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2022-23 CVEC EXECUTIVE

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Executive Message

By David Clark

Finance Officer

CVEC's financial arrangement with North Island College (NIC) is unique. NIC, on behalf of CVEC, collects all of our revenue, pays all of our expenses, and accounts for all of it in its financial management system. For this and other services, such as providing classrooms, NIC receives 50% of CVEC's tuition and membership fee revenue. The CVEC Financial Officer (FO) does not do any bookkeeping, write or receive cheques, or manage a bank account. The FO simply reviews and confirms data received from NIC in the form of a monthly Financial Summary Report. As well, the FO identifies missing data and investigates any transactions that were not expected. After adjustments, if any, the FO regroups the data in NIC's Financial Summary Report to present a Financial Statement of revenues and expenses that is more in keeping with normal financial practice. Expenses are allocated to the various Committees.

The Financial Summary Report is normally received from NIC between the third and fourth week of the month following the actual revenues and expenses. This means that, after regrouping by the FO, the monthly Financial Statement is over a month old before it is available to be presented to the members of the Executive Committee.

A very important aspect of the FO's role is the preparation of an annual budget in January and February. This is completed with considerable input from the various committee Chairs and is presented at the Annual General Meeting for information purposes.

Various sections of the CVEC Governance Manual address our financial relationship with NIC and the role of FO. Policy 3.1.2: Financial Management, a Memorandum of Agreement with NIC dated March 2014, and Part Four: Roles and Responsibilities, offer some guidance.

This whole process succeeds because we have, over time, developed a very close and productive two-way relationship with NIC Finance. Without this co-operation, the FO's work would be very difficult to complete successfully.



To Julian, with Thanks

With full hearts we say a fond farewell to Julian Benedict, outgoing NIC Liaison to Comox Valley ElderCollege. For the past five years Julian has been an invaluable resource and de facto go-to person for almost anything. With endless patience, great kindness and unflagging good humour, Julian has helped countless CVEC members navigate the complexities of registration, and was always available to answer questions, give direction and help solve perplexing technical issues.

Julian, we wish you the very best as you move on to your new position, supporting other programs within NIC Continuing Education. CVEC has been so fortunate to have your steadfast support through the years and we will all miss you. You are a champ, Julian, and we thank you with all our hearts.



Volunteer Opportunities

You may notice that this month we are posting far fewer positions than previously. A large thank you goes out to all those who have stepped up to fill positions over the past year. Currently we have three out of our five Standing Committees with a full complement of volunteers. As part of your New Year's Resolutions, please consider taking on one of the three remaining roles described below and fill out the Volunteer Form found at www.nic.bc.ca/CVEC to express your interest.

Operations Support Committee

This committee is responsible for facilitating the development of CVEC administrative policy.

Member-at-Large

We need one more member to serve in this position that involves reviewing, researching and drafting policy documents to ensure the smooth operation of CVEC programs.

Volunteer Support Committee

Event Coordinator

This is the perfect position for someone who likes to have fun! This person works together with other members of the volunteer support committee to organize and coordinate the annual volunteer appreciation social event. This event is held in the spring and in the past has involved a luncheon and some fun group activities which have always been enjoyed by all.

Volunteer Recruitment Coordinator

This is a great position for meeting interesting people who want to get more involved with ElderCollege. This person works with the chairs of the standing committees to identify roles requiring volunteers. The recruitment coordinator conducts activities to attract and recruit volunteers and then contacts and interviews the potential volunteers to find the best fit for each individual.

Winter Course Information

Information Forum

Our Winter 2023 Information Forum will be on **Saturday, January 21 from 9:30 to 11:30 am**. The forum is an opportunity, prior to registration opening the week of January 23, to view course leaders presenting information about their courses. The forum can be attended in-person at the NIC Comox Valley Campus Stan Hagen Theatre or online via Zoom.

Many past attendees have remarked that by attending the forum they became aware of—and then registered for—interesting courses they would otherwise have missed.

For more details about the forum, and to let us know you plan to attend, visit forum.cvec.ca.

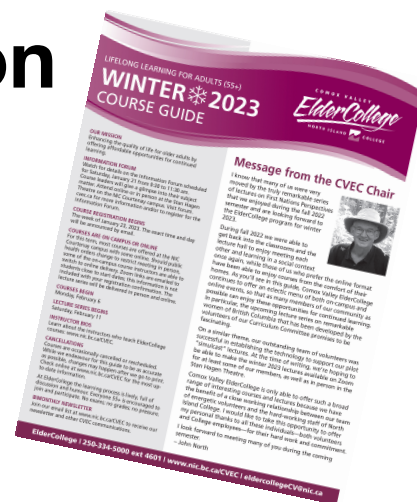
Course Registration Options

Course registration begins the **week of January 23, 2023**. Watch your email for notification of the exact time and day.

Once open, you will be able to register online, over the phone during business hours at 1-800-715-0914, or in person at any NIC campus - whichever is most convenient for you! All existing CVEC students who have a student ID and password will use these when accessing NIC's online registration system. Video tutorials are available at www.nic.bc.ca/CVEC.

Saturday Lecture Series

This winter's Lecture Series – Herstory: BC Women of Note – promises a succession of riveting Saturday morning experiences. CVEC members can get up close and personal with six outstanding women who have made significant contributions to fields as varied as astronomy, indigenous language revitalization, marine science, choral music, and nursing practice. Sharing the Stan Hagen Theatre with us **every Saturday from February 11 through March 25** (no session February 18), these presenters will lift us from our seats and take us deep into their fascinating worlds.



In turn, lecturers relish the energy and responsiveness of a live audience with whom to share their knowledge and experiences. Having given generously of their time to travel to the Comox Valley, they appreciate the connection that an audience of attentive humans brings. The symbiosis of the live experience is a big part of what has made CVEC Lecture Series so successful.

While there is nothing quite like becoming immersed in the magic of a live presentation, sometimes it's simply not possible to attend in person. That's why CVEC is introducing a hybrid model for the Winter 2023 Saturday Lecture Series.

Registration will proceed as usual, with members registering and paying for the lectures they want to attend, after course registration opens the week of January 23. The last date to register for any particular Saturday lecture will be the previous Monday. Sometime during the week before each lecture, a Zoom link will be sent to each registered participant.

Those who find it difficult to attend in-person for health or mobility reasons or by virtue of being out of town can watch via Zoom instead. This simulcast will be provided exclusively by a CVEC volunteer support team, as NIC will be unable to offer any technical support for Zoom.

If somehow you have missed registering for a lecture that you want to attend, you can come to the Stan Hagen Theatre on that Saturday and pay a \$10 cash admission.

See you Saturdays at the Stan Hagen!

Winter Course Preview

Registration opens later this month... have you decided yet what courses you'd like to take? Here are some descriptions to whet your appetite.

Emily Carr Chronicles (4 weeks online)

Instructor: Marilyn Jones

Emily Carr (1871-1945) was a major Canadian artist and writer, yet she was 56 when her first major exhibition was held. Her first book, *Klee Wyck*, was published when she was 70, winning the Governor General's Award in 1941. This course explores select aspects of Carr's remarkable life, loves, and legacy. Student discussion is welcomed and encouraged. Readings to be provided.

Habitat For Humanity 101 (1 week on campus)

Instructors: Karen McKinnon and Cory Knippschild



Founded in 1976, Habitat for Humanity has a proud history of working with volunteers to build affordable housing. Learn about Habitat's vision, purpose, and homeownership model and what the organization is doing locally to address the lack of affordable housing in the Comox Valley and Campbell River. Not only will you learn more about this great organization, but you'll also hear about the many ways you can get involved.

Buddy, can you spare a dime? (5 weeks on campus)

Instructor: Robert Noon

Take an in-depth look at the Great Depression beyond the stock market crash. The course examines the origins and causes of the depression, its geographical scope, its impact on business and individuals, the steps taken to mitigate its effects, and the eventual reasons it came to an end. A footnote will be a discussion on whether a depression of this magnitude could occur again.

StoryCatchers (1 week online)

Instructor: Wendy Bancroft

StoryCatchers is designed to help people recall, write about, and share meaningful memories with others in a small group. Using what's called "free-writing," we loosen our brains and let our pens take over, writing the thoughts that come in response to prompts centred in lived experience. New writers are welcome. Feedback is based on content, not craft. We write, we share, we enjoy our small community.

Earthquakes, Volcanoes, Tsunamis! (8 weeks on campus)

Instructor: Joel Kositsky

Humans have always been aware of the seemingly random occurrences of earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, and inundations by massive coastal waves. Only recently (~1960) has the comprehensive theory of plate tectonics not only linked these three phenomena but has also revealed why they occur where they do. This theory, which also explains many other geological phenomena, such as where mountains and island arcs are to be found, will be our focus.



NOTE: The following course is not listed in the course guide. Don't miss out!

Vikings Victorious (4 weeks online)

Instructor: Dr. Alana Gowdy

An often ignored piece of British history is the fact that in the end the Vikings won. Before 1066, there were four kings of England who were Danish Vikings. This course will consider the context and impact of their reign. Please note, some gory bits will be omitted, but not all!

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Important Dates

January

Winter Course Guide available

January 21

Winter 2023 Information Forum
9:30 - 11:30

Week of January 23

Winter 2023 course registration opens

February 11

Winter Lecture Series begins

February 6

Winter courses begin

Happy New Year!

Resolution Humour

