



# BRANCH REPORT

## BC08 | Vancouver Branch

### President's message

Over the last couple of years, the branch has been very active in advocacy and that continues to be the case. Murray Bryck (vice-president) and directors Beverly Segal, Deborah Turner and Ian Sanderson have met with a number of members of Parliament (MP's). In 2023 Paul Davis (director, Yukon) met with the Yukon MP Brendan Hanley and arranged to follow up again this year.

In April, the branch held its annual general meeting (AGM) at the Italian Cultural Centre (ICC). We passed our 2024/25 budget and our treasurer, Tom Chang, gave an excellent presentation on the good health of our finances. We held elections at this meeting where Murray and Tom were both acclaimed to another three year term. We are also pleased to welcome Danielle Rehm as a new director.

Murray, Tom and I attended the B.C. & Yukon district meeting on May 6-8 in Abbotsford. It was nice to have the national president, Roy Goodall in attendance. Roy gave a presentation on the Association's 2024-27 strategic plan.

June 9-15, 2024, was National Public Service Week. The Branch celebrated with a luncheon meeting that had 104 attendees. Special guests, Lisa Hansen and Mark Costales from Johnson Insurance gave a very well-received presentation on travel insurance.

In September, rather than a meeting, members are invited to a presentation at Arbor Memorial in Surrey. Details to be announced.

Our Christmas luncheon this year will be at the ICC on Dec. 12, 2024. Please keep an eye out for an Eventbrite announcement.

Sincerely,

**George Scott**

President, Vancouver Branch



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*Peter Julian, MP for New Westminster, B.C., with branch VP Murray Bryck and director Beverly Segal*



*Rosie the Riveter poster for the Whitehorse Yukon event*

## In memoriam

The Vancouver Branch extends its sincere condolences to the family and friends of the following members:

Donald Byer, Gus J.E. Carter, D. Gordon Longmuir, Roy Lincoln, M.Y. Mah, Verne Murray and Jean A. Wilson

## Coming events

**September 2024** — Presentation and luncheon by Arbor Memorial in Surrey, B.C. Details to follow.

**Dec. 12, 2024** — Holiday meeting at the Italian Cultural Centre. Eventbrite message to follow.

## Office volunteer wanted

The Vancouver Branch is looking for a volunteer to help out in its main office. The time required is just one day per month for four hours. Duties include answering the telephone, computer work and handling member requests. Training will be provided. If interested please call the branch at (604) 681-4742. We look forward to having you on our team.

## Vancouver Branch information, as of June 2024

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Branch report: published quarterly with SAGE, 4-page Report Fall & Winter

General Meetings: April (AGM), June, September and December

Board of Director Meetings: in the week before General Meetings

## Vancouver Branch board of directors

**President:** George Scott  
**Vice president:** Murray Bryck  
**Secretary:** Danielle Rehm  
**Treasurer:** Tom Chang  
**Director:** Ian Sanderson  
**Director:** Beverly Segal  
**Director:** Deborah Turner  
**Director (Yukon):** Paul Davis

## Vancouver Branch volunteers

**Office manager:** Jocelan Caldwell  
**Recruitment:** Helio Da Costa  
**Membership:** Sylvia Mechler  
**Membership:** Ed Tam  
**Health and benefits:** Connie Cameron