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## Greetings from the Branch Chair

By Greg Beaveridge, P.Eng. Victoria Branch Chair



On behalf of the executive, greetings to all Victoria Branch members as we start this 2003-2004 term.

As in the past, the Branch executive looks forward to promoting the profession through programs that include APEGBC council liaison, where issues may be presented and explained. The dinner meetings are planned to provide topics of interest to a wide audience, and our first of this term is on September 25 at Caddie's Pub (at UVic) and will feature Michael Cormier of the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority. EIT and GIT recognition as

well as P.Eng. and P.Geo. presentations, provide an opportunity to meet prospective and new members in a welcoming environment. Personally, I especially enjoy the Gold Foil presentations, where extraordinary careers in the profession are exemplified. The Branch has a tradition of supporting MATHCOUNTS, UVic Industry nights, UVic Science Fair and events at Camosun College during National Engineering week.

The Branch also has a tradition of supporting the University of Victoria engineering students with the Talbot Memorial Bursary, which is to be presented on Robbie Burns night at the January dinner meeting, one of the highlights of the year. We expect to host the President early in the new year with a featured luncheon and dinner meeting. The Branch executive is active in promoting local members, David Gibbs, P.Eng. and Sharlie Huffman, P.Eng. as they run for Provincial Council and also for those who have been nominated for awards.

The Victoria Branch is one of the most active in the Province thanks to the work of members and executive who volunteer their time and energy in so many ways from our dinner meeting speakers to production of the newsletter. I don't want to forget to acknowledge those who work behind-the-scenes arranging events, handling finances, providing gifts, pictures and professional development seminars. I hope to see as many members as possible at dinner meetings and other events. ☺

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## Join us on Thursday, September 25th!

You are cordially invited to attend the first post summer dinner meeting to be held at Caddie's Pub, University of Victoria on September 25th!

Our featured speaker is **Mr. Michael Cormier**, the General Manager of the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority. Mr. Cormier will provide us insight into the plans for revitalizing Victoria's harbours into a world-class port. See page 2 — GVHA's New Vision for Harbour Revitalization — for details. ☺



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## GVHA's New Vision for Harbour Revitalization September 25th Dinner Meeting

**M**ichael Cormier, newly-appointed General Manager of the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority (GVHA), will provide an overview of the authority's vision and direction for 2004 and beyond. During the summer, the GVHA Board and staff convened for a day and a half visioning session to identify top new priorities for harbour revitalization and how the organization will work with business and community stakeholders to build a world-class port.



Through redeveloping Ogden Point — the GVHA's first major harbour improvement project — the organization has laid the foundations for a thriving cruise ship and tourism industry. Mr. Cormier will provide some insight as to how the GVHA will use the project's momentum to create a spectacular environment within the Inner Harbour and help make the people of Victoria even more proud and profitable.

The GVHA Board of Directors is comprised of key stakeholders in local business and economy including; the Provincial Capital Commission, City of Victoria, Esquimalt and Songhees Nations, Township of Esquimalt, Victoria/Esquimalt Harbour Society, Tourism Victoria, Chamber of Commerce and the CRD. In a precedent-setting move, the GVHA took ownership of four, federal port facilities (Wharf Street, Ship Point/Government Street, Fisherman's Wharf and Ogden Point) from Transport Canada in February 2002.

Mr. Cormier comes to the GVHA from his position as Harbour Master and Senior Manager, Marine Operations at the Port of Vancouver. He is an accomplished hands-on leader and manager with a broad base of experience in an active seaport environment. Mr. Cormier has also worked with Terminal Systems Inc. and Harbour Cruises in Vancouver. In addition to a Masters Degree in Business Administration, Mr. Cormier holds a Certificate of Competency as a Master Mariner. After nine years as a Naval Officer in the Canadian Armed Forces, Mr.

Cormier completed a Diploma of Shipping and Marine Operations while a Naval Reserve Officer.

You are invited to join Mr. Michael Cormier and the Victoria Branch for a wonderful evening of good food and great company on Thursday, September 25, 2003 at Caddie's Pub, University of Victoria.

Doors open at 5:30 pm for a social and dinner starts at 6:30 pm. Mr. Cormier's presentation will begin around 7:45 pm. The cost is \$20.00 for advance registration, \$25.00 at the door, \$10.00 for students and \$5.00 for the presentation only. Please pre-register by TUESDAY, September 23 via the answering service at 721-8896. Provide the names of those whom you are registering and your telephone number. To cancel your registration, leave a message at 882-4482 by NOON, September 24. The branch must pay for no-shows. ☺

## APEGBC's Financial Future Depends On Your Vote!



**L**ast year, members voted on two fee bylaw amendments suggested by Council. The first of two proposed bylaw revisions was passed. This proposed \$30 increase in membership fees is now in place.

The second proposal was to let Council set registered member fees in the future without going to a letter ballot. This was recommended to give Council the latitude to set future fee increases as outlined in the forecasts that accompanied the bylaw communication materials. These increases would help offset inflationary effects, permit moderate program improvements and enable APEGBC to build up its cash reserves, which have become dangerously low and will be eliminated soon without an in-

crease in revenues or a reduction in spending.

As the second fee proposal did not pass but the need still exists to build the reserves for the future and to fight inflation, Council has recommended a revised proposal that would permit Council to increase member fees by up to 5% in any year. Desired increases greater than 5% would still require a member letter ballot as presently required.

The Council is requesting your consideration and vote to ratify this revised fee proposal. Council election material and bylaw amendments will be mailed to you on September 12. We ask that you read over the materials and help APEGBC serve you better by casting your vote on this issue.

For more information, link to <http://www.apeg.bc.ca/news/news-fee-bylaw-03.html>. ☺

## Meetings Around Town

### APEGBC, Victoria Branch

Victoria Branch dinner meetings are held the last Thursday night of each month from September to May excluding December. Meetings are usually held at Caddie's Pub, University of Victoria and start at 5:30 p.m. The next dinner meetings are held in the Fall and are scheduled for Thursday,  
 SEPTEMBER 25,  
 October 30 and  
 November 27.

Everyone is welcome to attend the next Branch Executive meeting held the first Tuesday of the September at 7:00am at Redd's Café in the Holiday Inn on Blanshard St and Finlayson Ave.

### ASHRAE, Vancouver Island Chapter

The next meeting is on Thursday, September 18. Mr. Alex Zimmerman, the President of the newly formed Canadian Green Building Council (CaGBC), will give a presentation about one of the world's most sustainable commercial building projects, the Beddington Zero Energy Development (BedZED) in London, England, that he visited last year. He will also be talking about the recently formed CaGBC and its objectives.

For more information, link to <http://www.ashrae.bc.ca/vi.htm>. RSVP by email to Bohdan Kosteckyj at [bkosteckyj@bcbc.bc.ca](mailto:bkosteckyj@bcbc.bc.ca) or telephone at 952-8232 to reserve your spot.

### Canadian Geotechnical Society (CGS)

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 19, 2003 11:45 a.m. at the Traveler's Inn - City Centre, 1961 Douglas St., Victoria. The guest speaker Fred Shrimmer, P. Geo. of Golder Associates, he will talk on "Alkali Aggregate Reactivity in Concrete Dams".

For more information, please link to the CGS web site at <http://www.cgs.ca/english/reg-div/vic-loc.html> or contact Steve Bean by email at [sbean@thurberggroup.com](mailto:sbean@thurberggroup.com) or by calling (250) 727-2201.

### Canadian Society for Civil Engineering (CSCE)

If you are interested in joining, please e-mail CSCE at [info@csce.ca](mailto:info@csce.ca). For more information, contact Gerry Buydens at 356-9449 or [Gerry.Buydens@gems2.gov.bc.ca](mailto:Gerry.Buydens@gems2.gov.bc.ca).

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

The group meets the first Friday of the month at the Traveler's Inn, 1961 Douglas at 12:00 p.m. For more information, please link to: <http://civil.camosun.bc.ca/vib-eic/>

### Engineer's Wives Association

The next event is on Thursday, October 16. A Wine tour and lunch will be held at the Victoria Estate Winery located at 1445 Benvenuto Ave., Brentwood Bay. The event starts at 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 pm. Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon. Please contact Kate Insley at 658-4451 for more information. Guests are welcome.



### Institute of Transportation Engineers (CITE), Vancouver Island Section

The next Luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, September 25, 2003 from 11:45am to 1:30pm at Travelers Inn - City Centre, 1961 Douglas, Victoria.

The featured speaker Ed Miska, P. Eng. PTOE, who heads the MOT's Traffic Engineering, Safety and Geometric Standards group, will make a presentation on "What's Happening at MoT?" This should be an enlightening presentation outlining new technical initiatives and the overall direction of the Ministry for the next few years.

To shorten the meeting we will begin serving lunch at 12 noon, so please arrive early! For more information, please link to: <http://www.citebc.ca>.

Please register by calling Richard James at 250-721-5897 or send an e-mail to Richard by Monday September 22nd.



## Professional Development Courses

### Project Management: A Team Approach

October 2 & 3, 2003

Harbour Towers Hotel & Suites, Victoria, BC

For more information, please visit:

[http://www.apeg.bc.ca/prodev/events/project\\_management\\_victoria.html](http://www.apeg.bc.ca/prodev/events/project_management_victoria.html)

### Expert Witness

Date to be announced

Location to be announced; Victoria, BC

For more information, please visit:

[http://www.apeg.bc.ca/prodev/events/expert\\_witness.html](http://www.apeg.bc.ca/prodev/events/expert_witness.html). This seminar will include lunch and is similar to the Vancouver presentation.

### Marketing and Business Development for Engineers and Geoscientists

November 21, 2003

Harbour Towers Hotel & Suites, Victoria, BC

For more information, please visit:

[http://www.apeg.bc.ca/prodev/events/mktg\\_dev\\_victoria.html](http://www.apeg.bc.ca/prodev/events/mktg_dev_victoria.html)

## Have Your Say!

Do you have a story to share or news to announce? Do you have concerns or comments you would like to voice? We'd love to hear from you and welcome any contributions to this newsletter, humorous or otherwise. The deadline for submissions to the next newsletter is September 26, 2003. Please send them to Joyce Liu, EIT at [jliu@powelgroup.com](mailto:jliu@powelgroup.com).

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