

## 2017: A Year in Review

Many “new norms” within environmental public health continued to infect the airwaves: ongoing food recalls because of potential Listeria presence, 100s of wildfires burning through the province, and climate change altering temperatures, precipitation, and life as we know it. From here, near, and far, environmental public health issues were present throughout 2017. Lead in drinking water and a malfunctioning Dengue Virus vaccine were a couple of the controversial topics in the forefront.

Lead in Flint Michigan’s drinking water blew up in the media back in 2016, however, some important outcomes of this disaster trickled out this past year. In January 2017, Flint’s lead levels were observed to be below the acceptable limit for 6-months on account of mitigation strategies that had been implemented. By the end of March, civil cases were being settled and the state of Michigan had an infrastructure upgrade strategy in place (CNN, 2017). The consequences of the crisis also had local effects as we saw the 2016 BC Ministry of Education’s lead sampling directive for public and independent schools more readily roll out. The Ministry of Health also released an interim guideline designed to guide public facilities through screening for lead and acting on any issues. BC health authorities were fielding questions, gathering data, providing guidance to public facilities, and developing strategies for future programs throughout 2017. Lead was heavy on the minds of all.

A promising breakthrough with a vaccine tackling an exotic illness was closely followed by an adverse outcome. Canadian drug company, Sanofi, developed a vaccine combatting Dengue Virus, a mosquito-carried illness effecting 100s of millions of individuals across the globe. Regrettably, it’s use was suspended in the Philippines, last year, when evidence began piling up that the vaccine was, in rare cases, causing more harm than good. Observations showed that those who had never been exposed to Dengue before were experiencing more serious symptoms upon being vaccinated; the company later released that it was aware of these potential risks. The vaccine has been demonstrated to be effective in the majority of the population, however, the damage was already done. The situation has unfortunately added to the mistrust with vaccination programs, particularly with nations that were already riddled with skepticism about these public health programs.

Many other notable public health developments, crises, breakthroughs, issues, successes, and losses were faced in 2017 and we can all anticipate that 2018 will bring its own trials and tribulations. Good luck in the coming year.

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# Branch Update

Happy New Year EPH Colleagues,

I trust you all enjoyed your time, however long or brief, with friends and family over the past holidays and that most of you are refreshed and ready for new challenges and successes this year.

In this somewhat special issue we have for you to get things back on track, the focus will be on highlighting the success of the CIPHI National 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Education Conference, held in Richmond, B.C. this past November.

While there has not be much time passed since my last update, there still has been some notable progress made by the Branch over the past couple months. First off, I am pleased to announce and welcome Mr. Casey Neathway, Interior Regional Manager with First Nations Health Authority, as our new BC Branch President-Elect. Once he has been brought up to speed he will be the one to take over providing you with these quarterly updates.

As you will note in this issue with the extended deadline for the 2017 BC Branch Awards, we did finally receive few nominations for our consideration. After some careful review the recipient of Alex Nilsson Awards was established to be Ms. Karen Rehbein and the 2017 Member of the Year award will be presented to Ms. Claudia Kurzac both awards being largely based on their respective roles in helping to organize the AEC in Richmond.

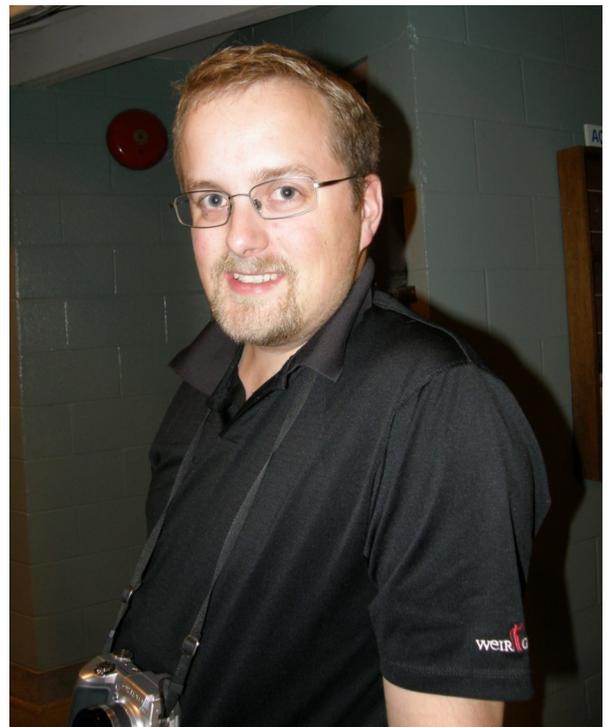
With the AEC in mind, I would also like to bring to your collective attention that the National Executive Council is looking into the feasibility of creating a National AEC Organizing Committee, with the intent to help alleviate the financial and logistical burdens faced by many Health Authority or Counties to be able continue to host this richly rewarding event on routine annual basis. As such, we will be sending out an expression of interest notice to all CIPHI members looking for volunteers to sit on this volunteer committee.

With that please stay warm and stay safe out there, especially when you are travelling around for work this winter.

Best Regards,



Gordon Moseley, Dip.T., B.Tech., C.P.H.I.(C)  
BC Branch President



**Remember to Renew!**

Keep an eye on your emails for details on the  
2018 Membership Renewal Drive Contest.

Hello CIPHI members and environmental health professionals alike! Welcome back again to Giardia's Corner with me, Giardia! We have seen 2017 come and go; bring on 2018! The 83rd Annual Education Conference was one of 2017's biggest highlights. Check this edition out for awards, pictures, and info showcasing the events that transpired in Richmond in early November. In addition to those exciting highlights, take a closer look into our Executive's newest member, Casey Neathway. Our recently elected, President Elect has just taken the reigns as Gordon Moseley moves into the Captain's seat as President.

Did you know you only have until January 31st, 2018 to submit your PDHs...take a look at the calendar...the end is nigh!

Check out Page 13 for more info!



## Casey Neathway — BC Branch President Elect

**Q1: What school did you go to for the ENVH program? What year did you graduate?**

A1: BCIT, class of 2008

**Q2: Where have you worked and what roles have you been in throughout your career?**

A2: I started in Vernon as a generalist EHO immediately after graduating, and then changed roles more or less every couple of years since then! I've been a land-use focused EHO, a Systems Support Specialist, a Licensing Team Leader, Executive Director at a First Nation, and now Regional Manager at FNHA (where I intend to stay put)

**Q3: How have you seen the focus of Environmental Public Health change over the years?**

A3: There's definitely been a move "upstream", with more of a focus on environmental impacts to chronic disease instead of just acute outcomes. Things like health in the built environment and radon awareness have become much more of a focus of our work.

**Q4: What is one of the most memorable moments or situations in your career so far?**

A4: My first Health Act Order was to a guy in a ratty 1970's motorhome from Alberta who had set up on a beach in the Okanagan offering tattoos. The motorhome had "SKULLYS TATTOOIN" painted on its side, and was every bit as bad as you could imagine.

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**Q5: As an EHO/PHI, one of your primary roles is to look for problems or issues; how have you stayed positive?**

A5: I prefer to put our work into the context of helping people find solutions. Identifying the problem is just the first step along that path. For every belligerent operator who thinks they know it all and/or just wants to argue, there are tons of well-meaning folks out there who truly appreciate the knowledge and expertise of our profession.

**Q6: On a scale of Educator to Enforcer, where would you place your health inspector style?**

A6: I've always been very much on the educator side of the spectrum. Now that I work in an environmental health framework without regulatory enforcement provisions, that approach and experience is very helpful to achieving compliance and reducing public health risks.

**Q7: Legislative recognition for CIPHI passed in September 2013 and mandatory membership was implemented in January of 2017, what do you see as the next big goal for CIPHI's BC Branch?**

A7: I would love to see more buy-in and participation by the regional health authorities in encouraging and supporting membership for those EHOs not covered under the mandatory requirements. I suspect that even partial employer support of fees would go a long way towards increasing membership.

**What is one of your favourite quotes?**

- Hanlon's Razor: "Never attribute to malice that which is adequately explained by stupidity"

**What's your favourite indoor/outdoor activity?**

- Indoors: finding ways to spend more time outdoors
- Outdoors: Backpacking, far away from civilization

**What is something you learned last week?**

- We have thousands of microscopic, spider-like demodex mites living on our faces. Usually they hang out in follicles, but they like to come out at night to mate on the surface of your skin.

**What do you miss about being a kid?**

- Not having bills to pay!

**WHICH WOULD YOU RATHER:**

1. **Read on a Kindle or paperback book?**
  - Definitely paperback. I may be a bit of a book hoarder
2. **Go skiing or snowshoeing?**
  - Snowshoeing
3. **Camp in an RV or stay in a tent?**
  - Tent
4. **Win the lottery or find your perfect job?**
  - Perfect job. I require structure in my life.

**News from BCIT**



Congratulations to (left to right) Vincent Man, Andrew Low, Chloe Letourneau, Viktor Lazouski, Jamie Zhang, and Brian Moore for being the CIPHI Health Promotion Project Winners. As the world of environmental public health is ever changing, this forward thinking group put forward a concept to help battle the rising concern with discarded needles that have been plaguing our streets.

# 83rd CIPHI Annual Education Conference

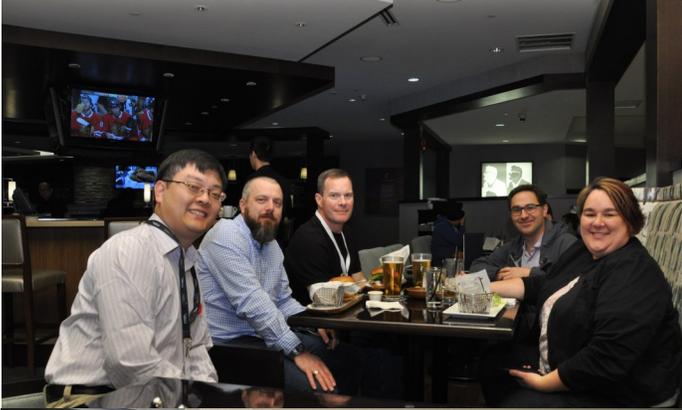
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## National and BC Branch Leadership



CIPHI National Executive Council (left to right) - Bag Piper, Ann Thomas, National President, Kari Angele-Carter, National President Elect, Dale Chen, BC Branch President, Evelien Meyer, AB Branch President, Kevin Kapell, SK Branch President, Ali Rana, MB Branch President, Raymond Ramdayal, ON Branch President, Nina Van Der Pluijm, NB Branch President, Sara Baird, NS/PEI Branch President, Gregory Barrett, NF&L Branch President.



The Board of Certification (left to right) - Keara Shaw (AB), Tonya Pugh (Canadian Forces), Janice Grammie (NS), Garth Gosselin (Past Chair), Tony Thepsouvanh (Chair), Ian Harrison (Vice Chair/SK), Angus Skinner (NB), Stephen Hancock (MB), Norine Schofield (ON), Gary Tam (BC).



Dale Chen, BC Branch Past President (left) and Gordon Moseley, BC Branch President (right).

## PD Hour Entry Tips

### When is the deadline to enter my PD hours?

All PD hours for 2017 must be entered **no later than January 31<sup>st</sup> 2018**. Start early!

### Where do I go to enter my PD hours?

1. Visit <http://www.ciphimember.ca> to access the Member Service Centre (MSC).
2. Under 'Professional Development' (left column), click 'Log PD hours'.

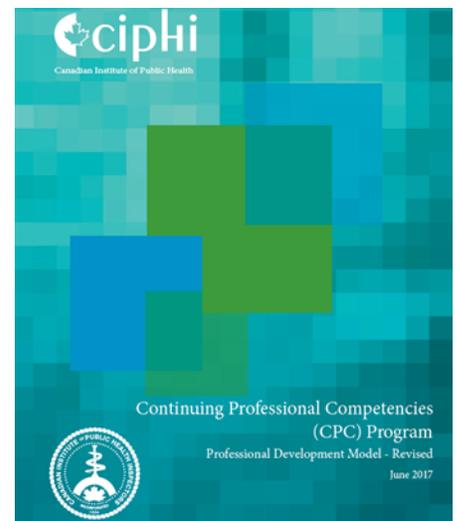
### Where do I find the document that explains the categories?

CPC Professional Development Model: <http://www.ciphi.ca/pdf/prodev.pdf>

Use this version (June 2017) when entering hours!

**'Section 4: Minimum Requirements'** on page 6 explains PD hour requirements and categories.

CoPE is working on simplifying the categories. Once completed, a simplified 'PD Hour Entry Tool' reflecting all the changes will be provided on the MSC.



### What if I am not practicing full time?

1. Complete a **'Declaration of Reduction of Professional Development'** form:
2. Upload/attach the completed form to your professional practice entry on the MSC.
3. Enter your minimum PD hour requirement by January 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year\*.

\*Non-practicing members must meet a minimum requirement of 2.5 PD hours.

**Remind your colleagues to enter their PD hours!**

**Questions? E-mail [cope@ciphi.ca](mailto:cope@ciphi.ca)**



Which Branch will have the highest percentage of members entering PD hours for 2017?

Top 3 Branches for 2016: 1. Manitoba 2. Saskatchewan 3. New Brunswick



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de l'hygiène du milieu

November 12, 2017

TO: CIPHI BC Branch & VCHA Health Protection Staff

On behalf of the Board of Trustees I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank the members of the 2017 BC Branch Conference Committee for the excellent conference organized and hosted in Richmond. Claudia Kurzac and Richard Taki's team of volunteers were exceptional hosts and with all the important details involved in organizing such a large event covered.

Of relevance to CIPHI's charity, the Environmental Health Foundation of Canada, was the Silent Auction. We were so pleased to learn the proceeds of this auction were to be donated to the Foundation.

We would especially like to extend our sincere thanks to **Karen Rehbein** and those who assisted her in organizing such a successful silent auction with over \$3,500 being collected. Karen did a tremendous job locating the many items being auctioned, creating the various displays, printing cards, setting up the room, collecting the money, etc.

Finally, our many thanks to those who donated the items and those who purchased all these great items up for auction. We hope they are all thoroughly enjoyed and especially the historic goalie stick.

The funds which you raised through this combined effort will be a great help to CIPHI's official charity - the Environmental Health Foundation of Canada.

Wishing all of our BC Colleagues a wonderful holiday season.

Pamela Scharfe, Chair

On behalf of the Board of Trustees

# Holiday Fun



(Above) Michael Riefman showing off his prize at the South Island Christmas Luncheon!

(Below) First Nations Health Authority and Interior Health's Annual Christmas Gathering!



(Below) Vancouver Coastal Health Christmas Brunch



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|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 01. Stephen Taki    | 02. Rebecca Mair  | 03. Kevin Kouris    | 04. Amber Murray         | 05. Jennifer Docker  | 06. Randy Ash           | 07. Ryan Krueger                |
| 08. Angelo Kouris   | 09. Jay Estoque   | 10. Michael Wu      | 11. Rika Lange           | 12. Steve Chong      | 13. Olga Bitzikos       | 14. Garret Brouwer              |
| 15. Nader Massoud   | 16. Richard Taki  | 17. James Lu        | 18. Gurinder Saini       | 19. Kate Wilkinson   | 20. Réka Gustafson      | 21. David Jantzen               |
| 22. David Hugh      | 23. Arnaud Zondag | 24. Greg Adamson    | 25. Kuljeet Chattha      | 26. John Blatherwick | 27. Vesna Miskin        | 28. Gloria Bailey               |
| 29. Stuart Pike     | 30. Lis Vallaster | 31. Gary Tam        | 32. Catharina Christiaan | 33. Nadia White      | 34. Jennifer Kassimatis | 35. Moe Flanagan                |
| 36. Kat Hansen      | 37. Samson Wong   | 38. Hoda Storey     | 39. Jessica Ip           | 40. Shelley Beaudet  | 41. Laura Matthews      | 42. Radha Lochan                |
| 43. Laura Chow      | 44. Ryan Hammel   | 45. Jonathan Choi   | 46. Serena Lai           | 47. Cicely Yang      | 48. Sammie Hwang        | 49. Michael C. Wu               |
| 50. Ginny Jorgensen | 51. Kelcey Watts  | 52. Sophie Fantillo | 53. Christina Tonella    | 54. Andrea Sawczenko | 55. Purcell Gray        | 56. Vicky Brar (partial hidden) |
| 57. Emily Peterson  |                   |                     |                          |                      |                         |                                 |



## NCCEH: Questions from the field

Aroha Miller, Helen Ward, Lydia Ma



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Environmental health (EH) is a diverse and interesting field. EH practitioners often come across a variety of issues in the course of their work. NCCEH receives requests for information from public health inspectors, environmental health officers, medical officers of health, and others in public health. Each inquiry received by our Knowledge Translation Scientists is reviewed to decide on an appropriate level of response using knowledge synthesis and translation. A question may be answered by email and phone or clarified with the inquirer. When further research is needed, we follow a protocol to allow us to return results of a rapid literature scan and a summary of the findings in response to the inquiry.

Scoping of the published scientific literature and grey literature (e.g., theses, government documents including legislation and guidelines) is performed through a rapid literature search by our Information Specialist. A list of relevant keywords is used to search various databases, e.g., EbscoHost and Medline, and on more common search engines such as Web of Science, and Google Scholar. Depending on the nature of the question, the rapid literature scan could return as few as 20, or up to 300 or more results. When necessary, we undertake consultations with experts in the field.

The Knowledge Translation Scientist determines which resources are potentially most relevant and informative for retrieval of the full document, and summarizes the findings. With permission from the inquirer, questions that may be of interest to our audience of public health professionals are developed into [NCCEH Field Inquiries](#). These field inquiries offer a synthesis of relevant information and identification of knowledge or practice gaps. The intent of the field inquiry is to provide the EH practitioner with the best available information to find an approach to solve the problem.

Examples of our field inquiries include:

What are best practices for tebori tattooing regarding infection control and inspection?

What are the risks related to use of meat-packing pads as tattoo dressings?

What are the health risks of colonics and how can EH practitioners address infection risk through inspections?

What is a recommended safe setback distance from [cemeteries](#) to surface water?

Can irrigating food crops using surface water affected by [cyanobacteria](#) blooms result in bioaccumulation of cyanotoxins in these crops?

What are the health implications of exposure to [extremely low frequency magnetic fields from underground substations](#)?

Do you have a practice question requiring evidence-based guidance? If so, please contact the NCCEH by email at: [contact@ncceh.ca](mailto:contact@ncceh.ca)

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# Interested in getting involved?

The BC Branch is currently looking to fill:

## **Corresponding Secretary**

Some of the roles and responsibilities, for this position, include: manage resignations from members, correspond out to newly retired members, receive petitions from members, send out publications, and assisting in branch activities through participation with a committee.

## **Councilor Position**

Some of the roles and responsibilities, for this position, include: actively participating in monthly branch meetings, supporting the promotion of the branch, and assisting in planning of branch activities through participating in a committee.

**Participation with the Branch is a great networking opportunity with colleagues near and afar. You will also be present as decisions are made and plans are devised to move the Branch forward through the changing world of environmental public health.**



If you are interested in getting involved with the Branch,  
please contact:

**[president@ciphi.bc.ca](mailto:president@ciphi.bc.ca)**

for more information.

# National Awards

Kari Engele-Carter (left) presenting the Alex Cross Award to Raymond Ramydayal (right), Ontario Branch President, on behalf of Catherine Egan of the Ontario Branch.



Kari Engele-Carter (left) presenting the Alexander Officer Award to Ian Harrison (right) on behalf of the Saskatchewan Environmental Health Inspection Program Task Group.

Kari Engele-Carter (right) presenting the Environmental Health Review Award to Gregory Barrett (left), Newfoundland and Labrador Branch President, on behalf of Sharon Williams (Newfoundland and Labrador Branch).



Kevin Kapell (right), Saskatchewan President, presenting the President's Award to Joanne Lum (left) on behalf of Craig Nowakowski (BC Branch).

## Retirement—Ken Louie



Ken and retired friends at his Coffee Farewell!

After 37 great years in public health, mostly with Fraser Health, Ken Louie retired in 2017. As one colleague put it, “*It was the end of an era.*” Two parties were held for Ken first a morning coffee break party in North Delta and subsequently the big sendoff at the Clayton Public House. Ken’s Manager, Sherry Braidwell, offered farewell wishes and thanks for his great contribution to their team. Dr. Roland Guasparini thanked Ken and told humorous stories regarding several events which happened over the years. Ken chipped in by telling several very humorous tales as well. Old and new friends and colleagues wished

him well in his retirement. Ken thanked all his many friends and indicated he and Heather plan to travel and enjoy many vacations in beautiful and warm locations.



Ken and retired friends at his Evening Party!

## National CIPHI Awards



Kevin Kapell, Saskatchewan Branch President (right) presenting Dr. Patricia Daly, Chief Medical Health Officer for Vancouver Coastal Health (left) with an Honorary Membership Award.



Casey Neathway, BC Branch President Elect (left), presenting Ken Christian (right) with his Life Member of CIPHI Award, in person, at the Interior Health - FNHA Annual Christmas Gathering.

Ken Christian is the new Mayor of Kamloops and newest Life Member of the Institute. On September 30<sup>th</sup>, the voters in the City of Kamloops overwhelmingly approved Ken as their new Mayor in a landslide victory over five other candidates. On November 6<sup>th</sup>, the members at the Annual General Meeting held in Richmond gave unanimous approval to Ken as the newest **Life Member of CIPHI**. Our heartiest congratulations to Ken for his significant contributions to both his community and the Institute.

Editorial Team, BC Page

## BC Branch Member of the Year Award—2017



Claudia Kurzac received her Certificate in Public Health Inspection (Canada) in 1980 upon graduating from BCIT. She worked as an EHO in Manitoba before moving to BC in 1991 where she joined the Vancouver City Health Dept. as an EHO. While working in Vancouver, she volunteered her time and joined the BC Branch Executive team. She reached out and worked tirelessly and encouraged EHOs to participate in the Institute.

In 1999 Claudia was elected President of the of the BC Branch, a position she held until 2004. That same year Claudia took on the challenging role as CIPHI National President for two terms concluding in 2008 plus 2 years as Past National President.

As her colleague Jessica Ip has stated, “She showed exemplary leadership, worked hard over the years, and made a significant contribution to the advancement of the association and promoted our profession.”

When the Saskatchewan Branch was unable to host the CIPHI Annual Educational Conference in 2017 as planned, the National Executive looked to other branches to pick up the torch at the last minute. With the support of Dr. Patricia Daly, MHO for the VCHA and Richard Taki, Executive Director of Environmental Health Protection, and the BC Branch Executive, it was agreed that the conference would be held in Richmond. The next task was to locate a person or persons to take on the task of chairing the conference. We are most fortunate that Claudia Kurzac & Richard Taki agreed to Co-Chair the Conference. As we all know now, as a result of the hard work, dedication and support of many members, most of them with the VCHA, and great leadership, the conference was a real success in every sense. We therefore nominate **Claudia Kurzac & the 2017 Conference Committee** (including Richard Taki) for the **BC Branch Member of the Year Award** for 2017.

Nominated – Gordon Stewart

Seconded – Martin McLeod

## Alex Nilsson Award—2017

Karen Rehbein graduated from BCIT in 1982. After receiving her CIPHI(C) she was immediately hired as a Public Health Inspector by the City of Burnaby. She stayed with Burnaby for 24 years working in all areas of their diverse environmental health program. She served in Burnaby with distinction, due in large part to her strong work ethic and her very positive attitude. In 2006 Karen accepted an EHO position with the Vancouver office of VCH where she really enjoys working with the operators in her district.

Karen has been a longstanding member of the Institute. She’s always has a smile of her face and a very positive attitude. When VCH decided to host the 2017 National Educational Conference in Richmond with the BC Branch, Karen volunteered to participate as a member of the Conference Organizing Committee. She participated on the Education Committee, the Exhibits and Sponsors Committee and the Silent Auction Committee. She assisted Shelly Beudet on the Flower Arrangement Committee.



Finding agencies to provide donations for the Silent Auction proved to be much more difficult than expected even though the funds raised were going to a Registered Charity. It became her major objective and she

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spent many hours seeking donations but they still did not come easily. However, Karen was not deterred and with determination plus her wonderful smile and very positive attitude she persevered and arranged for over 50 donations through friends and colleagues. This included Kirk McLean’s signed goalie stick from the 7<sup>th</sup> game of the Stanley Cup playoffs between the Vancouver Canucks and the New York Rangers in 1994. Not only did Karen locate many gifts but also organized the display to be as efficient and attractive as possible.

The payoff was a huge demand for the many gifts that Karen had arranged. Over \$3,500.00 was raised and will be donated to the Environmental Health Foundation of Canada, a Registered Canadian Charity and division of CIPHI.

We the undersigned believe that Karen should to be recognized for her dedication to her work, her amazing volunteering during the 2017 CIPHI Educational Conference and in particular her determination to ensure the success of the Silent Auction. We therefore nominate Karen Rehbein for the **Alex Nilsson Award** for 2017.

Moved: Tim Roark

Seconded: Alex Kwan

## Congratulations to all Branch and National Award Recipients!



**YOU KNOW WHAT  
REALLY GRINDS MY  
GEARS . . .**

When you find the dishwasher isn’t sanitizing properly and the staff say “but the dishwasher repair guy was here 6 weeks ago and it was fine...”

Please submit your “heard it a thousand time before one-liners” that you hear in the field over and over to [stacey.sowa@viha.ca](mailto:stacey.sowa@viha.ca). Let’s all share in the hilariously annoying joys of our environmental public health experiences.

## In Memoriam—Frederick Charles Ainley



Fred Ainley was born on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1929 in Bengough, Saskatchewan to Fredrick & Nellie Ainley. Fred started his career in health as a Registered Psychiatric Nurse. It was there he met his wife to be Irene Lottie Ellis and they were married on November 14, 1952. In 1956, he received his Certificate in Sanitary Inspection (Canada) #1025 upon completing the training program as a Sanitary inspector in Swift Current, Saskatchewan. 1961 saw the birth of their first child Joel. In 1963 Fred was offered a position as a Public Health Inspector in BC so the family packed up and moved west to Cranbrook. Their second child Tamara was born that fall. In 1964 the family moved again, this time north to Dawson Creek where Fred was offered the position of Chief Public Health Inspector.

During the summer of 1971, the Ainley family moved again to Williams Lake where Fred was appointed Chief PHI for the more populous Cariboo Health Unit. Fred and Irene loved the community so much they decided not to move again. Irene became the Manager of the Canada Employment Office. Fred's position as Chief PHI gave him the opportunity to travel throughout the Cariboo region covering approximately 80,000 square miles. Fred Retired as Chief PHI in 1985 to a rousing sendoff by his many friends and colleagues.

Fred was also an active member in organizations within Williams Lake. He had the opportunity as a Marriage Commissioner to meet many new people and experience many unique places. In 1977, Fred joined the Board of Directors of the Williams Lake and District Credit Union. With his experience in administration, communication and personnel matters he was soon elected as Chairman of the Board in 1980. In 1990, after 10 years as Chairman Fred stepped down but continued as a member of the Board of Directors until 1998. Fred was a Director of the Williams Lake Crisis Centre and the Williams Lake Curling Club. Fred was also a long-standing member and supporter of CIPHI and regular contributor to the Environmental Health Foundation of Canada.

Over the years Fred has shared many memories of hunting trips where the moose or deer got away and fishing trips where of course the big one broke the line. Fred loved his grandchildren, he loved to mentor and teach them.

Fred is survived by his daughter Tamara (Craig) Bush; granddaughters Danika & Kayla Bush; grandson Nico; plus many nieces & nephews. He was predeceased by his son Joel on July 6, 2004 and his wife Irene on December 20, 2011.



Fred resided at Deni House for 5 years and this is where he passed peacefully on November 2, 2016 at 87. A Celebration of Life was held at the Pioneer Complex on November 19, 2016.

Tim Roark  
Historian  
BC Branch

# In Memoriam—William Chelsey French



It is with great sadness that the French family lost Bill French suddenly on December 12th, 2017.

William Chesley French was born on February 28th, 1946 in Toronto, Ontario. The French family moved to Kenora, Ontario when Bill was 3 or 4 years old and Bill stayed there until he graduated from high school. He then joined the Ontario Provincial Police for 5 years and was stationed in the small town of Dryden, in Northwestern Ontario. Bill knew several colleagues who had become Public Health Inspectors and heard it was a great a profession so he enrolled in the program at Ryerson in 1969. He graduated in 1971 and received his CPHI(C) shortly thereafter. Bill worked in Ontario for several years before moving to BC to work in Cranbrook. He started in 1990 as a Licensing Officer and subsequently worked as a Tobacco Enforcement Officer in conjunction with his work as a district Public Health Inspector.

Bill enjoyed life, and always had his wife Nancy and dog Buddy by his side. Bill had no shortage of hobbies – archery, bagpipes, jeeping, hunting, skiing and a passion for hockey. Bill was a big Flyers fan, and an even bigger Kootenay Ice fan.

Retired PHI Ron Popoff said, “Bill portrayed a strong work ethic and had the respect of our colleagues for his leadership and wisdom. He turned down several management opportunities to working directly with the public where he felt he made the most important impact. I miss my good friend Bill.”

In life, Bill had an array of titles including Constable, Inspector, Coach, Dad, Grandpa, Papa, Uncle and Great Grandpa. Family was always most important to Bill.

Bill is survived by his wife Nancy, sons Gord (Mary) and Brad (Debbie), brother Russ (Kathy) and sister Diane (John), grandchildren Jordan, Todd, Ty, Evan and Halle, and great-grandson Rowan. A celebration of Life for Bill French will be held in 2018.

Tim Roark  
BC Historian

Many thanks to Nancy French and Ron Popoff for their assistance with additional information.

**Keep up to date on the latest news at the BC Branch website:**

[www.ciphi.bc.ca](http://www.ciphi.bc.ca)

The page also contains information on membership, conferences, career opportunities, documents, and much more. Check it out regularly.

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## **Council of Professional Experience (CoPE)**

### **Volunteer Position – BC Committee Representative**

#### **About the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors**

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The Council of Professional Experience (CoPE) is tasked with administration of the CPC Program. CoPE is comprised of voluntary members who have been appointed through consultation with the Branches of CIPHI. The Council has been in place since June 2009 in an interim format working to formalize the structure, operations and policies of the permanent Council. The permanent Council has now been in operation since early 2010. CoPE is administratively responsible to the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors but operationally independent. For more information on CoPE and its Terms of Reference, visit <http://www.ciphi.ca/files/documents/cpc/copereg.pdf>

CoPE is inviting applications from persons working as a Certified Public Health Inspector [C.P.H.I.(C)] to fill vacant member positions. Applicants may also include persons working in a Health Discipline **other than** that of a Certified Public Health Inspector [C.P.H.I.(C)] such as a Medical Health Officer, Public Health Nurse, Epidemiologist, etc. The appointment is for a three-year term and will commence immediately after the selection of the successful candidate.

#### **Role and Responsibilities**

- Work as a full member of CoPE
- Conduct business on behalf of CoPE
- Be an active participant within 1 or 2 assigned Portfolios with specific roles and responsibilities
- Participate in monthly telephone conference calls
- Attend annual face to face meeting

#### **Qualifications and Key Attributes**

- Must have a valid Certificate in Public Health Inspection (Canada) or CPHI(C),
- Minimum 5 years experience in field
- CoPE membership must represent diverse disciplines, geographic regions, and employers in Canada and these factors will have significant weight in the selection of an applicant.

#### **Applications**

Applicants are asked to email a cover letter and a resume by **Nov 30th, 2017** to: [cope@ciphi.ca](mailto:cope@ciphi.ca)

We thank all applicants for their interest. Only those selected will be contacted. CIPHI is an equal opportunity organization and encourages all qualified applicants to apply.

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