



The Association of Professors Emeriti

UBC

GENERAL MEETING:

Wednesday, December 4
Cecil Green Park

Agenda

- 1:00 pm Coffee, tea, snacks and conversation
- 1:45 pm Business meeting: the main item of business is proposed changes to the Association's Constitution
- 2:00 pm Dr. William Rees, **"Sustainability: Why the World's Not Winning"**

Dr. Rees argues that by many biophysical measures, the human enterprise is in a state of "overshoot". Humanity's aggregate demand for material resources and life-support services exceed nature's capacity to meet those demands. Current population and material growth are thus being financed, in part, by the liquidation of vital natural capital assets. The human enterprise is on a collision course with biophysical reality yet seems incapable of self-correction. This talk describes some of the bio-evolutionary, social and cognitive barriers to long-term sustainability and thus provides a partial explanation of "why the world's not winning".

Association members are encouraged to bring guests



Professor Emeritus William Rees is a human ecologist, ecological economist and former director of UBC's School of Community and Regional Planning. His research and teaching focus on the biophysical prerequisites for sustainable societies in an era of accelerating global ecological change. He takes special interests in a) the vulnerability of cities and policy for urban sustainability and b) human cognition and behavioural tendencies that frustrate sustainability planning. Within ecological economics, he is perhaps best known as the originator and co-developer of "ecological footprint analysis."

In 2006, he was elected to the Royal Society of Canada. Most recently, Laval University awarded him an honorary doctorate and he won both the 2012 Boulding Memorial Award of the International Society for Ecological Economics and a 2012 Blue Planet Prize (jointly with Dr Wackernagel).

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News Flash



Our Green College Senior Scholars' Series has been very successful. Every event has been well-attended and has attracted many graduate students from Green College and elsewhere at UBC, who have enjoyed engaging with seasoned academics and hearing about their careers.

There are four more speakers lined up for the series— from Nursing, English, Theatre and Geography.

Check page 8 for details. You can also reserve for dinner at Green College following the talks to follow up on what you have heard.

Upcoming in Spring 2014

February 5: Guest artist: Jane Coop, UBC School of Music

March 19: Guest speaker: Dr. Carol Mayer, Curator Africa/Pacific at the Museum of Anthropology

April 23: Guest Speaker: Dr. Allen Sens, "Armed Conflict and Peacekeeping in Africa"

UBC APE opens a "**Philosophers Café**"

Details about our 2014 "**Emeriti Research Day**"

Other contributions from UBC Emeriti. Please send them along!!

A Letter from our President



Dear Colleagues,

Our year got off to a great start on October 8 with our first Research Day, hosted by the Peter Wall Institute of Advanced Studies. Helen Burt, Assoc. VP Research, welcomed us and expressed appreciation for contributions being made to UBC by Professors Emeriti, and Julien Davies, Kogila Adam-Moodley, and Ken Craig presented very interesting talks about their current work. (see www.emeriti.ubc.ca/research_day for more information and photos). Be sure to note the new use Ken found for his UBCAPE umbrella. We're already planning for another Research Day in the spring.

Our first General Meeting was a huge success, with a full house attending Max Cynader's superb talk about brain plasticity and going away with resolve to eat lots of fruits and vegetables, do both resistance and aerobic exercise, take naps, and get a good night's sleep. It was great to see so many members attending with their spouses. At the Wine and Cheese Reception that followed, host David Farrar, Provost and VP Academic, conversed with members and expressed his and UBC's gratitude for the many contributions Emeriti have made and are continuing to make to UBC. We thank him for this collegial event. We look forward to keeping up the good energy at our next General Meeting on December 4, at which Bill Rees will talk about human barriers to sustainability (see page 1).

An important reason for you to attend on December 4 is the business meeting at 1:45, where members will vote on amending the Association Constitution. Before this meeting it is essential that you read both the 2002 Constitution and the proposed amendment. Please see the article on page 4 to learn more.

Also on page 4 is a reminder about renewing your membership, if you have not already done so. A clue to whether you have done this whether you receive a membership card with your mailed copy of this newsletter.

This newsletter is full of interesting information, including news about Emeriti. It's fun to read about your friends and acquaintances. Please keep the news coming; let Editor Don Blake know about your honours, hobbies, and charities, or send him your prose or artistic responses to the world we live in.

Since the last newsletter we have launched the Association's new website. I hope you have had a chance to explore it. If not, this would be a good moment! While on the website, take time to read the Vision Statement crafted by the Executive. This is a working document, not carved in stone, but we have sent it to the Provost as a first step in working on a Memorandum of Understanding with his office. If you would like to respond to this or anything else, note that the home page includes a suggestion box.

I look forward to seeing you on December 4. Please come to hear Bill Rees and vote on the Constitutional amendment.

Carolyn Gilbert, Ph.D.
President

Wine & Cheese reception courtesy of Dr. David Farrar, Provost and VP Academic following October 9th Meeting



Association News

Proposed Revisions to UBC APE Constitution



At our next General Meeting, on December 4, members will vote to amend the Association's Constitution. "Yes" votes from two thirds of the members present at the meeting are required for the amendment to pass.

Approved in 2002, the current Constitution no longer encompasses the expanded scope of Association goals and activities. Activities have increased from five general meetings each year to include additional programs, lectures, workshops, excursions, and a photography interest group, and we have some new ideas for later this year. Our advocacy role continues and has expanded, and we have a new

focus on support for and recognition of the ongoing scholarly activity and University service by many of our members. The Executive has worked hard on rewriting the Constitution to represent the current status of the Association and allow for future development. Please read both the 2002 Constitution and the proposed revision on the website— www.emeriti.ubc.ca —so you will be ready to vote on December 4. This is your Association; we need your involvement to keep it thriving.

UBC Senate Elections

We wish to advise you of the upcoming opportunity of nominating Emeriti as Convocation Representatives to the UBC Vancouver Senate. This is a triennial election and voting will be carried out in the first half of 2014.

Twelve (12) members of the Convocation are to be elected. Emeriti are eligible and this year, for the first time, Emeriti are eligible in their own right, whether they are Alumni or not.

We do not have the precise information on voting procedures at this time but be warned: there are different voting procedures for Alumni, Faculty and Emeriti voters so please review the proper information before attempting to cast a ballot. We are assured that full details will be available before mid-December. Once we have that information, we will send an Emeriti Alert with information about how and when to vote."

Tri-University Summit

The second Summit Meeting of 2013 brought together representatives from the retiree associations at UBC, SFU and UVic at the University of Victoria on October 22.

The big news from Victoria is that they completed negotiations with Johnson Inc. for an Extended Health and Travel Insurance Plan, which was implemented on July 1. UBC APE is looking into a similar plan for our members and is grateful to UVic for sharing information.

SFU representatives reported that the budget for the visionary program of research grants for retirees in the Faculty of Arts has led the Faculty of Science to inaugurate their own, more modest, plan to fund research and travel to conferences.

Carolyn Gilbert, UBC APE President reported UBC's VP Research was interested in the idea of supporting research by emeriti, but budget constraints prevent him from moving ahead with the idea in the immediate future.

The next Summit Meeting will take place in April 2014 at UBC.

Membership Renewal



Have You Forgotten To Renew Your Membership ?????? If so, this is the last newsletter you will receive. Don't miss out! Renew your membership if you haven't already done so. Membership goes from April 2013 to March 2014. To pay by Visa or Master Card, you can renew online (www.emeriti.ubc.ca/membership). Click on "Online Registration for 2013-2014."

Don't forget to update your contact information and let us know if you are an alumna/us of UBC and include the date you graduated. We want to keep in touch! Call (604-822-1752) or email the office (admin@emeriti.ubc.ca) if you have questions regarding your membership. If you have already renewed, your membership card was mailed with this newsletter.

Faculty Awards

UBC Faculty members including Emeriti Professors are often recipients of internal and external awards, prizes, and honours for their research, teaching, and service within the university and to their disciplines/professions.

One of the most interesting of the "internal" awards as far as we, emeriti professors are concerned, is the Dean of Arts Award, sponsored by the law firm Taylor Jordan Chafetz since 1997, which is awarded annually to a faculty member in recognition of exceptional contributions. In keeping with the major commitments outlined in *Place and Promise*, selection criteria for the Dean of Arts Award are designed to identify colleagues who demonstrate significant contributions in two or more areas (teaching and learning, research, and service/community engagement) and whose contributions have proven to be catalytic and/or transformative. The award is given in the name of a living Professor Emeritus/Emerita who him/herself has made a significant contribution to the Faculty of Arts. The choice of the Professor Emeritus/Emerita is determined by the Dean's Office in consultation with the Award recipient.

Award recipients from the past three years (including this year's 2013) are listed below.

<i>Award Year</i>	<i>Recipient</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Prize Named in Honour of Professor Emeritus</i>
2010/11	Dr. Neil Guppy	Sociology	Dr. Martin Meissner
2011/12	Dr. Trevor Barnes	Geography	Dr. Olav Slaymaker
2012/13	Dr. Eric Eich	Psychology	Dr. Richard Tees

Benefits of Emeriti Volunteering: Institutional & Personal

Periodically UBC's administration decides to re-examine and potentially redesign important aspects of how and what it does and it creates a Business Re-engineering Project (BPR). In order to successfully achieve the objectives it creates a campus wide cross-functional team of 14-16 members who spend eight weeks working together full time using a highly structured but oddly effective methodology.

In the spring of 2010, one of our members, **Professor Emeritus of Psychology, Richard Tees**, was invited to be part of the design team for the **Academic Success in Student Transition** Project (ASIST) which endeavoured to positively transform the experience of a new undergraduate UBC student (prospective, admitted and registered) in her/his applying for admission and awards, selecting a program, and registering for courses. The methodology

included a detailed examination of current processes, extensive external research of best practices elsewhere, review of UBC student responses to 2010 questionnaires, face-to-face interviews of hundreds of UBC Vancouver and Okanagan students, faculty, staff, administrators, as well as with parents, high school counsellors and others.

A final report was prepared and was very well received. It can be viewed at http://blog.students.ubc.ca/asist2010-11/files/2010/11/ASIST_Report_nov16_final.pdf. It was made clear that the value of the participating emeritus professor in the redesign was much appreciated and parenthetically the experience for me was stimulating and rewarding.

—Richard Tees

Departmental Best Practices in Relation to Emeriti

The purpose of this document is to identify some of the ways in which Departments at UBC recognize their Emeriti. This is a first approximation only and a more comprehensive statement is being planned. No one Department or Faculty practices all these activities; there are wide variations in practice from one academic unit to another.

We are hoping that this list will give department representatives and heads of units more ideas about how to recognize and support emeriti.

A. Initiative taken informally by individual Emeriti

1. Informal gatherings on a weekly/monthly basis at the UBC Golf Club
2. Emeriti are volunteer mentors within departmental graduate programmes
3. Informal weekly walking groups

B. Initiative taken by UBCAPE Departmental Representatives

1. Departmental reps organize no-host meals for Emeriti colleagues
2. Departmental reps keep Head of Department informed on notable activities of Emeriti colleagues
3. Departmental reps maintain comprehensive lists of Emeriti, receive reports of on-going activities of Emeriti in their Department and submit these reports to UBCAPE Membership Committee Chair.

C. Initiative taken by Head of Department

1. Head of Department hosts a meal for Emeriti on an annual basis
2. Shared office space made available for active Emeriti
3. Emeriti given access to the technical services of the Department at cost/at reduced rates
4. Emeriti present Annual Reports of their activities to their Head of Department.
5. Professional posters prepared by Emeriti hung in departmental corridors
6. Departmental publicity includes highlighting of individual Emeriti
7. Photos of departmental Emeriti hung on departmental corridor walls
8. Emeriti achievements documented on departmental web site
9. Emeriti invited to present at departmental colloquia
10. Emeriti invited to teach courses under UBC's revised Policy 27 (See Sept. 2013 newsletter)
11. Emeriti invited to departmental meetings to inform active colleagues of the ongoing scholarly work of Emeriti.
12. Emeriti invited to sit on departmental committees.

Philosophers' Café

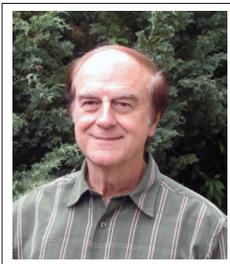
UBC APE is launching another initiative in the New Year—a "Philosophers' Café". The idea is to encourage discussion of topical issues among emeriti and friends in a relaxed setting. The organizer, Derek Applegarth, is looking for discussion topics as well as individuals willing to act as facilitators. Please send your ideas to Derek at derek.jenny@shaw.ca.



In Memoriam

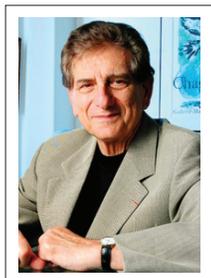
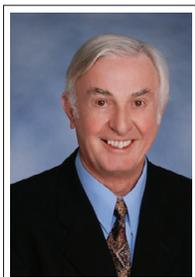
Sanford Hirshen	1925-2013	Professor Emeritus of Architecture University Service 1990-2000
Romuald Lakowski	1926-2013	Professor Emeritus of Psychology University Service 1970-1991
Reva Potashin	1921-2013	Assistant Professor Emerita of Psychology University Service 1952-1986

Emeriti in the News



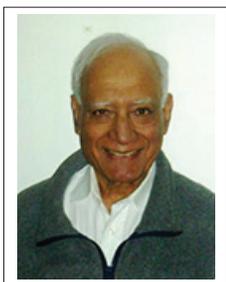
The Canadian Organization of Medical Physics has presented the 2013 Gold Medal to **John Aldrich, Professor Emeritus of Radiology**. The Gold Medal is the highest honour that the organization bestows, and is awarded to recognize outstanding lifetime contributions to Medical Physics and to the organization.

Professor Emeritus of Electrical Engineering, Hermann Dommel received the Medal in Power Engineering—sponsored by the IEEE Industry Applications, Industrial Electronics, Power Electronics and Power & Energy Societies—“for pioneering contributions to the methods of analyzing electromagnetic transients and optimal power flow in electric power systems”.



Professor Emeritus of Medicine, Victor Gomel, received the Jacques Salat-Baroux award for outstanding work on reproductive medicine from the French National Academy of Medicine.

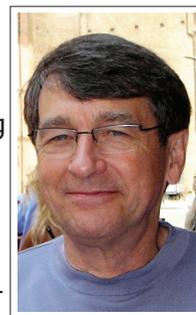
Dr. Muhammed Iqbal, Professor Emeritus of Mechanical Engineering received the UBC Alumni Association Faculty Service Award. After 30 years contributing to education and research in Canada, he now devotes himself to creating opportunities for disadvantaged communities in Pakistan, his country of birth.



Dr. Anthony Chow, Professor Emeritus, Division of Infectious Diseases, Department of Medicine, received the 2012 AMMI Canada Lifetime Achievement Award for outstanding leadership and distinguished career as an infectious disease physician.



Dr. John Gilbert, Professor and Principal Emeritus of the College of Health Disciplines, was honoured for his Outstanding Lifetime Contribution to International Allied Health Development. The International Chief Health Professions Officers organization presented the award at the International Allied Health Conference in Edinburgh in October.



Professor Emerita of Pediatrics and Medical Genetics, Judith Hall received the Founders' Award for lifetime achievement from the Canadian College of Medical Geneticists. Dr. Hall was President of UBC APE during 2011-12 and is currently an Ex-Officio member of the Association's Executive.

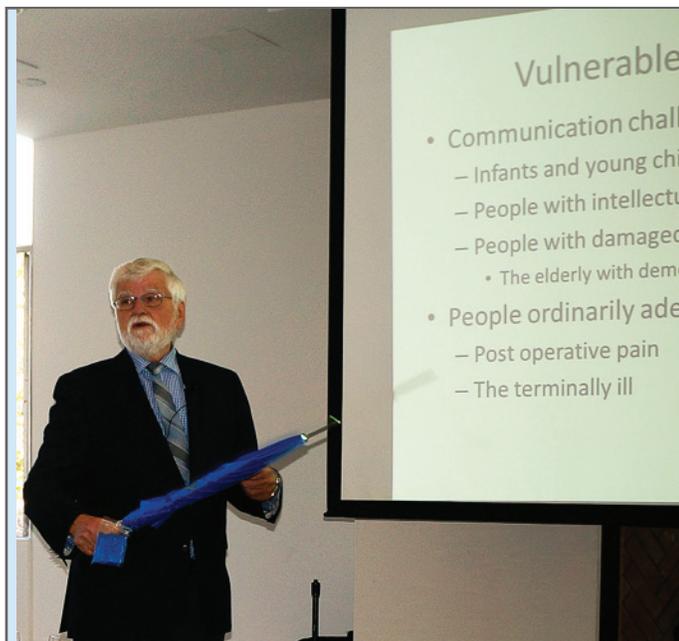


Dr. Janusz Laskowski, NBK Mining Engineering Professor Emeritus, was honoured at the 50th Symposium on Physico-Chemical Problems of Mineral Processing. The first 11 Symposia over the period from 1966 to 1980 were organized by Professor Janusz Laskowski.



Also in this issue see emeritus professor Michael Goldberg's article (p. 10) on the benefits of densification. Check the Association web site for emeritus professor Graham Riches' article on the "Right to Food".

Association Speakers' Series



Emeriti Research Day speaker Ken Craig using the coveted APE umbrella to make a point about "On Knowing the Pain of a Child".

Emeriti Research Day

UBC APE Research Day on October 8 showed off the research of emeriti with pizzazz. There were outstanding talks by Julian Davies, Kogila Adam-Moodley, and Ken Craig. The presentations were excellent and the audience response was terrific. We had to cut off the questions repeatedly. With such great enthusiasm, for our colleagues research, the Scholarly Committee of UBC APE will sponsor another research day in the spring. Anybody who would like to present their research, please contact Judith Hall (jhall@cw.bc.ca). Many thanks to the Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies for hosting our gathering. It certainly was interdisciplinary and advanced studies by the advanced emeriti!

Green College Senior Scholars' Series

This series is convened on behalf of Green College and the UBC Association of Professors Emeriti. It provides opportunities for senior academics to describe their personal experiences and journeys through their own academic careers. Presenters will distill a lifetime of scholarly work. Some will examine the new projects that have grown out of that work; others may reflect upon their changing attitudes to university life. The series is multidisciplinary and gives expression to the speakers' mature and personal insights, as well as "lessons learned". The speakers hope to engage Green College residents and other graduate students with senior faculty, to expose the academic community to UBC's most experienced academics, and to welcome the greater UTown/Point Grey neighbourhood to the richness of academic life at UBC.

Come at 4:30 for tea and coffee in the Green College Piano Room and stay for refreshments after the talks. To stay for dinner, tickets can be purchased through the Green College Office—604-822-8660.

CHALLENGING AND CHANGING WOMEN'S HEALTH USING BOTH SCIENCE AND THE HUMANITIES

Elaine Carty, Nursing, UBC
5-6:30pm, Tuesday November 26, 2013

DRAMA, THEATRE, AND PERFORMANCE: PRACTICING THE DISCIPLINE – BEFORE AND AFTER RETIREMENT

Errol Durbach, Theatre and English, UBC
5-6:30pm, Tuesday February 4, 2014

REFLECTIONS ON FIFTY YEARS OF ENGLISH STUDIES

Graham Good, English, UBC
5-6:30pm, Tuesday February 25, 2014

AN UNCOOL PURSUIT

Timothy Oke, Geography, UBC
5-6:30pm, Tuesday March 25, 2014

NOTICES

Thriving Faculty – Working Group

Thriving Faculty is a new initiative focused on supporting faculty members to thrive in their professional and personal roles. Thriving Faculty integrate wellbeing into their classrooms, research, departments and/or communities in addition to making a commitment to their own self-care.

What is Thrive?

Thrive is a campus-wide initiative designed to promote building positive mental health for all students, faculty and staff. This year, Thrive is encouraging our campus community members to try something new to improve their well-being. Throughout Thrive, we hope to increase awareness of the importance of mental health and promote skill development, as well as highlight role models and resources. To learn more, be sure to visit www.thrive.ubc.ca – the site will post regular updates as Thrive approaches.

This year, we are developing a new level of partnership called FACULTY MEMBER PARTNER, in an attempt to engage and support faculty participation in Thrive.

We are in the beginning stages of building out this level of partnership in Thrive and create a toolkit that will help make it easier for faculty members to integrate Thrive within their classroom, labs and departments. Thriving Faculty – Working Group, will continue to develop this initiative and toolkit.

For more information or to sign up for this working group, please contact the Lead for this working group, Geoffrey Soloway, MEd, PhD, Health & Wellness Specialist, Human Resources at geoffrey.soloway@ubc.ca, 604-827-0276.

UBC Faculty Women's Club Christmas Boutique & Tea Room

A fundraiser for student scholarships

Tuesday, Dec. 3: 11:30-2:00 pm

Home Baking—Knit and Stitch

My Lady's Boudoir—Books

Music—Silent Auction

Cecil Green Park, 6251 Cecil Green Park Road

Tickets (ordered in advance)\$15

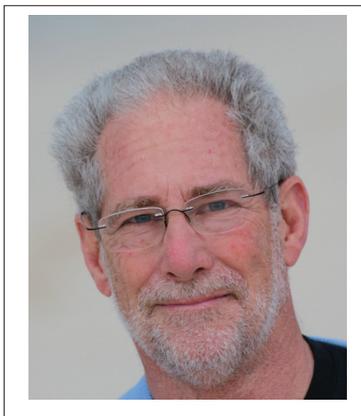
Phone: Ann Thompson 604-266-6778



Christmas Spirit at Tapestry

Tapestry at Wesbrook Village and Tapestry at Arbutus Walk, in partnership with **Home Instead** are proud to support seniors in need in the community. **Be a Santa to a Senior** provides gifts for these seniors at Christmas time. Ornaments will be placed on large Christmas trees at both communities. Visitors and guests are welcome to come by, pick an ornament off the tree. Each ornament will have an item, and a name of a senior in need. Tapestry asks those people to then purchase this gift and return it to us (unwrapped) and then we will wrap these gifts and provide these seniors a gift in the true spirit of Christmas. The tree at Wesbrook Village goes up November 14th and Arbutus Walk on November 21st." We ask that all purchased gifts be returned by Dec 14th to allow for wrapping and delivery. For more information, please contact Christina Capp at 604-225-5000.

Density Can Save Vancouver's Neighbourhoods



Michael Goldberg, Dean and Professor Emeritus, Sauder School of Business

Far from being the neighbourhood destroyer it is made out to be, higher density and taller buildings are key tools to protect and preserve our single-family residential areas.

Greater density can stabilize neighbourhoods by accommodating residents' life cycles. Paradoxically, by changing some buildings and adding height and density we can keep the same people in our neighbourhoods longer — something I would see as real stability.

When people talk about "neighbourhood" they talk about neighbours and the only way I know to keep people in a neighbourhood over their life cycle is to change the buildings to allow them to remain there as they age and their housing needs change.

By providing denser housing for empty nesters to move in the same neighbourhood, we free up single-family homes for others to occupy. Adding height and density in commercial zones of main thoroughfares also allows empty nesters and older residents to live in these denser units on commercial streets with easy walking access to shopping, services and public transportation.

Adding density along major streets and transit corridors — both bus and rail — can ease price pressures in the interior of neighbourhoods by adding needed supply. This helps preserve neighbourhoods' physical character by absorbing change along commercial edges of residential neighbourhoods. This offers another density paradox: by accommodating change through increases in density and height we can protect and greatly slow internal change in areas off major streets and transit corridors.

Large and growing expenditures on rapid transit generate enormous opportunities to create significant height and density at transit stations and along major transit corridors.

We can focus development along these major corridors, near transit stations and major corridor intersections, adding greatly to housing supply,

lowering transportation costs for these corridor and station-area residents, simultaneously reducing development pressure on the interiors of the residential neighbourhoods these corridors border and serve.

Current outcries against height and density at Broadway and Commercial Drive and Broadway and Main Street are badly misplaced, failing to understand the benefits and economics of height and density to preserve, not destroy, surrounding neighbourhoods

The fearmongering associated with public discussions of densification is unfortunate and not borne out by the reality of densification in Vancouver and elsewhere in Metro Vancouver.

Extensive empirical research I did 35 years ago on densifying Kerrisdale showed unequivocally that single-family houses adjacent to mid-rise apartment zones suffered no adverse effects in value from the rezoning, nor was there any decay in the physical quality of the neighbourhood.

The great success of densification along Broadway near Arbutus includes buildings up to nine storeys and has benefited the neighbourhood greatly. Residents enjoy added retail and commercial services, a larger population to help sustain these services and no loss of neighbourhood quality.

At considerably higher densities and heights Coal Harbour and Yaletown are equally successful, if quite different, neighbourhoods highly valued by residents, with none of the evils opponents of density proclaim are inevitable. Such high-density rezoning is only likely in select areas like Oakridge, the George Pearson Centre property, Northeast False Creek, and existing and proposed transit stations on Broadway and along Cambie Street.

Even at proposed heights and densities these rapid transit corridors offer nothing to fear as Coal Harbour, Yaletown, and the West End demonstrate: All hugely successful neighbourhoods with virtually no vacancies, highly prized by their residents.

A final essential point relates to our economic future, where land use and transportation are key ingredients. For Vancouver to support current and future residents, it needs a varied, robust economy offering opportunities for the entire spectrum of professional, skilled and unskilled

workers that are part of a mixed, stable and prosperous urban and regional economy.

Such a diverse workforce requires a dynamic housing supply, a mix of housing tenures and costs, and various easily accessed transportation options for residents.

Without rezoning for greater density and height to attend to affordability, and to accommodate more and different jobs, we will not be able to attract and retain the mix of jobs, people and skills for Vancouver to prosper in the future.

Our housing and job markets must offer affordable opportunities for all workers, highly talented knowledge workers and less skilled and lower paid workers, all of whom are essential to sustaining a vibrant, diversified economy and an equally vibrant and diverse society.

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Internet Usage by Seniors

Statistics Canada reports that Internet use among older Canadians is on the rise. In a recent study, the organization reports that Canadians aged 65 and over used the Internet in 2010 much more than they did in 2000. In total, 29% of Canadians over 75 and 60% of those aged 65 to 74 used the Internet at least once in the previous month.

When it comes to online consumption, Statistics Canada notes that between 2000 and 2010, "youth became less of a vanguard as older age groups were catching on." Still, the study draws attention to what the organization calls a "digital generation gap in the consumption of culture on the Internet." This gap is most noticeable in the field of music and video downloads. While 87% of Canadians aged 15 to 24 listen to downloaded music on a regular basis, only 10% of Canadians aged 65 to 74 listen to music from the Internet at least once a week.

Overall, older Canadians seem much less willing to embrace digital music formats. More than 80% of Canadians 65 or over listened to only records and CDs in 2010, compared to only 6% who did so from ages 15 to 24.

Younger Canadians are also more likely to watch videos online. 10% of Canadians aged 65 and over do it on a regular basis, while 80%

of Canadians aged 18 to 24 stream movies and television using the Internet.

Not all older consumers are as wary about digital media. The Pew Internet Project suggested last year that while online seniors use the Internet mostly for email, they're branching out in significant numbers. According to the project, there was a 34% increase between 2005 and 2012 in the number of online seniors aged 65 and over who use social networking tools.

The statistics prove that over the past decade, there's been a noticeable shift in the way older consumers use the Internet. The online world is no longer the domain of the young, and Internet-savvy seniors are engaging with digital media in new and sometimes surprising ways.

Statistics Canada points out that since people aged 65 to 74 are more likely than younger Canadians to read as a hobby, e-reading could become a niche market for older consumers. The baby boomer generation, according to the study, "represent an important market for new products and platforms." Whether or not evolving media can address the gap between older and younger generations remains to be seen.

Source: Canadian Press, January 2013

My memory is going, so I changed my password to "incorrect." That way when I log in with the wrong password, the computer will tell me... "Your password is incorrect."



From left to right: Larry Burr, Pete Chamberlain. Don Blake & Tony Podlecki

Christmas is Coming

The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra under maestro Bramwell Tovey is world renowned. Lower Mainland residents are privileged to hear the orchestra on many occasions, especially at Christmas time when the VSO presents its **Traditional Christmas Concerts** series. This year, as in every year since 2007, members of the UBC Opera Ensemble and EnChor, a seniors' choir, combine to create the VSO Christmas Choir.

Four members of the EnChor Choir are UBC Emeriti—tenors Donald Blake and Pete Chamberlain, both political scientists, and basses Larry Burr (Medicine) and Tony Podlecki (Classics). There are 15 concerts to choose from. Please check out vancouversymphony.ca or EnChor.ca for details.

EnChor was founded by the late Diane Loomer, a UBC alumna and recipient of an honorary doctorate from UBC. In addition to its work with the VSO, and two public concerts per year, EnChor performs regularly in retirement homes, assisted living facilities, hospitals and hospices.



Emeriti in the Community

Do you participate in an activity that benefits the community like EnChor in the note above? We believe that contributions of emeriti

in to the community are not as well known as they should be. If you fit this description or know of someone who does, please contact the newsletter editor, Don Blake (dblake@politics.ubc.ca). He welcomes contributions.

UBC School of Music Wednesday Noon Hour Concerts

Nov. 20: Paolo Bortolussi (flute) and Corey Hamm (piano) with works by Ziporan, Byrnes, Sierra, Pierce and Rakowski.

Nov. 27: String Chamber Music **FREE**

Jan. 15: Dale Barltrop (violin) and Chiharu Iinuma (piano) play music by Mozart and Corigliano.

Jan. 22: Pierre-André Doucet, winner of the 2013 Knigge Piano Competition premieres a work by Jared Miller plus works by Liszt and others.

Feb. 5: Patricia Hoy (piano) plays Bach and Chopin.

Feb. 12: Ilya Poletaev (piano, chamber organ, harpsichord) presents Bach's *The Well-Tempered Clavier, Book II*.

Feb. 26: *Prevailing Winds Wind Quintet*. Members of the Naden Band of the Royal Canadian Navy play Berio, Hétu, Barber, Kulesha and D'Rivera.

March 5: Joseph Lulloff (saxophone) and Deborah Moriarity (piano) present works by Chang, Chatman, and Bolcom.

March 12: *Trombone Interactive* David Harding (viola) Ariel Barnes (cello), Keith Hamel (electronics) and Stefan Smulovitz (electronics).

All concerts in Barnett Hall from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm. Admission \$5 at the door, except where noted.

There are dozens of other School of Music Events at Barnett Hall and the Chan Centre. Check their on line events calendar at www.music.ubc.ca.



Upcoming Vancouver Institute Lectures

Nov. 23: Mark Mazzetti, Journalist, New York Times, *America's Shadow War*.

Nov.30: Prof. Alex Himelfarb, York University, *Tax Isn't a Four-Letter Word*.

Jan. 18: Dr. Wade Davis, anthropologist, ethnobotanist and author, *The Sacred Headwaters: The Fight to Save the Stikine, Skeena and Nass*.

Jan. 25: Dr. David A. Kessler, MD, Former Commissionaer, US Food and Drug Administration, *The End of Overeating*.

For details visit www.vaninst.ca