



WOMEN'S PROBUS CLUB OF VANCOUVER

February 2024
NEWSLETTER

Next meeting: **Tuesday, March 5th, 2024**

9:30 a.m. - Arrival
10:00 a.m. - Meeting

University Golf Club
5185 University Blvd.

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

Masks are optional

MARCH SPEAKER

Speaker:

Isobel Mackenzie

Topic:

**Current Issues Facing BC
Seniors**



Isobel Mackenzie has over 20 years' experience working with seniors in home care, licensed care, community services and volunteer services. Isobel led B.C.'s largest not-for-profit agency, serving over 6,000 seniors annually. In this work, Isobel led the implementation of a new model of dementia care that has become a national best practice, and led the first safety accreditation for homecare workers, among many other accomplishments.

Isobel has been widely recognized for her work and was named B.C. CEO of the Year for the not-for-profit sector and nominated as a Provincial Health Care Hero. Prior to her appointment as the Seniors Advocate, Isobel served on a number of national and provincial boards and commissions, including the BC Medical Services Commission, the Canadian Homecare Association, BC Care Providers, BC Care Aide and Community Health Worker Registry, and the Capital Regional District Housing Corporation.

Isobel also served on the University of Victoria's Board of Governors. Isobel received both her undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Victoria and has a Certificate in Health Care Leadership from the University of Toronto.

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FEBRUARY SPEAKER

Fiona Dalton

The New St. Paul's Hospital and The Future of Healthcare

Fiona Dalton became President and Chief Executive Officer of Providence Health Care on April 23, 2018.

With an annual operating budget of over \$1 Billion and 10,000 health care staff, medical staff, researchers and volunteers, Providence is a world-renowned faith-based academic health sciences centre. It operates 17 health care facilities – including St. Paul's Hospital, Mount Saint Joseph Hospital, Holy Family Hospital and several long term care homes – in Greater Vancouver, British Columbia.

Ms. Dalton holds a BA Honours in Human Sciences from The Queen's College, Oxford University. She received an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science from the University of Southampton in 2017.

Ms. Dalton has amassed over 27 years of increasingly senior health care experience, distinguishing herself as a values-based leader, cultivating ethical organizational cultures that put patients and residents first. Under her previous leadership as the CEO of University Hospital Southampton NHS (National Health Service) Foundation Trust in the United Kingdom, the NHS's Care Quality Commission ranked the hospital as 'Good' overall and 'Outstanding' in the "Well Led" category.

Ms. Dalton is passionate about improving patient outcomes and organizational performance by focusing on improving quality, safety, staff wellness, staff engagement, and fiscal and environmental stewardship. She is an ardent champion of enabling and spreading research and innovation that have positive real-world impacts.

Ms. Dalton's diverse health care experience, commitment to Truth & Reconciliation with Indigenous People, emphasis on collaboration, innovation, organizational

culture and performance excellence are leading Providence to help transform health care for all British Columbians.



Fiona spoke about the most recent updates impacting the development of the new St. Paul's Hospital, which will serve the entire province of BC. The hospital site is designed to be flexible and adaptable to changing requirements over the decades and the campus will be both a healthcare and economic hub.

Future visions include continued improvements to the delivery of healthcare services in the hospital

and community along with ongoing research and innovation to impact positive change in patient care communities.

New St. Paul's Hospital and health campus planning program



Learn more about the new St. Paul's Hospital and Health Campus External website, opens in new tab

St. Paul's Hospital will be moving to a new 7.4 hectare (18.4 acre) site at 1002 Station St in the False Creek Flats.

Providence Health Care is the organization that owns and operates St. Paul's Hospital, and is in charge of planning the hospital's redevelopment.

The project is expected to deliver:

- A new hospital and integrated health care campus
- Institutional, office, research, hotel, retail-service, and Indigenous cultural uses, along with limited rental housing for health care workers
- A range of building heights from approximately 24 metres (79 ft) to 61 metres (200 ft)
- A new road network through the site that would connect to existing adjacent streets

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- A new public plaza and two child care facilities

Transforming care

Looking back at the AIDS crisis and St. Paul's courageous leadership during a time of widespread fear and ignorance offers a promising glimpse into the future of health care at the new campus.

It started when the first symptomatic patients arrived at St. Paul's in 1982. Across North America, other hospitals turned them away; St. Paul's threw open the doors. As the crisis deepened, so did the outreach and the compassion.

In just 10 years, these grassroots efforts transformed into the BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS (BC-CfE). Today, under the leadership of Dr. Julio Montaner, the BC-CfE's game-changing highly active antiretroviral therapy (HAART) and the Treatment as Prevention (TasP) strategy he pioneered, HIV has turned from a swift death sentence into a chronic, manageable disease. Further, HAART has proven to stop HIV transmission. It's so effective, the strategy has been adopted by both the World Health Organization and the United Nations for use around the world.

"The BC-CfE is amazing, and it's just one of many examples of how St. Paul's has stepped up to provide leadership in our community and beyond," says Young. "It's also a poignant example of how the care at St. Paul's has always been – and always will be – steeped in compassion."

Transforming the future

Providence Health Care has a long history of paving the way for innovative programs that transform care for people here and around the world.

Consider the provincial Heart Centre at St. Paul's. It is the only adult heart transplant service in BC. It is also home to the revolutionary TAVI (Transcatheter Aortic Valve

Implantation) procedure that allows heart valves to be repaired through an incision near the groin instead of via open-heart surgery. TAVI has become the global gold standard for non-invasive valve repair and the team at the Heart Centre live-streams the procedure to train medical professionals around the world.



St. Paul's multi-disciplinary maternity and obstetrics program is the provincial referral centre for women with the most complex, high-risk pregnancies. The Kidney Care Clinic is the longest-running program of its kind in Canada. The Centre for Heart Lung Innovation is ranked first in Canada, and third worldwide, for its expertise in COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease) and asthma. The BC Centre on Substance Use (BCCSU) is a

world-class research facility at the forefront of the current opioid crisis. And that's just a short highlight reel.



For a great presentation about the new hospital - [click for more info](#)

For interesting/historical info on the current hospital – [click here](#)

*Wendy Baker introduced
Meredyth Kezar thanked*

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

University Golf Club – Meeting/Lunch

I think we can all agree that the first meeting at UGC was a great experience.

There was a challenge for those who stayed for lunch. Fortunately, we have some help... Ellen Wilcox has agreed to coordinate with the club. If you would like to join members for **lunch** after the meeting, [click here](#) send us an email to add you to the list ****no later than Sunday, March 3rd****

For the menu, [click here](#)

If you would like a private table, reserve directly with Restaurant Managers Leann and Kevin at [604.225.2316](tel:604.225.2316)

Look forward to seeing everybody in for the 2nd meeting in our new 'home'!



*Dear Mother Nature,
Having received my free sample of winter, I
would like to cancel the remainder of my
subscription. Thank you.*

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 them if you have any questions.

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Book Review:

The Bookbinder by Pip Williams

(thanks, Meredyth)

Last year I read and enjoyed *The Dictionary of Lost Words* which was a historical novel set in the early 1900's which discusses how the Oxford Dictionary was put together but how women's words were left out.

While Pip Williams was researching that book she became fascinated how books were put together then. She found that there was lots of information about the typesetters who were men but very little about the women who bound the books.

This book takes place after *The Dictionary of Lost Words* and reference is made to a couple of the characters in the first book.

The Bookbinder is Peggy who like most of the other women has folded the papers to make the books since elementary school. But she loves to read the books and envies the women who are able to attend Oxford University. World War One begins bringing changes. Belgian refugees arrive, men are called off to war, and the possibility of a working class girl like Peggy to go to Oxford becomes more likely.

I found this book so interesting because of the vivid descriptions and interesting characters. One learns how books were made, what life was like on a canal boat, the suffragette movement, and the horror of the First World War. It is also a book of hope. For more information.

<https://www.penguinrandomhouse.ca/books/723862/the-bookbinder-by-pip-williams/9780593600443>

