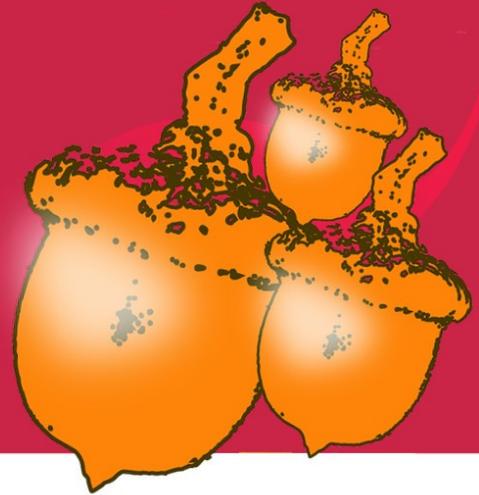


RRC Heritage Group Newsletter

October 2019



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Heritage Group Speakers for 2019/2020

Mark those calendars!



September 19th marked the return of our regular monthly meetings, usually held on the third Thursday of the month from September thru May. You won't want to miss our line-up for the coming year.

Date	Topic	Speaker
Oct. 17/19	Indigenous Strategies RRC	Rebecca Chartrand, Executive Director
Nov. 21/19	HOLIDAY LUNCHEON	
Jan. 16/20	Climate Change	TBA
Feb. 20/20	Crystal Meth/Evening Safety	Cst. Garnie McIntyre, Community Relations Unit, Diversity & Crime Prevention
Mar. 19/20	LUNCHEON	
Apr. 20/20	Meet me at the Bell Tower	Michael Champagne (unconfirmed)
May 21/20	OUTING	

Hiding in plain sight



Has Google found you?

So you type "RRC Heritage Group" for a Google image search. Holy cow! Top of the results is that photo of you picking your nose at the 1992 HG windup! One of our members recently stumbled across a photo of himself in such a Google search. Though not caught picking his nose, he was nonetheless flabbergasted that someone would upload his image without permission. How did it get there?

Simply put, Google employs automated software (aka **bots**) to scour the Internet for content, including our own HG blog. Google then stores and indexes that content on its servers, somewhere "out there". And when you finally type in a search, sophisticated algorithms mine what Google considers to be the most relevant nuggets to serve up in response your queries.

Perhaps you are not wild about Google sharing your mug with the world either. Is there anything you can do about it?



"I never gave permission to upload my photo to Google! Please take it down."

Deleting a photo (or any content, for that matter) from a Google search is not a simple task. Remember, automated bots upload content to those Google servers, not real people. So one can't simply click delete on a Google image to remove it. No real individual "owns" it.

How to get unfound

There are two ways to prevent HG content from appearing in Google search results. Require a password for blog access, or make our site "invisible" to Google bots. To preserve easy access for HG members, we have chosen to do the latter, and have reconfigured our blog software to discourage search engine indexing. It is still up to search engines to honour this request, but at least Google's does.

**What Happens Online
Stays Online!**



FOREVER

However, though our site may now be hidden from trolling bots, it doesn't mean that whatever Google has previously uploaded to its servers will magically disappear.

There is a grain of truth to the maxim that what's online stays online forever. But we can ask Google to permanently remove specific HG images from its servers, though it requires a separate request for each photo. Nonetheless, should your photos have found their way to some other Website, say through Facebook or Twitter, those pesky Google bots will likely still find you there.

If there is a HG photo you wish deleted from Google search results, contact your blog editor at HG-Editor@rrc.ca.

Bottom line?

We have changed our HG blog's settings to discourage bots from indexing our site. Any content posted after September 13th, 2019, should not appear in future Google searches.

However, be aware that any photo uploaded before September 13th will not disappear without an individual request to Google for it to be deleted.

What I did on my summer vacation



by Guy Dugas

Almost exactly one year ago, good friend and fellow HG member Wayne Ferguson and a mutual friend asked if I'd be interested in a 2019 summer cycling trip. What if we met up in Calgary (I live in Vancouver) and did the Rockies? Say, 1,200 kilometres or so?

Let me put this in perspective. I'm no spring chicken myself, but Wayne was about to turn 80. Plus he was scheduled for a second hip replacement in November. Some might consider pedalling 1,200 kilometres through the mountains only eight months after major surgery to be a bit ambitious.



Upon reflection, we did too, and agreed to scale it back to only 500 km, pull a team together, and arrange for a support van. We christened ourselves The Cyclopaths (jerseys and all): me, the lone Vancouver transplant, and Winnipeggers Wayne, mutual friend Mike, and sisters Vi and Val. We were off!

Our itinerary: meet at Calgary Airport July 8th, drive to Sunwapta Falls, cycle to Saskatchewan River Crossing, Lake Louise, Moraine Lake, Takakkaw Falls, Field, Emerald Lake, Golden, Radium Hot Springs, Vermilion Crossing, and Banff, then drive back to Calgary.

I have to admit, we faced a few tough stretches, like the killer 11% grade out of Radium Hot Springs. But altitude wasn't the only thing to take our breath away! Takakka Falls, six times higher than Niagara's Horseshoe Falls, stunning Emerald Lake and Moraine Lake, turned an ethereal green by their high concentration of glacial silt, the 6 km-long Athabasca Glacier, most visited glacier in North America, and on, and on... So much stunning scenery, so little time (and too little space here to list)!

Seven days and four national parks later (Banff, Jasper, Yoho, and Kootenay), we'd cycled just under 500 km and climbed some 4,800 m in elevation (though there were some pretty thrilling downhills too).

Not too shabby for an 80-year-old.



(You'll have to go to the HG blog at rrc-hg.ca/summer-vacation/ to see all the photos)

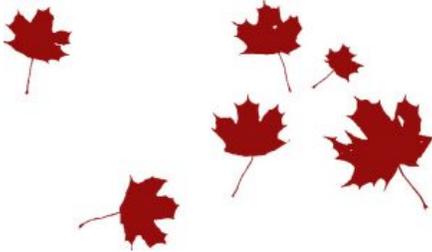
Election Trivia

OK, let's get in the mood.

Why October 21?

Unless called sooner (and at least 36 days after the last election), a federal election must be held on the 3rd Monday of October in the 4th calendar year following the previous federal election. Our last election was on October 19, 2015. Presto, we're off! (Incidentally, Pierre Elliott Trudeau was born on October 18, 1919, just 3 days short of 100 years before Justin tries for a second term.)





Why fall for that?

Autumn is tops for elections in Canada. We've held 14 fall votes, 12 summer, nine spring, and only five winter.

Can you take a selfie with your ballot?

Nope. Taking a picture of a marked ballot is illegal. It violates the secrecy of the vote under the Canada Elections Act. It's also a violation to publish a photo of a marked ballot in any way, including on social media.

How many of us can vote?

Canada's first federal election, in 1867, had 361,028 eligible voters from a population of 3,230,000 (11.2%). In 2015, there were 25,939,742 from a population of 33,476,688 (77.5%).

How many of us actually do?

The highest recorded federal election turnout was in 1958, at 79.4% per cent of eligible voters. Turnout in our last election was 68.3%. The lowest ever was recorded in 1882, at 32%.



Nellie McClung

When did women win full voting rights in federal elections?

1918, 100 years ago last year. Women could vote in 1917, but only if they had close relatives in the military. (Manitoba became the first province to grant women the right to vote in provincial elections, in 1916.)

Western alienation?

Only three Canadian ridings can boast being home to two different prime ministers. Of the three, two were in Alberta: Calgary West (R.B. Bennett and Stephen Harper), and Prince Albert (Mackenzie King and John Diefenbaker). The third was Quebec East.

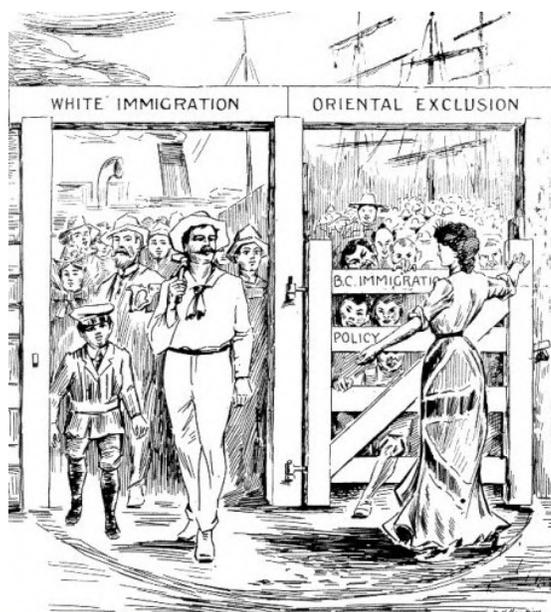
If you can't win at home...

Mackenzie King, at various times, represented five different ridings in three provinces: Waterloo North, Glengarry, York North (Ontario), Prince (PEI), and Prince Albert (Alberta). Political advice from his dog, perhaps?



O Canada

Quebec holds the record for sprouting the most prime ministers, at eight: Sir John Abbott, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Louis St. Laurent, Pierre Trudeau, Brian Mulroney, Jean Chrétien, Paul Martin, and, of course, Justin Trudeau.



"The same act which Excludes Orientals Should Open Wide the Portals of British Columbia to White Immigrations." Cartoon by N.H. Hawkins, Saturday Sunset. (1907)

Covering your bases

Election laws once allowed people to run in more than one riding. Sir John A. once ran in three: Kingston (Ontario), Marquette (Manitoba), and Victoria (B.C.) When he lost in Kingston, was acclaimed in Marquette, and won Victoria, he resigned the Manitoba seat and held Victoria. He was later re-elected in Kingston.

"Say no to mass immigration!" (Maxime Bernier)

In 1867, 79% of the people living in Canada were born in Canada. These 2,616,063 people were called "Natives of British America." By 2016 (last census), 78.5% were born here. Though Canadians can boast (or decry) having the highest proportion of foreign born among the G8 countries at about 21% (the USA sits at only 13.7 percent, Donald), that percentage has remained virtually unchanged since Confederation.

Let the first be last

From 1965-93, Cornelius the First was the de facto leader of the Rhinoceros Party of Canada. And in 1993, magician Doug Henning ran as a member of that "uplifting" federal political party, the Natural Law Party of Canada. Neither has ever been Prime Minister.

Passages

Mark Bishop

We sorrowfully mark the peaceful passing of Mark Bishop on September 7.

Mark started working at Red River College in Information Technology in 1980, and eventually moved into the role of Chief Technology Officer.

Friends and relatives are encouraged to share a photo, eulogy, stories, or condolences for the family on Mark's tribute page at EthicalDeathCare.com.

In lieu of flowers, contribute in Mark's memory to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Manitoba.

[\(link to Ethical Death Care obituary\)](#)



Sept. 1943 – Aug. 2019

Charlie Keep

We are sad to note the sudden passing of Charles (Charlie) Keep at the age of 75, and of his wife Ruth. Charlie taught at RRC for almost 50 years.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Winnipeg Male Chorus or the Humane Society.

For those who wish to sign the online Guest Book, please visit chapellawn.ca.

[\(link to Chapel Lawn obituary\)](#)



Sept. 1943 – Aug. 2019

George Anderson

We are sad to mark the passing of George Anderson on August 16. George taught Civil Technology and Surveying at RRC for more than 25 years.

Donations may be made in George's memory to the *Association of Manitoba Land Surveyors Bryan Dreger Endowment Fund*, Attn: Elena Grinshteyn – Development Officer, RRC C306 255 Notre Dame Ave., Winnipeg, Manitoba R3H 0J9.

Online condolences can be made to the Anderson family at willmorchapel.com.

[\(link to Jamieson's Funeral Services obituary\)](#)



Dec. 8th, 1931 – Aug. 16th, 2019

Jack Kaplan

We sadly note the passing of Jack Kaplan at the age of 90 on Wednesday, July 24, 2019.

The first teacher in Manitoba to attain a Masters in Physical Education, Jack developed RRC's physical education program and taught at RRC for 22 years until his retirement.

Donations in Jack's name can be made to Riverview Health Centre, Etz Chayim Synagogue, or to a charity of your choice.

[\(link to Winnipeg Free Press obituary\)](#)



April 15, 1929 – July 24, 2019

Remember

October 21 is election day



Next HG Meeting

October 17, 2019

Guest Speaker

Rebecca Chartrand, Executive Director

Topic

Indigenous Strategies at RRC

(Detailed agenda posted at rrc-hg.ca)

NOTICE

Your Editor will be vacationing abroad for three weeks and will not be posting to the blog until after his return on **October 17**.

Passages (continued)

Kwun Chu

We are saddened to note the passing on June 29 of Kwun Chu at the age of 57. Recently retired, Kwun was a Senior Programmer Analyst with RRC's IT Solutions for many years.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the CancerCare Manitoba Foundation.

[\(link to Free Press Obituary\)](#)



June 29, 2019

Barbara Bozyk

We sadly mark Barbara's peaceful passing at the age of 71 on May 28, after a short battle with cancer.

Most of her career was spent at Red River College teaching English grammar and composition in the Adult Upgrading Program and Senior 3 and 4 subjects – English, Intro to Business and Technical Writing.

In lieu of flowers donate in Barbara's memory to cancercarefdn.mb.ca or doctorswithoutborders.ca.

[\(link to Cropo obituary\)](#)



Aug. 30, 1947 – May 29, 2019

Tracy Rutherford

We're sad to report that Tracy Rutherford passed away on May 20th, at Seven Oaks General Hospital, at the young age of 56 years.

Tracy joined the College in May 2005, and many of you will remember Tracy's smiling face from the Hard Drive, Buffalo or Tim Hortons.

[\(Link to Integrity Death Care obituary\)](#)



Apr. 30, 1963 – May 20, 2019

Deb Blower

We are sad to announce the passing of Deborah Faye Blower, who succumbed to cancer on April 10. Deb was an RRC instructor for 30 years, and Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) Facilitator prior to her retirement in 2016.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Deb may be made to CancerCare, 1160 – 675 McDermot Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3E 0V9 or [online](#).

[\(link to ObitTree obituary\)](#)



Jul. 25, 1953 – Apr. 10, 2019

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