



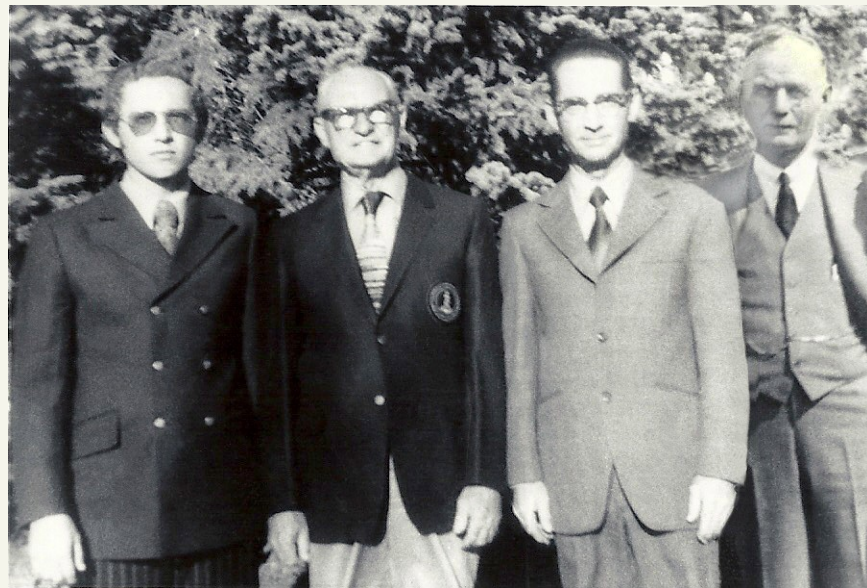
Senators Forum



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The Pillidge Family

Four Generations of Public Health Inspection



by Ron Pillidge, recently retired Public Health Inspector

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Four generations of health inspectors, all within the Province of Alberta I would think has to be a notable record of some kind. As the fourth and final family PHI member I felt that a short account of our past history might be of interest.

My great-grandfather, Wallace Pillidge Senior, started the family tradition back in 1912 in the City of Calgary. Originally a stone mason from England who moved to Canada, he helped build the city hall which he later worked out of as an inspector. He eventually became the Chief Inspector and retired in 1948.

My grandfather, Wallace Pillidge Junior, commenced his career in 1931 as a PHI after doing a number jobs, one of which was running a dairy farm. He also was the Chief Inspector for the City of Calgary when he retired in 1962.

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SENIOR SENATOR SAYS HELLO

Greetings



I am happy to report that since our last newsletter and thanks to the help of many Senators, progress has been made in fulfilling our commitments to you our colleagues and fellow retirees. In the past year, we finally have been able to initiate a letter to all new retired colleague, thanks to Bill Chrapko volunteering to oversee this work, the cooperation of the committee members, together with the CIPHI Branch presidents, and

health unit managers, who all worked together in providing the required information. This letter informs new retirees of the value of remaining in-touch with colleagues and also as a member of CIPHI.

Furthermore, thanks to Pam Scharfe we are finally forwarding a letter of condolence to the family of deceased colleagues to acknowledge their contribution and service to the Institute and Public Health as a whole.

Another commitment, in many ways the most important in remaining active and connected was to have a go-to page available to our retired colleagues. I am most happy to report that through the efforts of Pam Scharfe and Mike LeBlanc that such a page should soon be accessible from the CIPHI web-site.

It is only through the cooperation of CIPHI, its Branches, and management of the various health units that this committee can deliver on its commitment to all of our colleagues. This cooperation is truly appreciated.

In closing, my wife Lorrena and I wish to take this opportunity to wish all and their families a happy and healthy year.

Retirees Meet at 2011 NEC Conference

Retired members, including those of the Retirees Advisory Committee (RAC) attending the 2011 NEC Conference in Halifax met on June 27. Those attending in person were Tim Roark (BC), Klaus Seeger(ON), Murray Lewis (NB), Jim McCorry (NS), John Bower (SK), Pam Scharfe (ON), and Bob Savory (NWT). They were joined by conference call by Bill Chrapko (AB), Brian Hatton (ON), Martin Tonary (Feds), and James Drew (MN).

The Committee discussed the make-up of status of the current membership. Several members of the RAC expressed a wish to be replaced in the next year. The committee expressed its appreciation and thanks to all past members for their contribution over the past 6 plus years. The meeting was joined by the CIPHI National

President Phi Phan. Phi reported on the activities of the past year especially the progress made by CoPE in establishing the Core Competencies Program to the point where the first audit of 5% of the membership has now been completed. Phi also elaborated upon the current financial status for CIPHI and explained that this was somewhat manageable but would require an increase in fee from regular members, He did not see the need to increase retiree members fees at this time. All possible areas of cost cutting are being looked at within the operation. Those present discussed some other areas of potential interest where retired Inspectors could possibly be involved. These included but were not limited to the following: **Education** --- as a guest lecturer; **Speakers Bureau**--- as a speaker available in an area within their interest; **Share Experience** --- discussions site on line such as within the MSC; and **Practicum requirement for students**--- is there a role here as possibly mentoring.

(Continued from page 1) **The Pillidge Family**

My father, Robert (Bob) Pillidge, did a number of jobs such as drive bus at the Sunshine Ski resort and motorcycle mechanic at the Harley Davidson shop in Calgary. One day his dad said it was time he got a real job and so he became an inspector in 1950 and started his career in Banff National Park. After a couple of years he took a position in the Rosebud Health Unit which had an office located in Calgary but covered an area outside of the city. He continued to work with this health unit which became known as the Mount View Health Unit, holding the position of Senior PHI for a number of years before his retirement in 1981.

My indoctrination into the field probably started when I would go out with my dad for a day in the country as he carried out his duties. I did this often and learned a lot about the rural aspect of the profession. After high school graduation I was not real sure what I wanted to do next so with a lot of persuasion from my dad I decided to take the Public Health Inspection two-year course at the British Columbia Institute of Technology. Between the two years I took my 12 week practicum in the Red Deer Health Unit in Central Alberta which furthered my interest in the rural work aspect.

During my two years of study I was fortunate to have a bursary from the Alberta Government and was obligated to spend two years in Alberta. A position in the Medicine Hat Health Unit was awaiting my arrival up on graduation. Just before graduation I was informed that Medicine Hat could not take me on due to financial considerations so a new location had to be found. I now only had a one year obligation and at the time Edmonton City Health had openings for seven inspectors. They took seven new graduates, all from my class and so in the spring of 1972 that is where I started, in the housing division.

After a year in Edmonton I felt the urge to get into a rural setting and as it happened there was an opening in the health unit where my father was the senior inspector. I was very fortunate to obtain the position and covered the Olds-Didsbury area for the Mount View Health Unit. I worked under the supervision of my father for close to eight years. He taught me a lot, including how important it was to deal with the public in a positive manner even though they may not be very understanding or cooperative towards your requests. He was a real mentor for me.

At this time in my career I felt the need to do something different so I took a job in the private sector in Calgary designing restaurants and convenience stores and

supplying the equipment. After three years at this the company closed and so I had to make the decision on what to do next. The health inspection bug had not totally left me and I felt it was the right time to get back into the profession. A position was open in the Stony Plain - Lac Ste Anne Health Unit which was just west of Edmonton so back to the field I went.

I started in the summer of 1984 covering a rural area and in 1991 was successful in obtaining the Senior Public Health Inspector position. In the spring of 1995 the Alberta Government decided to make a change to the health structure and disbanded the 27 Health Units and formed 17 Health Regions. This meant reapplying for a position and I was fortunate to be awarded the managers position for the newly formed Aspen Regional Health Authority. I was relocated to an office in Morinville, just north of Edmonton. Over the next seven and a half years some minor area changes were made but then in 2003 the government made another major change to regions and reduced them to nine in total. This more than doubled the staff numbers and tripled the area of coverage as this new region now covered an area north of Edmonton from the Alberta west border to the east border of the province. Aspen Regional Health remained as a name, however, this required that I make another move, this time to a new office in the Onoway area., north-west of Edmonton.

As we all know change is always happening and of course the Alberta Government loves to mix things up so they decided again to make a major change in 2009 by disbanding all the remaining health regions and forming one region under the title of Alberta Health Services. Out of control budgets and spending appeared to be the reasoning for the change.

After close to 34 years in the profession I decided that it might be a good time to call it quits and so I retired on November 10, 2009. It was somewhat of a difficult decision to make as this meant the end of the four generations of health inspectors with a total of 131 plus years of employment service by the Pillidge family. I knew that my adult children had chosen different careers to follow so I guess I will just have to work on my grandchildren to perhaps become interested in the field. I was very fortunate to have worked with a group of dedicated people in all aspects of public health and I always found it very interesting and rewarding and am glad that I was able to spend so much of my working career in this wonderful profession.

Life Member Passes



HOSKINS, James "Jim" Ernest Thorn, CPHI(C)
July 31, 1913 - December 9, 2011

Jim was born in Melfort, Saskatchewan but moved at a very early age, with his family, to the Hillside district, south of Millet. After completing grade 11, Jim took Health Inspection training. He met and married Doris Muriel Piper, of Edmonton, in May, 1943. They would be together 65 years. The family lived in Edmonton, during which time Jim traveled to the north in his position as a Health Inspector. In 1956, the Hoskins' moved to Wetaskiwin, where Jim became a Public Health Officer with the newly created Wetoka Health Unit. His work took him throughout the municipalities and counties of Wetaskiwin and Ponoka. He would remain in this Alberta Government position until 1978, retiring after more than 30 years of service. Subsequently, Jim would be recognized as a Lifetime Member of the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors. He also received the Governor General's Compassionate Canadian award and Her Majesty's 50th Jubilee Medal, both with vain less grace, for volunteerism.

We want your input !!

We are always looking for input from our members. Do you have an interesting story of what you or other retirees are doing you would like to share? Let us know and we can include it in future editions. Maybe you would like to contribute a name or article to our "Looking Back in Time" feature? Do you know of a retirement or the passing of a colleague you would like to share. Send the information along to the editor at jmccorrey@eastlink.ca

Retirees Advisory Committee Member Passes



GOOSE, Nathan Roderick, CPHI(C)
October 16, 1936 – October 28, 2011

Nathan was a 10 year Veteran of the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary, Retired Director of Environmental Health for the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador and Past Master of Lodge Harbour Grace #476 A.F. & A.M.

In Memoriam

Maxner, Donald Osborne, 88. Don joined the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1941, followed by the Royal Canadian Merchant Navy and served until 1946. After the War he began his 35 years career with the Department of Public Health in Bridgewater, Nova Scotia

Bacon, Robert "Bob" Blair (1918 – 2011) During the Second World War he served with the RCAF in Canada and Iceland. After the war he was employed with the Nova Scotia Department of Health for 36 years, many of these as Supervisor, Fundy Health Unit.

**Reminder
to renew
your 2012
membership**

Newest Life Member Welcomed



Life members attending the 2011 NEC Conference in Halifax in June 2011 gather for a picture with the CIPHI newest Life Member, Mark Durkee. Mark works with the Food Protection, Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture. Pictured from L to R – CIPHI Life Members Mark Allen (2008) , Ron de Burger (1983) , Tim Roark (1995), Klaus Seeger (2005) , Mark Durkee (2011 Recipient), Murray Lewis (2002) , Len Gallant (2004).

Retired Advisory Committee Members (Senators)

British Columbia
Alberta
Saskatchewan
Manitoba
Ontario
Quebec
New Brunswick
Nova Scotia
Prince Edward Island
Newfoundland & Labrador
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Recent Retirees

Congratulations to the following retirees:

British Columbia

Don Corrigan, Doug Glenn, Andy Hazlewood, Alan Kerr, Richard Lawrence, Peter Lee, Mike Pichichero, Gundie Volk

Alberta

Jill Pollock-Ceh, Beth Trevelyan, Ron Pilidge, Nick Skippings, Bruce Van Mulligen, Lee Wong, Jim Meagher, Terry Scott

Manitoba

Lesly Andrews

Ontario

Claude Patry, Richard Auld, Charles Diosi, Robert Bible, Dave Wenzel, Elizabeth Wood, Paul Dawson, Richard Kusick, Peter Gauthier, Eric Nesplink, Tom Natale

Quebec

Serge Lamontagne

New Brunswick

Brian Stevenson

Nova Scotia

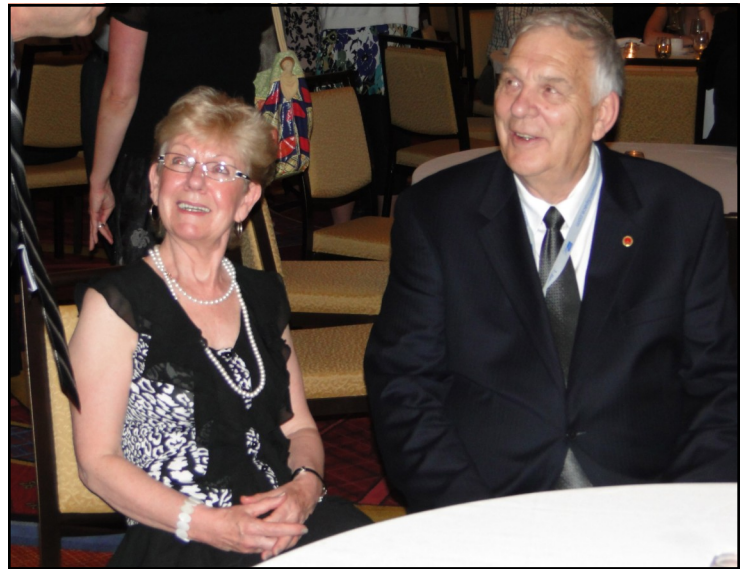
Gary Moulton

Did You Know.....

- Total number of Certified Public Health Inspectors currently employed in Canada in a public health or environmental health capacity is 2,145.
- It is projected by the various agencies to grow this workforce by an additional 135.5 FTE's in the next five years.
- It is further estimated that an additional 292 individuals will retire in the next five years.

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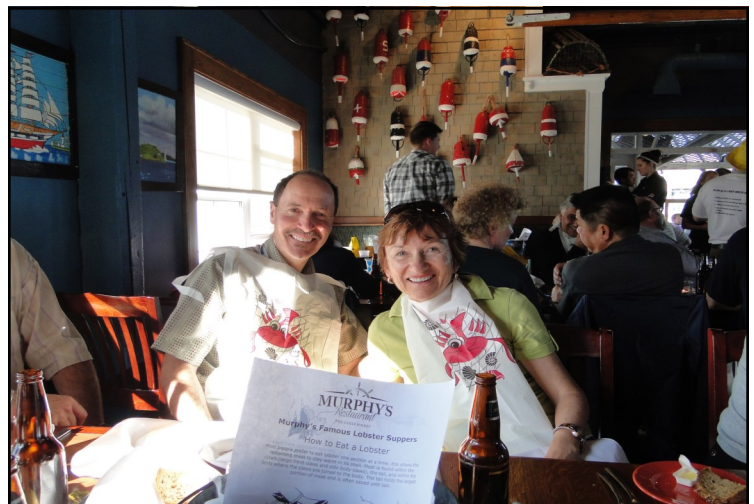
Photos from the 2011 NEC Conference, Halifax



Len & Lorena Gallant at the CIPHI President's Banquet



A tall-ship cruising Halifax Harbour



Happy delegates ready for their Lobster dinner at Murphy's