



# January 2022 Newsletter

## PROBUS CLUB OF WHITE ROCK & SOUTH SURREY General Meeting Wednesday Jan. 12 , 2022



Our January guest speaker was Surrey Police Service Chief Norm Lipinski is an accomplished and highly respected policing leader with over 42 years of experience serving in large, urban municipalities. With a strong reputation as a community-focused leader, Lipinski has a proven track record of championing progressive policing policies geared at de-escalating conflict, including diverse perspectives, and increasing police

accountability.

Lipinski's in-depth understanding of the City of Surrey is informed by his 5 years serving as Deputy Chief in the neighbouring Delta Police Service, where Lipinski played a key role in devising and implementing effective crime reduction strategies. His understanding of large urban settings is further cemented by his 32 years of experience as Deputy Chief of the Edmonton Police Service in Canada's fifth largest municipality.

Having served as an Assistant Commissioner in the RCMP, Chief Lipinski is uniquely equipped to help steer Surrey through its transition from the RCMP to a municipal policing model.

Lipinski's achievements include receiving the Officer Order of Merit (OOM) bestowed by the Governor General of Canada, the Canadian Police Exemplary Medal, and the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee medal. His educational background includes a Bachelor of Laws Degree (LLB) and a Master of Business Administration (MBA).

New Surrey Police Chief Norm Lipinski says he knows he faces many challenges but it suits his temperament. He said, "I enjoy building winning teams. It's a great job for me."

Lipinski, who served with municipal police forces and was a high-ranking officer in the RCMP said the Surrey Police Service now has 200 total staff including 159 police officers recruited from the RCMP, several municipal forces in BC and from outside the province. He said there are recruits from 17 different jurisdictions including Toronto, Calgary and Edmonton. Chief Lipinski says he would rather recruit experienced police officers because it takes almost a year to put a newly-trained officer on the street.

SPS members have been partnering with Surrey RCMP officers since November, 2021 and have attended about 1,000 calls. He said members of the public are not concerned which uniform a police officer is wearing; it's a matter of just getting the job done.

The chief said the SPS has reached out to focus groups in each of Surrey's five districts, conducting about 100 interviews. That may result in slightly different models for each community. Overall he said the number one concern is gang violence. He said in facing that issue the focus will be on youth to hopefully dissuade them from joining gangs in the first place. He said, "Once you get in (to a gang) it's hard to get out."

Although policing has evolved, Chief Lipinski made reference to the vision of Sir Robert Peel, founder of London Police in 1887 who stressed the importance of community involvement. In today's environment Lipinski is looking at the prospect of having trained professionals in the health care field working with police officers. He noted the New York Police Department is experimenting with having psychologists involved in handling "wellness" calls where mental health may be an issue.

Although there could be changes in the municipal election later this year Lipinski says it would not affect his police force since SPS does not report to city council.

It reports to the Surrey Police Board which was appointed by the Provincial Government. The mayor is automatically chairman but does not have a vote unless it is to break a tie. Noting that 200 people have been hired, there is a union

contract and \$53 million has been spent including \$15 million on infrastructure, Chief Lipinski said. “You can’t un-ring the bell.”

It was a lively session with questions from many members, indicating keen interest.

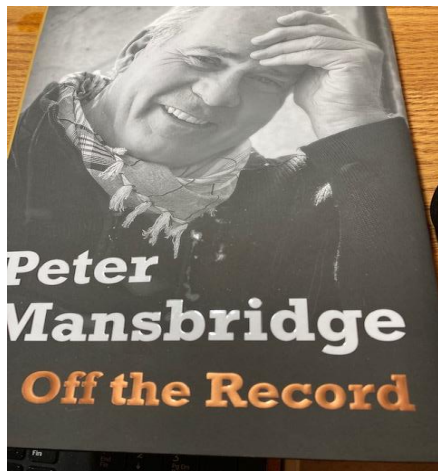
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## NEXT MONTH



Peter Mansbridge Interview – Probus Club – February, 2022

George goes ‘One-On- One’ with Peter Mansbridge, long time anchor of the CBC National. Peter was a high school dropout and had a limited career in the Royal Canadian Navy, unable to continue because he did not have a high school diploma. With little money and no job, Peter scanned the classified ads in a Winnipeg newspaper. He saw an ad for Translink Airlines in Churchill, Manitoba. He got the job as a baggage handler and occasionally announced flights on the PA system. Luckily he was heard by a CBC official who offered him a job in radio

Peter worked for the CBC for nearly 50 years, rising to the top job as Anchor of the National...a job he held for 29 years.

George will interview Peter about his new book “Off The Record” – an interesting series of stories that took Peter and his crew around the world covering big events like the tearing down of the Berlin Wall, 9/11, war coverage in Afghanistan, the funeral of Princess Diana and countless Federal elections. The interview will include the story of Peter’s love of Northern Canada. Peter will also answer questions from Probus members.

## Management Committee and Activities

### Management Committee

#### New Event

#### **Appies Social Group**

The White Rock/South Surrey Probus club is initiating a monthly co-ed “Appies Social Group”. Both couples and singles are welcome to participate.

**When:** The fourth Friday of each month. Regular monthly events will commence January 28, 2022.

**Time:** 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

**Where:** Members’ homes, gardens, patios, back yards, common rooms, etc.

**Suggested sizes of groups:** 10, 12, and/or 20, depending on the size of the venue and the total number of guests attending.

**Hosts:** Hosting is optional, but encouraged. Hosts will be given ample notice of who their guests will be.

**Food:** You must bring one shareable appetizer, enough for 10 or 12 people. Bring your own plates and cutlery.

**Drinks:** BYOB, including your own glass(es).

**Signing up:** There will be a sign-up sheet for the upcoming event at each monthly Probus meeting. You will be notified by phone four or five days before the event as to whose home you will be attending.

**Rules:** 1) No “trading” of houses is allowed. 2) Take your leftover food and drinks home with you. 3) Meet people. 4) Have fun!

Appie pictures <https://www.probusclubwhiterock-southsurrey.ca/activity-groups>

Anyone wishing to take part in this group should reply to Bob Pedersen at [bob\\_pedersen@shaw.ca](mailto:bob_pedersen@shaw.ca) or phone at 604-535-0272. Please also advise if you are willing to host an event and, if so, how many people you can accommodate. Please advise which month you are willing to host, and also an alternate month.

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## **Snowshoe Group**

Hello Snow Shoe Enthusiasts,

Re: SNOW SHOE - Sign Up for the 2021-22 Season

This will be the third year for this Co-ed activity. Experienced and ‘newbees’ welcome (we will teach you the basics).

Year one was very successful, with a number of people learning how easy and invigorating this sport is. Unfortunately, year two was hampered by Covid 19, saw individuals snowshoeing but not as a group. Now that everyone has had double vaccinations, year three will see us return to normal group activity levels. Local mountains are already receiving snow and if this continues we should be able to schedule our first snowshoe event early January.

Please email me (Al Zemrau) [azemrau@shaw.ca](mailto:azemrau@shaw.ca) if you wish to be included in this year’s Snow Shoe Group.

### **Probus Snow Shoe Group –**

Time to get your gear ready – and please let me know if you will be joining us as we do ‘ride-sharing’.

Cheers,

Al Zemrau, Coordinator

Probus Snow Shoe Group

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## **Walking Groups**

PROBUS WALKING GROUP

(All walks start at 10:00am – rain, SNOW, or shine.)

Sunday January 16 – Campbell Valley

Sunday January 23 – Crescent Beach

Sunday January 30 – Coed (Couples and Singles) – Duprez Ravine & WR Pier

Happy New Year, 🚶🚶🚶



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Al Zemrau, Coordinator

Probus Walking Group

Keep moving ... it's all about your health and great comradery. 🚶

Cheers,

2. Wanderers (WGG) – A New Walking Activity Group

Please Note: This walking group takes on longer and more difficult walks – designed for the ‘fitter’ walker who likes a challenge.

Hello WWG and Happy New Year,

I hope you are continuing to stay healthy and FIT.

This month the **WWG** will be doing only one walk. An adaption of a local WR 10km walk previously suggested by Sten and Bob G..

- **Wednesday January 26<sup>th</sup> 10:00am - Meet at the ‘Bear’ on east beach WR.**

Why only one walk this month? We are told by the Health Authorities that we are in the ‘peak’ Omicron transmission period and group gatherings (such as ride-sharing) should be avoided.

Wanderers Walking Group

Please advise Al by email if you will be joining the walk.

Cheers and keep motoring, 🚶🚶

Al Zemrau, Coordinator

## Mixed Walking Group

Jan 16 - Crescent Beach. Meet at Beecher Street washrooms.

Jan 23 - White Rock Promenade. We will meet at the East end of Marine by the Spirit Bear. This is just across the street from the Promenade Hotel at 15611 Marine Drive.

Jan 30 - Sunnyside Acres Urban Forest. The meeting place will be SS Ice Rink Parking lot by tennis courts (2199 148th Street).

Cheers Ted at tedcartier@gmail.com

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## **Investment Group**

Probus IDG (Investment & Discussion)

- You may already know we have a very active 'Investment Discussion Group' - this is your invitation to join the group in 2022.
- Investment returns are likely to be more difficult to come by in the coming year, so come join us and participate – we all can learn an investment tip or two from the group discussion.
- If you have investments and are interested in improving your annual return or just interested in learning more about a wide range of investment opportunities – join the IDG.
- We meet monthly at a neutral location – coffee, donuts, and comradery always available.
- In 2021, our theoretical RIF portfolio achieved a 26 % return, and our TFSA portfolio earned more than 18%.
- **Monthly Meetings**
- In January, we will return to regular meetings with the first meeting being held January 18<sup>th</sup>. Topics include:
  - What direction and format does the IDG want to emphasize in 2022?
  - What the market will likely look like throughout the year.
- Greetings and Best Wishes for the New Year and a healthy, prosperous 2022.
- Just a short note to remind you that Al Zemrau will now be your main contact with full responsibility for all aspects of our Probus IDG.

- I will look forward to lesser involvement but continuing on as a regular member.
- Also, please plan to attend the Jan. 18th meeting for discussion and ideas for 2022.
- Good wishes, stay safe. Regards, Gerry Burns

### **Al Zemrau, Coordinator**

- **Probus Investment Discussion Group (IDG)**
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### **Book Club Group**

6 of us meet every second Tuesday. Once a month we discuss a book and once a month each of us pick the topic for discussion. Contact Bill Jones at [bjones17@shaw.ca](mailto:bjones17@shaw.ca) At this time we are on Zoom every second Tuesday. Once a month we discuss a book and once a month each of us picks a topic for discussion. Contact Bill Jones at [bjones17@shaw.ca](mailto:bjones17@shaw.ca) 604-328-5360 or Harry White 604-807-4696

Here is our plan until March 22

Jan. 25	Discussion - Dave
Feb. 08	City of Falling Angels by John Berendt - Henry
Feb. 22	Discussion – Brian
Mar. 08	Man Enough by Frank Pittman - Bill
Mar. 22	Discussion - Percy

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## Wednesday Morning Coffee Hour:

The **Wednesday Morning coffee event Jan 19 10:30 am is now occurring on Zoom at the link below.**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86353657832?pwd=K3FDZ210YXIKclhoOUNtUjA3MHBnQT09>

Meeting ID: 863 5365 7832

Passcode: 727982

Bill Jones

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## Monday Evening Coffee Chat:

We decided future meetings will consist of one member giving a sketch of their personal history; early beginnings, work history, family etc. Half the hour will be devoted to personal histories and the other half; who knows? We start at seven and finish around eight. Everyone's Welcome. If you can't find your invitation please contact Bill Carlson.

Time: Every week on Mon,

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82010310178?pwd=V3FXZ0twZTUrbjNGWnNQVG5DRzZQUT09>

Meeting ID: 820 1031 0178

Passcode: 720288

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## Golf Group

Probus Golf Group will resume on a monthly basis in April, 2022. Anyone wishing to become part of this activity should contact the coordinator, Frank Palmer, at [frank@fgpalmer.com](mailto:frank@fgpalmer.com) .

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## Dinner and Movie Group

Hi Guys and Gals

No movie or dinner this month due to extension of Covid restriction

Movie Director Bill Lambert [wg.lambert@gmail.com](mailto:wg.lambert@gmail.com)

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## Pub Night

Our Management Committee met last Monday and emphasized that all Probus activities must follow the Provincial Covid restrictions

With restaurants being authorized to continue serving full meals subject to a maximum table occupancy of six and distanced at least six feet apart, it could be argued that we could run a Pub Night with our attendance being divided up into groups of six.

However, I have spoken to a few of our “regulars” and the consensus is that, given the huge surge of new infections, it would **not** be wise to run a Pub Night this month

I will review the situation regarding future pub nights and will be in touch again closer to the scheduled February Pub Night

Steve

Our home base is now the Ocean Park Village Pub where we have exclusive use of the Patio room. We have had between 29 and 26 members attending.

We meet on the third Wednesday of each month and our next meeting

Venue: Ocean Park Village Pub 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 128 Street. The Patio(facing 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue) has been reserved for our exclusive use. Meet: at 6:00pm please let me know if you are coming. [stevehbanham@gmail.com](mailto:stevehbanham@gmail.com)

Ocean Park have now adopted a service charge of 18% for groups over 12. They do NOT expect us to tip over that.

Please note that due to provincial health regulations all activities in any group maybe suspended for a period. As of now outdoor activities only require two vaccinations and no masks. Indoor rules vary depending if you are moving about or stationary. Club organizers are responsible for meeting provincial regulations.

## Smiles and Chuckles

**A friend suggested putting horse manure on my strawberries... I'm never doing that again, I'm going back to whipped cream.**

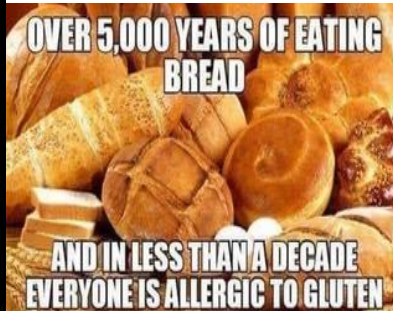


**AT MY AGE, A TRAIL OF CLOTHES LEADING TO THE BEDROOM MEANS I DROPPED THEM ON THE WAY FROM THE DRYER.**



I'm so confused. If Mr. & Mrs. Potato Head are no longer male and female, does this mean there will be no more tater tots?

**Being a little older, I am very fortunate to have someone call and check on me everyday. He is from India and is very concerned about my car warranty.**



**I said I was good at making decisions. I didn't say the decisions I made were good.**



**I don't know who needs to hear this but Polio and smallpox never reached natural herd immunity. They were eradicated by vaccines.**

