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# The 4th Dimension

Association of Professional Engineers and  
Geoscientists of BC  
Victoria Branch Newsletter  
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## Next Event –

1. **Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> – Cancelled.**
2. **Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> – Social Media Presentation & Breakfast**

See page 2 for a list of all events.

**If the weather outside is too cold for you why not join us indoors at one of our events?  
It's a great way to be informed and add to your Continuing Professional Development.**

## November 1<sup>st</sup> – Victoria Rapid Transit Presentation – Ambrosia Conference Centre

Tuesday November 1st 2010 we, along with a respectable number of interested citizens of Greater Victoria were enlightened on some of the arguments being put forward by both the advocates and the detractors of the proposed Light Rail Transit option. Whereas the arguments that were presented by Mr. Robert Wickson and backed up by Mr. Todd Litman were well received by a rather vocal contingent of cyclists in the audience, their “facts” lacked a certain degree of current relevance to the complexities of establishing a dedicated fixed link from the Western Communities to a point in town. The Uptown Shopping Centre seemed to be the point they figured would be the logical terminus for the Light Rail Transit Line.

Mr. Jim Hindson, a retired P. Eng. from Ontario who spent 15 years of career as a traffic engineer was eager to bring the oversights of the Pro-LRT argument to everyone's attention, which drew the ire of many of the light rail enthusiasts in the audience. As such several of the audience members were quick to find whatever flaws they could in his presentation. As confrontational as this may sound, the presentations and the ensuing Q&A session provided a healthy forum in which members of the audience (both the membership of the APEGBC and the General Public) were provided with several reasons to question the arguments put forward in support of establishing an LRT system along the corridor from Station Avenue in Langford to the Uptown Shopping Centre in Saanich.

One thing that was agreed upon by each of the three presenters is that a workable solution to the traffic problem would be much easier to achieve if the citizenry of Greater Victoria were not broken to the 13 different municipalities. Rather, a workable solution to the transit situation and to the sewage treatment dilemma as well as the policing problem would all be much easier to achieve if we were united under a common municipal government instead of the 13 fiefdoms that we currently have.

R. McDermot

**October 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> Branch Reps Meeting, APEGBC AGM**

This branch reps meeting was focused on achieving of APEGBC's goals of member engagement. To this end, APEGBC is searching for nominations for the President's Award, the Environmental Award and the Sustainability Award. The mentoring program is being revamped and they are specifically working on a new brochure/info packet for people interested in the program. There have been some suggestions to have events like wine tastings and coffee shop meetings, for members to meet the local executive and discuss their concerns. APEGBC is also trying to arrange for members to meet with their MLA in order to provoke changes to the act. As it stands now, the engineers and geoscientists are not a high priority.

The next AGM will be held in Victoria October 25-27, 2012.

M. Robinson

**Next Executive Meetings – meetings are open to all members**

**Wednesday November 23<sup>rd</sup>** Upper Deck – Lower Dining Room – 229 Gorge Road East at 5:30pm. **Note:** the executive meetings are open to all members and pizza is provided.

**Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

Tuesday January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012

Tuesday March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Wednesday April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Tuesday May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012

**Upcoming Events**

To encourage increase attendance at our events throughout the year, the executive is publishing all events ahead of time. Each event is the responsibility of one of the executive members. So please mark up your calendars with the following dinner meetings and presentations.

<b>Nov 30, 2011</b>	Camosun PISE/CARI (Lunch)	Kathy Lokhorst, Peter Fell
<b>Dec 15, 2011</b>	<b>Social Media (Breakfast)</b>	Marcel Gingras
Jan 26, 2012	Robby Burns Night	Tom McLean, Pamela Schmitt
Feb 21 or 22	Games night @ Canoe Club	Magnus McElroy, Kathy Lokhorst
March 31, 2012	Talbot awards	TBD
April 16, 2012	Dockyard tour	Richard Summers, Gordon Porritt
May 3, 2012	Spaghetti Bridge Contest	Camosun College
May 24, 2012	Island Farms tour/ AGM	Daphne Sidawa-Wolf, Richard Summers

**Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> - Event Cancelled.** Possibility of rescheduling event.

**Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, Social Media Breakfast**

Location: Princess Mary Restaurant, 459 Head St, Esquimalt

Time: 7:30 am -9:00 am Cost: \$15/ \$10 (Student), Register online

Social Media is a reality of today's culture. Have you wondered how Social Media will impact both you personally as an engineer and your engineering business?

Dr Janni Aragon, from the UVic Department of Political Science, will give a short presentation on the cultural experience of Social Media and how it can be used in building social communities. She will discuss ways for you to engage in Social Media. There will also be an opportunity to discuss ways to use Social Media in your business.

## Upcoming Events Cont'd

### Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> Robbie Burns Night

Location: Ramada Inn, 123 Gorge Road East (Details to be finalized)

This will be a dinner meeting complete with a piper and ode to haggis. A presentation from Worksafe BC on municipal haz-mat code will be given. More details to come.

### Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> –Spaghetti Bridge Building Contest

Location: Camosun College, Interurban Campus.

There are categories for grade school students, university students and even a corporate challenge! People can enter as a team or individually. APEGBC-Victoria Branch is providing some sponsorship for the event as well as volunteers. More details to come. Check for updates at: [http://civil.camosun.bc.ca/spaghetti\\_bridge](http://civil.camosun.bc.ca/spaghetti_bridge)

If you have recently received your P.Eng., P.Geo, EIT or GIT and wish to receive your APEGBC certificate and complimentary dinner at upcoming events, please contact Richard Summers, Branch Chair at [Richard.Summers@forces.gc.ca](mailto:Richard.Summers@forces.gc.ca)

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

A section in our newsletter where we publish letters from our members. The opinions of our members are not endorsed by our editor, our chapter nor APEGBC. Please submit your letters/comments on any subject related to our profession to [vic@apeg.bc.ca](mailto:vic@apeg.bc.ca) and limit to 250 words.

## Other Events

### Vancouver Island Chapter of APEGBC

The VI chapter would like to invite any of the Victoria chapter members to its monthly meetings.

#### APEGBC

APEGBC puts on a number of seminars and courses throughout the year. Although most of these are on the mainland some are on Vancouver Island. For a complete list and details please go to the APEGBC website at [www.apeg.bc.ca](http://www.apeg.bc.ca)

#### Canadian Geotechnical Society (CGS)

Meetings are normally held the third Friday of each month from September to May, excluding December. For details, the website: is <http://www.cgs.ca/english/reg-div/vic-loc.html#news>.

#### Engineering Institute of Canada (EIC), Vancouver Island Branch

For information on the next meeting, please link to: <http://civil.camosun.bc.ca/vib-eic/>.

Luncheon Meetings occur on the first Friday of the month (except July and August). For details, call Bruce Barnewall at 356-0762 or e-mail Bruce at [bruce.barnewall@gov.bc.ca](mailto:bruce.barnewall@gov.bc.ca)

#### The Vancouver Island Advanced Technology Centre (VIATEC)

VIATEC is the conduit that connects people, knowledge and resources to grow a successful technology sector on Vancouver Island. To learn more about VIATeC go to [www.viatec.ca](http://www.viatec.ca).

## Advertisements

While APEGBC – Victoria Branch is not in a position to endorse advertisements, we do provide them as a service to our members. The advertising rates are \$200 for eight continuous advertisements and \$30 for a single advertisement.

## Career Listings

The **Career Listings** is sent weekly as a service of APEGBC. To receive the career listing email messages, log in to the APEGBC Member Portal and update your profile.

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