt

Each issue we ask a former Member of the Legislative Assembly the question: **Where are you now?** This month we approached former Premier Mike Harcourt, who has enjoyed a measure of public prominence since retiring.

Mike is a passionate believer in the power of cities and communities to improve the human condition. He has steadfastly maintained his focus on conservation and sustainable development and because of his efforts has played a significant role in promoting quality of life for those in Canada and abroad.

He sent us this personal update:



Our intrepid and much appreciated OOTD editor Brian Kieran asked if I could write a "what's Mike doing since retiring from politics piece."

Like most of you I've decreased my stress and workload and increased my quality of life and family time together.

Also, like most former MLAs, I remember and treasure the privilege of being elected, of having an opportunity to make a difference, and of trying to improve BC.

Since my 1996 retirement, after 24 years of political office in Vancouver and BC, I've been involved in a number of areas, ranging from co-writing three books and serving on a number of public sector boards. They include: the Vancouver International Airport (1998-2004), Metro Port Authority (1998-2004), the National Roundtable of the Economy and Environment (1996-2005), the BC Treaty Commission (2003-2007), Chair of Prime Minister Paul Martin's PM's Task Force on the National Role in Canada's Cities and Communities (2003-2006).

Then from 2001 to 2003, I headed up CitiesPLUS, a 100-year plan project for Greater Vancouver. The International Gas Union sponsored a competition with an independent jury of international urban experts. The jury chose CitiesPLUS for the grand prize. We beat out other finalists from India, USA, Mexico, Japan, China, Russia, Germany and Argentina.

As well I've become active in a lot of start-ups including: clean energy, life sciences and ICT companies. Boy, do I admire those entrepreneurs who can turn lithium battery, cancer testing and citizen engagement companies into raging commercial successes! Haven't hit it big yet, but three or four of them look promising.

Also like most of you, I'm still active in community issues:

- Chairing AGE WELL, a national NGO focussed on improving the quality of life for aging Canadians;
- Chairing QUEST (Quality Urban Energy Systems of Tomorrow) to help create sustainable cities and communities with community smart energy plans;
- The Board of Street to Home to house the chronically homeless in Vancouver in supportive housing;
- Building Community Society to try and transform Vancouver's Downtown Eastside;
- As well, I've been advising the Aboriginal Mother Centre Society.

As many of you know, I still think BC's key challenge and issue is to create a new relationship between aboriginal and non-aboriginal people. My key focus has been education (Dogwood 25 to help raise the aboriginal students high school graduation rate to the same level or higher as non-aboriginal students) and economic self sufficiency (chairing the Nisga'a Commercial Group of Companies from 2006 to 2011 and a member of the Musqueam Commercial Corporation Board from 2012 to the present).

On the more personal side I've tested out Medicare with a 2002/03 spinal cord operation and rehab and with open heart surgery in 2016 for a ballooning aorta, and lower back surgery. Tommy Douglas would be proud! I can vouch for our critical health care system being as good as you'll get anywhere in the world.

Lastly, as most of you've rediscovered, being more with family and friends is one of the great rewards of post-political life.

Beckie and I sold our McKenzie Heights home and bought a lot in Kitsilano at 1st and McDonald by Point Grey Road. We built an up and down duplex with our son Justin and his wife Natalie. We moved in Feb. 1st 2013. In January 2014 boy/girl twin grandkids arrived, Grace and London. It doesn't get any better than that!

Letters

Hi Brian:

Good March OOTD, particularly the 100 years of historical achievements.

Maybe I missed something, but I didn't see a mention of Kim Campbell, former BC MLA who became Canada's first Prime Minister, ditto for Rita Johnston first female BC premier, and Christy Clarke - first elected BC Premier.

Cheers,
Bruce Strachan

Brian and Rob:

Please find enclosed a cheque for Cliff's membership plus a tad extra which we know you can always use for newsletter production.

We are just back from Palm Springs where we spent the last two months. Cliff went in The Tour de Palm Springs, riding his bike 100 miles in 5 hours and 45 minutes. I went in the walk portion, didn't even break a sweat.

Good thoughts,
Lois and Cliff Serwa

Rob:

Sorry this cheque comes so late in the year. I have no idea if this will cover membership dues outstanding and hope that the amount leaves a little left over for extra items.

We both enjoy reading Orders of the Day, Lorne and I, and appreciate the effort you make producing a paper of such quality and variety.

Yours truly,
Frances and Lorne Nicolson

Brian:

Thank you for continuing to produce an excellent and very enjoyable publication. I look forward to each issue.

Please find enclosed my payment and a little extra.

Marion Reid

Editor:

We do enjoy reading the many updates from numbers of familiar voices from the past. You are doing a great job, Brian. Keep it up.

Thanks!
Charles Ennals

Brian:

Enclosed are my 2017 dues plus a little extra. Keep up the good work!

Kind regards,
Bill King

To the Editor:

Enclosed is my cheque to pay my dues for 2017 and contribute to the Hugh Curtis Memorial Fund. Your articles and news are much appreciated.

Keep up the good work.

Regards,
Jim Hewitt

To the Editor:

Enclosed is my cheque for my membership - consider the extra to be a donation for the great publication.

Keep up the great work and info on former colleagues.

Regards,
Randy Hawe

Dear Brian:

Keep up the good work - the Orders of the Day are very informative and entertaining.

Sober reading during the political silly season!

Brian Smith, QC

Re: Membership renewal and donation

Please find enclosed my cheque to cover 2017 membership in the Association, and a donation to meet other needs.

I very much appreciate the interesting articles and the overall quality of the Orders of the Day publications. Well done to: Editor Brian Kieran, Rob Lee, and the Editorial Board.

Please continue sending me the print copy via Canada Post.

Most sincerely,
Kenneth "Ken" Jones

Dear Editor:

I am very pleased to enclose a cheque for slightly more than the subscription - it's worth much more than that to continue receiving one of my favourite publications (and non-digital - a bonus!)

Thanks,
Michael Coleman

Brian:

I tried sending an email to the OOTD email address but got no response, so I'm not sure if it got through.

Herewith my cheque for the OOTD subscription fee.

Cheers,
Norma Sealey

On the way to 150 there were dark moments

It was 75 years ago this spring that the federal government issued an Order in Council to remove Japanese-Canadians from a 160-kilometre area of the BC coast.

The order targeted about 22,000 Japanese-Canadians labelled "enemy aliens" despite many of them having lived in Canada for generations. The internment was prompted by the Japanese attacks on Pearl Harbour and Hong Kong in December 1941. But, many say, it was the result of long-standing resentment against the thousands of Japanese-Canadians in BC.

This past month 56 sites across British Columbia were officially recognized by the Heritage BC as historic Japanese-Canadian places. They include language schools and churches and former work camps and internment centres.

Lorene Oikawa, president of the Greater Vancouver Japanese Canadian Citizens Association and vice-president of the National Association of Japanese Canadians, says the sites are a "very promising" part of recognizing the history of Japanese-Canadians in Canada.

Oikawa's mother's side of her family moved to Canada from Japan in the 1800s while her father's side came in 1906. Both sides spent time during the Second World War in internment camps.

Oikawa says: "I'm very happy that the 56 historic sites recognized include the incarceration sites and road camps. If you knew your history, if we know our history we wouldn't be repeating the same mistakes today."

Heritage BC has created an interactive map to show the 176 nominated Japanese-Canadian historic sites in the province and the 56 recognized ones. You can find it at <https://secure.heritagebc.ca/japanese-canadian-map/>.

Oikawa hopes the government does more to mark the sites with signs or interactive elements so that people can learn about Japanese-Canadian history in Canada when they come across the sites.

"This is BC history, this is Canadian history, it's the 150th anniversary of confederation so part of the celebrating is to take a look at our past and learn from our history," she says.

"Military necessity" was used as a justification for the mass removal and incarceration despite the fact that senior members of Canada's military and the RCMP had opposed the action, arguing that Japanese Canadians posed no threat to security.

And yet, the exclusion from the west coast would continue until 1949. The massive injustice was a culmination of the movement to eliminate Asians from the west coast begun decades earlier in British Columbia.



The order in 1942, to leave the "restricted area" and move 100 miles (160 km) inland from the west coast was made under the authority of the War Measures Act. Most were first held in the livestock barns at Hastings Park (Vancouver's Pacific National Exhibition grounds) and then moved to hastily built camps in the Interior.

Small towns in the Interior such as Greenwood, Sandon, New Denver and Slocan became internment quarters mainly for women, children and the aged. To stay together, some families agreed to work on sugar beet farms in Alberta and Manitoba where there were labour shortages.

Despite earlier government promises to the contrary, the Custodian of Enemy Alien Property sold the confiscated property. The proceeds were used to pay auctioneers and realtors, and to cover storage and handling fees. The remainder paid for the small allowances given to those in internment camps. Japanese Canadians were forced to pay for their own internment.

As the Second World War was drawing to a close, Japanese Canadians were encouraged to prove their loyalty by moving east of the Rockies immediately or sign papers agreeing to be repatriated to Japan when the war was over. Many moved to the Prairies, Ontario and Quebec. About 4,000, half of them Canadian-born, were exiled in 1946 to Japan.

In fact, no person of Japanese race born in Canada was ever charged with any act of sabotage or disloyalty during the war years.

On April 1, 1949, four years after the war was over, all the restrictions were lifted and Japanese Canadians were given full citizenship rights, including the right to vote and the right to return to the West Coast. But there was no home to return to. The Japanese Canadian community in British Columbia was virtually destroyed.