



## WOMEN'S PROBUS CLUB OF VANCOUVER

Next meeting: **Tuesday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

9:30 a.m. - Arrival

Point Grey Golf Club

10:00 a.m. - Meeting

3350 S.W. Marine Drive

*We acknowledge that we meet on the unceded lands of the  
Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations*

**Masks are optional**

### **NOVEMBER SPEAKER**

Speaker:  
**Associate Chief Justice  
Heather Holmes**

Topic:  
Court System



We are delighted to have as our November speaker The Honourable Madam Justice Heather Holmes, Associate Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of British Columbia. ACJ Holmes will briefly describe for us the structure of the courts in BC and how the courts are populated with judges. She will talk about the "silver lining" for modernization of the courts offered by the Covid-19 pandemic; and will comment on some of the challenges as well as the successes that have resulted in long-lasting change.

The Honourable Heather J. Holmes was appointed Associate Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of British Columbia in June 2018. She has been a justice of the court since March 2001. Prior to her judicial appointment, and for much of her career as a lawyer, she was Crown Counsel with the Commercial Crime Section, Ministry of the Attorney General of British Columbia, specializing in securities fraud prosecutions, and commercial crime trials and appeals.

She also spent four years (1991-1995) as counsel with the Criminal Law Policy Section, Department of Justice, Canada, in Ottawa, where she developed recommendations for criminal law reform and provided advice and support to the Minister of Justice.

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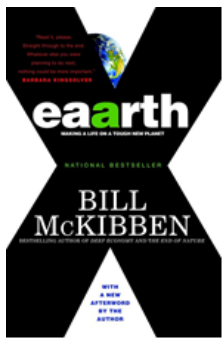
## JULY SPEAKER

### Dr. Larry Barzelai

#### ON BEHALF OF THE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF PHYSICIANS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

CAPE is an association of physicians and other health care workers who deal with the intersection of health and the environment.

Environmental changes are occurring dramatically. This year, we have had ample proof of this in our worst ever forest fire season, highest ever recorded temperatures and massive damage due to flooding. The seminal book EAARTH describes the changes that are occurring.



In the past, CAPE has been actively involved in downsizing the asbestos industry and encouraging provinces to close coal-generated power plants. Presently it is

engaging in a 'Fossil Fuels Make us Sick' campaign. We have met with MP's and Senators helping them pass environmentally positive legislation such as the improved Canadian Environmental Protection Act. CAPE trains physicians and others in the art of advocacy, media awareness and government relations.

BC-CAPE has been actively helping members of the Wet'suwet'en First Nation to preserve their land from being polluted by a natural gas pipeline



expansion. We meet with politicians at the municipal and provincial level to improve environmental policies and legislation. We speak to community groups, such as Probus, and engage the public at farmers' markets.

People can engage in climate action at the personal level - less driving; less flying; more plant-based diets; less use of

plastic, not using pesticides, etc.

On a group level, we can advocate for change in groups such as Probus, within our professions and local communities.

On a government level, we can engage at the municipal, provincial and federal

levels, as there are dramatic changes that are needed at each level of government to improve the climate.

At CAPE, we stress the importance of co-benefits, i.e. what is good for me is also good for the environment - i.e. if I take public transportation instead of driving my car, I am getting more exercise, thereby reducing my risk of cardiovascular disease and cancer and reducing society's carbon output.

Everybody needs to do something to improve the climate. The environmental changes are happening quickly and we need to make dramatic changes to preserve the environment.

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## Meeting Notes:

Thank you's to the greeters & badge ladies!

### ***Volunteers are needed!***

*Membership, recording, newsletter content, treasurer. After 10+ years, Barb would very much like help with the Treasurer position, with the hope that she can slowly retire.*

## Moving update...

As mentioned, PGGC notified us that next year they will be unable to accommodate us for 6 months.

Meredyth looked at several optional locations, and UBC Golf Course is the best option. As a bonus, we will once again be able to offer coffee & tea, as well as option to stay for lunch. More details to follow.

This will start in the new year.

We would appreciate your thoughts, please email [probuswomen@gmail.com](mailto:probuswomen@gmail.com)

## Book Recommendations:

**Elon Musk** by Walter Isaacson

An excellent read that will confirm your positive & negative concerns about one of this generation's very gifted & very flawed visionaries.

**Orphans of Empire** by Grant Buday

A local BC author... "new novel, three captivating stories intertwine at the site of the New Brighton Hotel on the shores of Burrard Inlet."

## Management Committee Contacts:

Women's PROBUS members will find the *confidential* phone numbers and email addresses on the last page of their Newsletter. Please contact any if you have any questions, or email .

## Newsletter:

Contributions of stories, poems, jokes and brain teasers are welcome. Please send them to the Newsletter Editor any time you wish.

## Update Your Contact Information:

Have you moved, changed your email address or phone number? Please update your profile on the Club's website <https://probuswomen.com>  
Or email [womensprobus@gmail.com](mailto:womensprobus@gmail.com)

If my body were  
a car I would trade  
it in on a newer model..  
Everytime I cough  
sneeze or sputter  
my radiator leaks  
and my exhaust  
backfires..



Life as I see it - feel it  
live it - welcome to it...

## PROBUS District & National News:

There has been a focus on growing membership locally & across Canada. New marketing materials are available. Your thoughts would be appreciated...

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