

Grant for Assistance Application



Cariboo Regional District
File No. 1850-01

SEP 25 2019

Referred To DCO

Organization Information Sheet

Name of Organization:	100 Mile House & District Blind & Visually Impaired white Cane Club
Mailing Address:	PO Box 1232, 100 Mile House, BC, V0K 2E0
Telephone (office):	250-395-4714
Purpose of Organization (From Constitution or Incorporation Documents):	The Canadian Council of the Blind is an organization run by the Blind dedicated to providing
How long has the organization operated in the community?	Over 28 Years
BC Society Registration Number:	S-39061
Federal Charitable Registration Number: (if applicable)	119218899 RR0001
Chairperson's name:	Marilyn Vinson/Lori Fry
Telephone:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Treasurer or Financial Officer's name:	Sharon Dye
Telephone:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]

Date of last Annual General Meeting (Attach minutes and current list of Directors): May 1, 2019 – CCE

Attach the last financial statement prepared and signed by the appropriate person (i.e., CA, CGA, CMA, comptroller, bookkeeper, financial officer, treasurer, etc.).

Previous Year Grant from CRD and District (if applicable) \$ N/A

NOTE: A Final Report for previous year's grant MUST be included with this submission.

Current Grant Amount Requested \$ 1000.00



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Please answer the following questions, using additional paper if necessary.

1. What plans has your organization made to fund its activities over the next 3-5 years?
The organization's specific goals and objectives are to continue to offer support through the promotion of social and recreational activities for those with vision loss as well as create awareness and education throughout the community about healthy vision and the prevention of vision loss.
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2. If your organization charges user fees/memberships/admission, attach your current fee structure:

3. What are your organization's specific goals and objectives for this year? How do they differ from previous years?

Attached

4. Who does your organization serve? (% of clients from District, % of clients from South Cariboo)

Unfortunately the actual percentage of persons served is unknown at this time but the White Cane Club offers their support to the entire Cariboo and beyond. As mentioned, the number of seniors in the Cariboo is increasing therefore, the WCC is expected to serve

5. Does your organization receive a rental subsidy from the CRD and/or District? If so, how much?

No

6. Does your organization receive any benefit from permissive tax exemption, and if so, how much? (information available from District Tax Department)

No

7. Does your organization use CRD or District owned facilities? If so, which ones?
WCC members involved in blind curling do use the curling rink in 100 Mile.

8. How will you indicate that the CRD and District are contributing to your organization?
Through advertising
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Project Summary Sheet

Please answer the following questions, using additional paper if necessary.

1. Brief Description of Proposed Use of Grant Being Applied For:

The grant will be used to assist the community in removing accessibility barriers; to purchase materials such as paint that can be used to create visible colour contrast on stairs, railings, poles, curbing and curb cuts throughout the downtown area of 100 Mile House.

2. How do you know there is a need for this service/project in our community?

It is evident everywhere in the community; many high traffic buildings such as 475 S. Birch Ave., for example, has 4 sets of stairs that are not clearly marked and one having a broken cement top edge. The edge of sidewalk next to the District office has a drop off, but is not marked. There are many more examples available.

3. Is your agency applying for funds from other levels of government or other sources for this project?

Not at this time, but if further possibilities present themselves, the White Cane Club may decide to do so in order to enhance this project. Ideally, seeking out other contributors/donors remains a possibility and the WCC welcomes other community contributions.

4. Would you still be able to complete the project if you do not receive the other funds applied for?

In part.

5. Please describe the impact of this application being denied or approval of an amount less than requested.

The impact of this application being denied or approval of an amount less than requested would result in not being able to complete the project thus leaving many dangerous barriers throughout the downtown core of 100 Mile House. This leaves many people vulnerable to injuries.

6. Start date of the project:

January 1, 2020 – As mentioned, 2020 will be a year long campaign, but this portion of the project would be done in the appropriate

End date for the project:

December 31, 2020 – the painting portion of the year long campaign would be done before this date.



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7. Please describe the key activities that will take place to complete the project and any associated timelines.

The key activity will be to encourage businesses to join in brightening up the downtown core by installing contrast markings where needed i.e. on stairs, poles, doors, etc offering an incentive of the materials i.e. paint, to them at either no charge or a reduced cost.

8. Please provide a detailed financial budget for the project.

9. Please explain how you will measure and evaluate the impact of this project on the community? How will you determine if it was successful?

The impact on the community should be very worthwhile by adding and ensuring safety and comfort for everyone navigating areas that are currently a concern. It is difficult to imagine that making improvements to a community that benefits absolutely everyone who visits these locations could be nothing but a success. The final determination of whether the project is successful or not will be knowing that safety standards have been improved which protects people from injury ; prevention is the best medicine.

THE INFORMATION INCLUDED IN THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.



President/Chairperson

Canadian Council of the Blind BC-Yukon Division

2018 Chapter Financial Report

Bank Balance December 31, 2017		\$19,559.79
Income		
Sports-Blind Curling	\$3,000.00	
Donations	\$229.00	
Fundraising	\$7,002.45	
Membership dues	\$255.00	
White Cane Week grants	\$100.00	
Other income	\$518.24	
Total Income	\$11,104.69	\$30,664.48
Expenses		
Sports Blind Curling	\$1,693.95	
Fundraising	\$ -----	
Meeting Hall Rent	\$150.00	
Office Supplies	\$569.11	
Travel to AGM	\$ 70.56	
Special Events	\$2256.53	
White Cane Week	\$ 58.18	
Other Expenses	\$4,882.88	
Total Expenses	\$9,681.21	
Bank Balance December 31, 2018		\$20,983.27

CHAPTER: 100 MILE HOUSE & DISTRICT - WHITE CANE CLUB

Treasurer's Name &Email:

SHARON DYE

Sharon Dye
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British Columbia – Yukon Division

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Attachment to the CRD District of 100 Mile House Grant for Assistance Application.
Re: CCB 100 Mile House & District Blind & Visually Impaired White Cane Club

#2. If your organization charges user fees/membership/admission attach your current fee structure.

A simple annual membership fee of \$10 is collected from every member on an annual basis.

#3 What are your organizations specific goals and objectives for this year? How do they differ from previous years?

The organization's specific goals and objectives remain the same for the most part, but due to changing times and the increase in the aging population, a higher number of persons will experience vision loss and benefit from the support offered by the White Cane club.

The specific goals and objectives will differ slightly as the year "2020" is a unique opportunity to bring attention to healthy vision, vision loss and discovering life with blindness. The 100 Mile House & District Blind & Visually Impaired White Cane Club is currently collaborating with 100 Mile Vision Care to launch a year long celebration and awareness campaign in order to provide educational insight to others regarding good eye health, vision loss and the ability to overcome its related challenges.

Please provide a detailed financial budget for this project. Separate attachment:
Due to time restraints and the application deadline of September 30th, the only budget related item that is available at this time is a cost of paint quote from a local merchant; see attached. It is anticipated that funds for this project would purchase as much paint as needed or purchase as much paint as funds will permit allowing at least a big start to making change. The WCC hopes to make a contribution to the project as well increasing the funding power for materials and/or some labor.

End of document.

From: Dave Neale

Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2019 1:29 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: quote

Hi Lori,

Hope this quote will help you.

We have a traffic paint that can be tinted to 4 colors. Estimating price per gal. for next year would be \$49.99.

Thanks Jacquie

Benjamin Moore.

Tyler's Paint

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The Honourable Janet Austin, OBC
Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia*

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
May 1, 2019
DRAFT MINUTES**

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1. Call to Order @ 9:10 a.m.

- * President's welcome
- * Self Introductions
- * Minute of silence for...
- * Attendance

Ann McNabb, President	Donna Bell, Member/Comox Valley
Pat Chicquen, 2nd Vice President	Mary Brown, Member/Dogwood
Kelvin Adams, Director	Laura Campsall, Member/Kamloops
Bill Conway, Director	Edna Carley, Member/Sunshine Coast
Linda Hall, Director	Susan Flanagan, BC Blind Sports
Kathy Sanness, Director	Brenda Forbes, Observer/Parksville
Marilyn Vinson, 100 Mile House Delegate	Bev Godkin, Observer/Sechelt
Jean Kanngiesser, Alberni Valley Delegate	Elaine Harris, Member/Dogwood
Connie Burns, Campbell River Delegate	Fraser Hiltz, Member/Lower Mainland
Chuck Rollins, Chilliwack Delegate	Bob Kanngiesser, Member/Alberni Valley
Charles Reid, Comox Valley Delegate	Lenni Kennedy, Recording Secretary & Admin Assistant

Pat Roy, Dogwood Delegate	Sherry Kohlman, Member/Chilliwack
Albert Ruel, GTT Nanaimo Delegate	Maggie Livingstone, Member/Lower Mainland
Corry Stuive, GTT Victoria Delegate	Judy Macdonald, Membership & Executive Assistant
Vern Short, Kamloops Delegate	Caroline Markel, Member/Prince George Blind Curling
Iris Thompson, Lower Mainland Delegate	Ginny McCormack, Member/Chilliwack
Brodie McKenzie, PoCo VIP Delegate	Gisele McKenzie, Member/PoCo VIP
Terry Pipkey, Prince George Blind Curling Delegate	Al Mornan, Member/Comox Valley
Lori Cyra, Provincial Book Club Delegate	Linda Mornan, Member/Comox Valley
Margaret McCaughey, Sunshine Coast Delegate	Maisie Pearson, Member/Chilliwack
Amy Amantea, Van Arts & Culture Lovers Delegate	Sara Peters, Member/Chilliwack
	Rose Pokeda, Member/Comox valley
	Muriel Reid, Member/Comox Valley
	Gerry Scott, Member/Chilliwack
	Elaine Smithson, Member/Chilliwack
	Donna Swaile, Member/Chilliwack

Regrets: Lori Fry and Geraldine Braak

2. Reading & Adoption of Amended Agenda

* added Honourary Director under New Business

Moved by Terry Pipkey, seconded by Vern Short; all in favour - motion carried

3. Adoption of 2018 Annual General Meeting Minutes as circulated

Moved by Corry Stuive, seconded by Pat Roy; all in favour – motion carried

4. President's Report – Attachment #1

- Ann sits on the CCB National Bylaws Committee which has gone through the bylaws twice and now gone forward to the lawyers. It's unlikely the by-laws issue will be resolved before the National AGM in June. We still need to follow the bylaws from 2016. There are 6 members on

the committee with good representation from New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, and British Columbia.

5. Financial Report- presented by Lenni Kennedy – Attachment #2

Motion to accept the financial report as presented, moved by Vern Short, seconded by Connie Burns; all in favour – motion carried.

6. Status of Society Report – we are in good standing

7. Board Reports

- * 1st Vice President's Report – Geraldine Braak – Attachment #3
- * 2nd Vice President's Report – Pat Chicquen – Attachment #4
- * Director's Report – Kelvin Adams – Attachment #5
- * Director's Report – Bill Conway – Attachment #6
- * Director's Report – Linda Hall – Attachment #7
- * Director's Report – Kathy Sanness – Attachment #8

Motion to accept the Board reports as submitted and distributed, moved by Connie Burns, seconded by Pat Roy; all in favour – motion carried.

8. Chapter Reports

- * 100 Mile House & District – Attachment #9
- * Alberni Valley – Attachment #10
- * Campbell River – Attachment #11
- * Chilliwack – Attachment #12
- * Comox Valley – Attachment #13
- * Dogwood – Attachment #14
- * Get Together with Technology (GTT) Victoria – Attachment #15
- * Kamloops – Attachment #16
- * Kelowna Blind Curling – Attachment #17
- * Lower Mainland – Attachment #18
- * Prince George Blind Curling – Attachment #19
- * Provincial Book Club – Attachment #20
- * Sunshine Coast – Attachment #21
- * Vancouver Arts and Culture Lovers – Attachment #22
- * VIBE Creston Blind Golf – Attachment #23

Motion to accept the Chapter reports as submitted and distributed, moved by Vern Short, seconded by Connie Burns; all in favour – motion carried.

9. New Business

- * Honourary Director

Motion to elect Lori Fry as a Honourary Director as per Section 27.1 of the CCB BC-Yukon Division By-Laws, moved by Vern Short and seconded by Lori Cyra; 14 in favour, 5 opposed, 1 abstained - motion carried.

- * Book of Honour

* Amy Amantea of the Vancouver Arts and Culture Lovers chapter was the non sighted recipient.

* Rose Pokeda of the Comox Valley chapter was the sighted recipient.

* Mary Brown of the Dogwood chapter received a certificate of appreciation.

* Division 50 50 Raffle Draw

* Prize \$4466 – Ticket #4275, Dave Daley, 778 363-6063

* Question arising before elections - What is the difference between a National Representative and a National Delegate?

* The National Representative would traditionally sit on the National Board however he/she currently only sits on the Division board. The National Delegates are 3 board members who have each served a term as director and will attend the National Convention in a voting year. Voted in delegates do have their expenses paid to attend the National Convention.

10. Elections

President – Ann McNabb

National Representative – Geraldine Braak

1st Vice President – Pat Chicquen

2nd Vice President – Bill Conway

Board of Director – Kelvin Adams

Board of Director – Vern Short

Board of Director – Iris Thompson

Board of Director – Brodie McKenzie

National Delegate – Pat Chicquen

National Delegate – Ann McNabb

National Delegate – Bill Conway

Motion to have the scrutineers destroy the ballots made by Bill Conway, seconded by Linda Hall – all in favour – carried.

11. Adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

Attachment #1 Canadian Council of the Blind (CCB)
BC-Yukon Division
President's Report for 2019 Triennial Conference
Submitted by Ann McNabb

This year we are celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the Canadian Council of the Blind (CCB) nationally and next year we will continue celebrating as it will be the 75th anniversary of the CCB BC-Yukon Division. Please take the time to celebrate the CCB and our Division in your community in the next year and a half. It is time for us to be proud of our accomplishments and know that even though we have been experiencing some angst over the past few years, there is the ability for us to be stronger in the future when we communicate and share and respect one another.

This past year I continued to serve on the CCB National Bylaw Committee – meeting once or twice a month depending on individual schedules. It has been a tedious job, but we are now at the fine tuning stage of the process. I will continue to serve on this committee and see it through to the end, when the National Bylaws are presented at a CCB National AGM.

I would like to take the time to again thank my Division Board of Directors for their continued support and the work they do for us. Everyone has strengths and together we make a team. Lori Fry, Geraldine Braak, Pat Chicquen, Kelvin Adams, Bill Conway, Linda Hall and Kathy Sanness have been a part of that team for this past year – some for less years and some for more; and I have always appreciated their individuality and tenacity. Their individuality and the respect we have for one another make us who we are and it makes us stronger.

This year Lori Fry has decided to step down from the Division Board, due to professional and personal circumstances - these last years have been challenging for everyone. Lori has been a great asset to the Division and has worked endless hours for the betterment of the CCB and its future. We commend and respect Lori's contributions to assist if not spearhead the Division to where it is now. We are strong and cohesive because of that groundwork and dedication. I will miss Lori's keeping me on track, but I know we will always be connected – thank you Lori for your friendship and dedication; and good luck with whatever you decide to embark on next – I know from experience you'll have success!

I am fortunate to have Judy Macdonald and Lenni Kennedy assisting me and the Board in the day to day running of the Division. They have been gracious and available to do the jobs that are asked of them, even though those may be challenging as well for them. Both of them have been flexible and have always supported the Division's endeavours and gone out of their way to be helpful. Thanks to them both for once again taking the time to be here with us and spend so many hours trying to corral us and keep us on track and somewhat organized.

I thank our Chapters for continuing to go out into their communities offering peer support and activities for the blind and partially sighted. These activities included going out for lunches, organizing picnics, hosting White Cane Week displays and Open Houses, teaming up with other organizations like BC Blind Sports and the CNIB for events, organizing White Cane Week activities, participating in sports like blind golf, bowling, hockey, tennis, dragon boating and much much more... Our Chapters are busy and you all should be proud of yourselves and our organization, I know I am.

Your Division will continue to be supportive of all you do and hope you all take advantage of the White Cane Week and Recreation & Social Activity Subsidies. We need to support one another and continue to be available to others in our community. It is who we are and what we are about and I thank you for doing your part to promote the CCB.

**Attachment #2 Canadian Council of the Blind (CCB)
BC-Yukon Division
2019 Triennial Conference
2018 Financial Overview**

Financial statements have been audited,

Auditor names: Catherine Davies,
Full Facility Hotel Controller (retired)
Jennifer Belanger,
President, Chilliwack Lions
Bookkeeper BC Housing
Treasurer Girl Guides

Balance as of December 31, 2017 = \$11,084.85
Total 2018 Income = \$42,030.90
Total 2018 Expenses = \$29,855.03
Balance as of December 31, 2018 = \$23,260.72

Balance of General Account as of March 31, 2019 = \$14,476.74
Balance of Gaming Account as of March 31, 2019 = \$9,570.38
Total balance as of March 31, 2019 = \$24,047.12

Community Gaming Grant amount was received December 2018
which is unusually early for the Division.

Thank you to all the Chapters who have provided financial support to attend this AGM.

Canadian Council of the Blind (CCB)
BC-Yukon Division
2018 Profit & Loss

	<u>Jan - Dec 18</u>
Ordinary	
Income/Expense	
Income	
Chapter Donations -	
Penticton	2570.19
Chapter Membership	160.00
Gaming Proceeds	18,000.00
GST Rebate	92.45
Mail-Out Campaign	4,075.00
National Membership	0
Public Donations	1,918.79
Raffle Income	377.75

Vancouver	
Foundation Income	14,818.39
Total Income	42,012.57
Expense	
Administration	
Assistant	3,393.29
Advocacy	19.55
Amortization -	
Computer Equip	0
Bank Fees	20.45
Chilliwack White	
Cane	1,481.82
Community Outreach	200.00
Conferences and	
Meetings	
Accommodation	
Expenses	-1245.00
Perdiems	1,485.00
Travel Expense	1204.53
Conferences and	
Meetings - Other	8,956.19
Total Conferences	
and Meetings	10,400.72
Director's Insurance	715.26
Educational	
Workshops	3,968.06
Employment Program	50.60
Exec.	
Assistant/Memb. Coord.	2,137.00
Membership	
Enhancement	0
Operations	
Other Office	
Expense	1,387.16
Printing and	
Copying	344.12
Supplies	360.17
Operations -	
Other	0
Total Operations	2,091.45
Post Office Box	170.15
Public Relations	234.69
Raffle Expenses	519.89
Recreation & Social	
Activities	2,730.41
Society Fee	40.00
Trade Exchange Fees	444.36
Trade Exchange	120.32

Purchases	
White Cane Week	1,117.01
Total Expense	29,855.03
Net Ordinary Income	12,157.54
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Bank Interest	18.33
Total Other Income	18.33
Net Other Income	18.33
Net Income	12,175.87

Canadian Council of the Blind (CCB)
BC-Yukon Division
2018 Balance Sheet

	Dec 31, 18
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
Envision Credit	
Union	5,963.52
Envision Credit	
Union Savings	3,001.88
Envision Credit	
Union Savings 1	2,570.36
Envision Credit	
Union Shares	32.10
Envision Gaming	
Account	11,037.49
Petty Cash	1.18
Royal Bank, 100	
Mile,	654.19
Total Chequing/Savings	23,260.72
Other Current	
Assets	
Vancouver	
Foundation Endowment	247,200.00
Total Other Current	
Assets	247,200.00
Total Current Assets	270,460.72
Fixed Assets	
Computer Equipment	
Accumulated	
Amortization	-2,677.52
Computer	2,765.07

Equipment - Other	
Total Computer	
Equipment	87.55
Total Fixed Assets	87.55
TOTAL ASSETS	270,548.27

LIABILITIES & EQUITY
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Opening Bal Equity	261,324.65
Unrestricted Net Assets	-2,952.25
Net Income	12,175.87
Total Equity	270,548.27
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	270,548.27

+Please note, the Vancouver Foundation were funds invested several years ago to supply the organization with a constant source of income. The \$247,200 was gifted to the Vancouver Foundation by the CCB BC-Yukon Division for future revenue. The Canadian Council of the Blind has no rights to it other than to receive the interest the investment generates. These are externally restricted funds.

**Attachment #3 Canadian Council of the Blind (CCB)
BC-Yukon Division
1st Vice President's Report for 2019 Triennial Conference
Submitted by Geraldine Braak**

First, I would like to extend my apologies for once again being absent – my health does not allow me to travel, but I have been able to maintain my position as 1st Vice President of the Division. In 2018 and until now, I continue to serve on the CCB BC-Yukon Division to the best of my ability and have worked on legislative and advocacy matters; as well as attending Executive Committee Meetings held on a regular basis.

Pat Chicquin, Donna Rekve and I met in Powell River to discuss sending a letter to the minister of health, CC the premier and Nicholas Simons which included the following information....

1. Seniors:

We have been receiving a lot of questions from seniors as to why they have to pay their optometrists for a checkup. The general impression is that the government assures seniors that their annual checkup is free to seniors, however the optometrists just in general terms charge \$120.00 in fees and the government subsidies for this is only \$47.16 and they will have to pay the optometrists the difference. For many seniors on a fixed income, this is a hardship and we request that you, as minister of health and or the premier inform the public and especially the seniors that they have to pay the difference between the government and the charge of the optometrist. It should also be explained whether or not people on income support and or a disability income, are they free or do they have to pay the optometrist?

We are aware of the fact that it was a couple of years ago that the Canadian Council of the Blind did a very intensive study majorly through the Liberal party as at that time Mr. John Horgan did not participate in this study. The study was done on behalf of the CCB BC/Yukon division and they represent 29 chapters throughout the province.

We sincerely hope that you will be able to publish this vital information throughout the province so as to avoid hardship for many seniors.

2. Children:

Another major concern is the coverage of children under 18 years of age where it becomes obvious that at times it is very confusing as to why there are some charges. Parents would take their children to the optometrist for a checkup, expecting the examination to be free, however when the exam has been completed, they are given a bill. When the question was raised as to why they had to pay, when the government information given is that children under the age of 18 is free, the answer they received was that under a general eye checkup, there is no charge, but they did an Optomap checkup and the parents were not informed of this prior to, nor were they given the option as to which one of the two they wanted to have done. Under the Optomap examination, there is an additional charge which may or may not be affordable to the parents. Again, I am sure that you can see the urgency of informing the general public of the exact information they require to make the right and or affordable choices.

3. Ophthalmologists:

We are aware of the fact that when we are referred to an ophthalmologist that this referral is free, however, the question constantly is asked why the ophthalmologist cannot prescribe eye glasses. The general information is that they do not have the required equipment in the office of the ophthalmologist, they are referred back to the optometrist for this service, which means if they have been referred by the optometrist and then back to the optometrist, the expense of the exams are doubled as well as having to face the astronomically high price of glasses.

4. Government:

We are well aware of the fact that this study was done with the support of the Liberal government and that presently our governing party is under the New Democratic Party, but unless we have not been made aware of any changes, the general rules and outline have remained the same. The BC/Yukon division of the Canadian Council of the Blind is urging you to get full information out to the public in order to prevent confusion and perhaps lack of service due to misinformation.

We continue to work on getting in touch with the NDP government about optometrist fees. Geraldine has been in touch with her MLA because she is not receiving any replies.

As all of you are aware, at one time we discussed making some changes to our BC/Yukon Division Bylaws such as adding a third Vice President. Being aware that this would only mean that further changes would be forced to be made when the National Office distributes their new proposed Bylaws. When this might happen we do not know.

Presently, for both National and BC/Yukon Division the 2014 Bylaws are in force even though National does not recognize or adhere to these Bylaws which has created a multitude of problems that we have been trying to correct. In 2016, National put forward a proposed draft Bylaw which was turned down by the membership. Despite this, National proceeds as though the Bylaws were accepted which is creating our BC/Yukon Division dilemma as we have to adhere to the BC Society Act.

Furthermore, it is important for all of you to know that the CCB BC/Yukon Division is the only Division that is under any provincial Society Act and that we are obligated to adhere to this. As we work under the BC Society Act we cannot make any changes to our Bylaws until after National has submitted and successfully passed new Bylaws by the CCB membership.

According to the 2014 Bylaws we must elect a Division Representative who also serves as our National Board Member for the Division. It goes the same for the election of delegates to the National convention. Since there are no new Bylaws or guidelines from the National office, that will be available prior to elections at our conference, we are obliged to adhere to our present 2014 Bylaws, as well as the BC Society Act. We understand that this will only be until National has sent out proposed new Bylaws and given the membership the opportunity to make changes or amendments, and then presented and passed at a National convention or a special meeting.

I understand that you will find this a nuisance and it will be mean additional changes after the proposed new Bylaws have been approved. We are forced to adhere to our own CCB BC/Yukon Division Bylaws as per the BC Society Act.

**Attachment #4 Canadian Council of the Blind (CCB)
BC-Yukon Division
2nd Vice President's Report for 2019 Triennial Conference
Submitted by Pat Chicquen**

I have had a busy three years, both on the local level and with the BC-Yukon division.

Our Comox Valley Chapter now has 52 members plus 2 honorary members.

I was chairperson for White Cane Week and Book of Honour. These portfolios are now in the capable hands of Bill Conway and I have the membership for BC-Yukon Division. I have contacted most of the chapters and am open to trying to help with any problems that I can. My phone number is 250-339-3904 and I do not mind weekend calls and will take calls from 9:30 AM to 9:30 PM. Please leave a message if I am out I will call you back.

We are starting on Vancouver Island with visits to locations like Qualicum, Parksville, Nanaimo, Duncan and Victoria; and then over to Powell River.

My hope is to help as many blind and sight impaired people to get out and enjoy life. To join our CCB Chapters and be with people that have and can share problems, get solutions and ideas to make life more enjoyable.

Cheers, have a great time at our 2019 Conference.

**Attachment #5 Canadian Council of the Blind (CCB)
BC-Yukon Division
Director's Report for 2019 Triennial Conference
Submitted by Kelvin Adams**

I would like to thank the board and the membership for allowing me to sit on the board for the last year. It has been a very interesting year and a real learning experience. I have sat on other boards but this is the first time that I have been on one that is using part of its directors as an executive board with the remaining board being filled in every couple months.

When I was appointed last year, it was discovered that I had the most sight on the board, so I was put in charge of our website. Like a deer in the head lights I thought. "what do I really know about running websites?" Fortunately one of our members Joanne Dufault in Campbell River worked on websites before losing some of her sight. Her husband kindly let the secret out of the bag and Joanne has done a wonderful job of sorting out and cleaning up our website over the last year.

Joanne is such a fine example of the skills and talents of the folks in our organization. There is so much experience and skills amongst us, being blind or with limited sight is not a reason not to shine within our organization. Together I believe we have a strong message to share with others feeling they are in the dark. We need to work together to build our organization into a bright shining light to comfort and help guide those that feel they are in the dark. Five years ago I felt the darkness closing around me and my life suddenly changing, I have been blessed with some positive outcomes so far, but the real blessing is knowing I will never be alone in the dark.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve you and I look forward to serving more in the future.

**Attachment #6 Canadian Council of the Blind (CCB)
BC-Yukon Division
Director's Report for 2019 Triennial Conference
Submitted by Bill Conway**

Since we last gathered in April 2018, I have been engaged in a number of activities ranging from International to local issues pertaining to Guide Dog and Accessibility matters.

I have been following transportation issues regarding 'emotional support dog' on airlines in the United States. I did respond to a few surveys that were offered to submit your views. At this point I have not heard the outcomes of these surveys.

Well there was some joyous news that came out of the Canadian General Standard Branch (CGSB) pertaining to the Federal Government wanting to, have the right to certify our Guide and Service Dogs. The CGSB was Inedited with over 1,000 pieces of paper, telling them to keep their 'HANDS OFF OUR HARNESES'. The government finally conceded, after they were reminded of the song, 'WHO LET THE DOGS OUT'. Many thanks went out to those who were on the ground, who took a strong voice to the committee hearings on behalf of all Guide & Service Dog handlers.

The National Coalition of People Who Use Guide and Service Dogs, is a true grass route coalition that was formed after the CGSB campaign. The Coalition has been in front of the Canadian Transportation Agency advocating for our rights, as a person with a disability and a Guide or Service Dog user.

The Senate has finally heard the last word from a number of organizations on Bill C81, 'THE ACCESSIBLE CANADA ACT'.

The Senate Standing Committee will meet on May 2, 2019 to decide what amendments it will make to Bill C-81. "The minister leading this bill, Carla Qualtrough, told the Standing Committee on April 3, 2019 that she is open to amendments and wants Bill C-81 to be the best bill it can be. Senator Jim Munson, who is sponsoring this bill in the Senate, told the Standing Committee on April 10, 2019 in clear and categorical terms that there will be amendments."

We are campaigning to ensure that these amendments are strong and effective.

☐ Quotation from AODA presentation to Senate on C-81

Ever since the NDP party took over this province's governance, the BC Coalition of Guide Dog Users has been advocating for changes to Bill #17 'BC Guide & Service Dog Act'. We all would like to have the registration of our INTERNATIONALLY CERTIFIED Guide Dogs removed, amongst other issues. When opportunity knocks we speak up to local MLA'S To seek a revamp amended 'BILL #17' or a new 'BILL' brought into the house with a much improved users friendly ACT than a business model ACT.

Well after years of advocating and presented the Mayor & Council a 400 name petition, we finally got a controlled 4-way stop, on the corner of the District's Public Library. In the past there were some serious accidents on this corner. The Accessibility Advisory Committee started this advocacy three years ago and all it took was two stop signs to be installed.

We'll keep on advocating by making a clear path for others to follow.

**Attachment #7 Canadian council of the Blind (CCB)
BC-Yukon Division
Director's Report for 2019 Triennial Conference
Submitted by Linda Hall**

Most recently I have been working on the Sports and Recreation Portfolio with Lori Fry.

In Kamloops, we had a 5 pin bowling tournament on April 28, 2018. Teams participated from Kelowna and Kamloops; and the winner was Kelowna.

In May, Kamloops started lawn bowling and 2 of the Kamloops Members Joe and Vern went to Provincials in Nanaimo with their coaches Al and Barb and they had a great time.

In August, we emailed Chapters about an up to \$200 sports and rec Subsidy from the division with receipts sent in.

In September, we started 5 pin bowling again until April 2019 and on May 25th Kamloops is hosting a 5 pin bowling tournament with teams from Kamloops, Kelowna and Chilliwack participating.

**Attachment #8 Canadian Council of the Blind (CCB)
BC-Yukon Division
Director's Report for 2019 Triennial Conference
Submitted by Kathy Sanness**

For this past year I have helped with Kelvin's work on the CCB BC Yukon Division webpage. I am not very tech savvy, so my time was spent contacting the White Cane, GTT, etc. clubs in BC to ask permission to put their information and contact person, on our new page, on the website. We did this to inform members and the public of a person in their area to contact if said person needed further help that the webpage did not cover. I then turned this information to Kelvin who put this information on the new webpage. Kelvin did most of the work.

White Cane Week in Kelowna,

I have done the White Cane information tables in the Capri Mall since my first year, in Kelowna, in 2015. I have been a Kelowna Lioness since 2015 as well, and they have helped me every year, since then, to set up and man this table. Each year I have assembled a goodie basket, which I have on the table, and we have people enter their names, for this basket, which is free to enter. Every time it's been won, it has made the winner happy. We have a donation can, as well.

Bill Mah, from the Kelowna Blind Curling Club, helps at the table when he is in Kelowna.

**Attachment #9 Canadian Council of the Blind (CCB)
100 Mile House & District
Blind & Visually Impaired
White Cane Club
A Chapter of the Canadian Council of the Blind**

CHAPTER REPORT 2018-19
2019 Triennial Conference
Submitted by Marilyn Vinson, President

We continue to attend the B C Blind Sports exercise program once a week.

Cedar Crest Society for Community Living has continued our agreement to work their Thrift Store on Sundays. This creates a source of income for the Chapter.

As in other years the weather in February was terrible so we held our OPEN HOUSE in May. We advertised and had a free draw. Also a free draw on Mother's Day at the Thrift Store.

We did a field trip to a boutique at 103 Mile, and had lunch at the local pub.

AGE FRIENDLY SENIORS FAIR in June. Very well attended by the community. We had a double booth and passed out info & contact details.

In July the Bridge Lake Rodeo had the RCMP Musical Ride and some of our members attended. Also in July the Club was invited to share in a banquet for the Military Police Motorcycle Ride at Legion 260.

In September we hosted a luncheon for the Kamloops Chapter. Good lunch, good company and it was fun.

In October we held our meeting at Jakes Pub – good turnout. A motion was passed to change our name to include **Blind & Visually Impaired**.

We have also adopted a chapter logo which is like a stylized eyeball with the White Cane stickman in the black iris.

We started Curling in October. Our team now being 3 curlers and a sighted guide.

We have a "social Fund" available to subsidize club events like the annual Lions auction and Community live theatre and sometimes lunch out.

An ESS coordinator spoke at a meeting regarding concerns of our members about Wildfires and evacuation.

As before we donated a wreath at the Community Remembrance Day Service.

A donation was also made to 100 Mile Health Foundation during the Health Star Christmas campaign

Our annual Christmas party was well attended

A cheque was issued to every Member for \$50 to help with eye exam fees.

Again this year weather was not suitable for WHITE CANE WEEK in Feb. so we will create awareness of our group at the SENIORS FAIR in June.

The VIAL FOR LIFE was introduced at an Age Friendly presentation and we have since managed to receive enough for our members. One of our members is trying to implement a program through Lions Clubs to distribute them at least Province wide.

The vial contains pertinent info about you, your meds, and any health issues. It is kept in your fridge and a sticker outside the fridge alerts first responders to look for it

In January we hosted the Provincial playdowns for Blind Curling. We ranked third. And our skip took a team to Western Blind Curling held in Kamloops. Both events were organized by Lori Fry.

We are currently planning to have a new brochure ready by June.

**Attachment #10 Canadian Council of The Blind (CCB)
Alberni Valley Chapter Report
2019 Trenial Conference
Submitted by Jean Kanngiesser, President**

We are now nearing the close of our second year as a Chapter of CCB. Beginning with 4 members, we now have 24 paid members and a number of auxiliary members and other contacts. We meet monthly September to June in a convenient space donated by Abbeyfield.

Our focus is on self help and education with guest speakers and always time for a coffee and social chit chat.

Speakers since September 2018 include; the Alberni Valley Emergency Preparedness Coordinators, the Reflections program of the Alberni Valley Hospice Society, Melanie Richard of Vision Loss Rehabilitation, Albert Ruel, the RCMP Community Policing Officer, and Evaleen Baker of Vision Loss Rehabilitation. In May we will have member Jennifer Collette, President of the Alberni Valley Hospice Society, speak of their services. Over 2 days in mid April, Albert Ruel will conduct one-on-one sessions with members on using assistive technology.

On May 2, 2019, we will participate in the "Community Wellness Extravaganza" in Port Alberni with an information table and a prize draw.

We were pleased to be a recipient of the Early Bird CCB membership rebate in January.

In March 2020, we plan a major fundraising event with a performance by the Greater Victoria Police Chorus at the Alberni District Secondary School Auditorium with over 500 audience seats.

Attachment #11 Canadian Council of the Blind (CCB)

Campbell River Chapter Report 2019 Triennial Conference Submitted by Lorraine Welch, Treasurer

In January Lorraine Welch met with the Noon Rotary Club to speak on the Desk Top Magnifiers. Kelvin Adams and Albert Ruel meeting regularly at the Library 3rd. Thursday of each. Our guest was Ben Douglas - St. Johns Ambulance.

White Cane Week at the Indoor Market in the Common Mall with our Yellow banner, Info hand outs and Yellow Buttons. Our 40 posters were put up all over town.

March was our Income tax speaker on Disabled benefits from Mr. Aaron Dour of Chan Nowosad Boats.

April Speaker from our Library-Gillian Connors. She spoke on all their services. Large print books, MP3 books on disk, Daisyreaders, Audio Books, Victoria Reader Stream, CELA/NNELS Systems.

May we tried to set up for a Fish Hatchiers tour and picnic but it was too hot and the rivers too low. Will try for next year.

In September we had a table at the annual Volunteer Fair 26 tables show all the places people can volunteer. We had a Desk Top Magnifier on display, Buttons and Info.

Our group went out to our annual luncheon. We went to a Smog. at the Best Wok in town. Super food and price was great too.

October was our membership to be paid, it was so great everyone turned out with the fees. I was away October and November helping a friend.

December Albert Ruel was our guest speaker and of course he rocked our socks off with all that is available out there, show us how one can wear a camera on our eye glasses call some one from faraway and they can tell us our surroundings and direct us to where we want to go, by seeing where we are going. It was awesome to hear about all the new things.

Our free Christmas Berwick luncheon this year was in November Enjoyed by all.

This fall also showed members setting up a Chair Exercise program through B.C. Blind Sports.

We now have 5 Desk Top Magnifiers in Seniors Care Homes. One more on the way, and one more to go.

**Attachment #12 Canadian Council of the Blind (CCB)
Chilliwack White Cane Chapter Report
2019 Triennial Conference
Submitted by Ann McNabb**

Our Chapter now has 34 members – blind, partially sighted and volunteers - meeting on the first and third Wednesday of each month except for July and August. As well our executive goes to a monthly meeting at the Anavets.

Guest speakers at our meetings this year included Cathy Porter from Stay Able Bath & Homes who talked about a government program called Home Adaptations for Independence (HAFI); Fraser Valley Regional Library talked to us about CELA and their outreach program; Lisa Axelson from the Chilliwack Fire Department gave a presentation about personal and home fire safety measures, reminding us of the importance of checking our smoke detectors on a regular basis. And informing us of the Defend in Place program that people with disabilities and special needs can register with either the fire department for a single-family home or a building manager in a multi-person residence - this will ensure that people who will need assistance during an emergency are identified to first responders and are given the assistance they need; and Brian Mackie from CNIB/Vision Loss Rehabilitation spoke to us about the changes in the structure and services of the CNIB and about their new Phone it Forward program.

Ginny McCormack organizes monthly Get Together With Technology (GTT) sessions at our local library. We discuss different topics like smart phones, organizing, labeling, Script Talk, Google Mini and much more – it is always informative and a great opportunity to share our knowledge and learn from others.

Again in February we hosted an Open House during White Cane Week in the Slesse Room at the Evergreen Hall. The CNIB mailed invitations to clients in the area and joined us with representation from O & M, Low Vision, ILS, Technology and Shop items were available. We managed to sign up three new members for our efforts.

Elaine Smithson, Ginny McCormack and Sara Peters attended the CCB BC-Yukon Division AGM in April and appreciated the Emergency Preparedness Workshop. They helped put together an Emergency Plan for our meetings, which we continue to fine tune as we learn more.

When we started up bowling again this year, we were excited to learn our bowlers would have the opportunity to participate at the Kamloops Chapter sponsored Bowling Tournament in May 2019. Hopefully our bowlers will do well

In December, teaming up with BC Blind Sports we are now participating in a twice a month chair yoga class with yoga instructor Candice Baldwin.

As per usual we go out to lunch every month to a different restaurant in Chilliwack – our favourites include Homers, the IHop, the Capital and Austin Fish 'n Chips. We also visited the food fair at the mall several times during the year and help each other shop. The Mount Cheam helped us get a good start in September and barbecued hamburgers for us at our meeting. Again the Chilliwack Opportunity Society invited us for burgers and an afternoon of music with Heidi and Ray; as well we attended the Society's community get together and fundraiser at Gwynne Vaughan Park, eating hotdogs and having our faces painted. At Christmas Heidi and Ray again entertained us along with some of our local Lions Clubs' members – turkey with all the fixings, door prizes and good fellowship.

**Attachment #13 Canadian Council of the Blind (CCB)
Comox Valley White Cane Chapter Report
2019 Triennial Conference
Submitted by Charles Reid, Director**

Looking forward to attending the 2019 AGM to meet new people and to learn more about the Canadian Council of the Blind.

Our Chapter has monthly informative speakers from the Comox Valley and beyond and I have listed some of them for your reference:

- Emergency Preparedness
- Pure Pharmacy
- BCLions Club
- Optician
- Wheels for Wellness.

This year our chapter was busy with the following fundraisers:

Annual Car Wash, the Mex Pub, the Berwick Open House on March 19th and participation in White Cane Week, selling of tickets for the 50/50 Raffle for the Canadian Council of the Blind.

We enjoyed our annual picnic in July at the Knots Vineyard & Estate winery and our Annual Christmas Luncheon at the Comox Legion

Our monthly Out-to-Lunch Bunch is well supported with an average of 18 – 22 members/volunteers each month.

Friday afternoons we participate in Chair Yoga sponsored by the B.C. Blind Sports. It is well supported with approximately 18 -22 members, volunteers, observers along with family support.

Our chapter meets the first Tuesday of every month from September to June.

We are happy to report we had a very good year and look forward to keeping our chapter running well and efficiently with the support of our Executive, the CNIB, our volunteers and the Comox Valley community.

**Attachment #14 Canadian Council of the Blind (CCB)
Dogwood White Cane Chapter Report
2019 Triennial Conference
Submitted by Pat Roy, President**

Through 2018 our club has tried to branch out in different ways, other than our table bowling which is still a main stay of our club activities. We have held some of our meetings in our local library to make others aware of low vision in the community. We brought in a member of the Dogwood Seniors Computer club to assist some of our members with their devices. We also enjoyed a presentation by Sylvi Fekete about the services offered by AMI. Some of our members met with the City of Coquitlam planning department to share opinions on how sidewalks and intersections could be improved as it relates to vision loss. Our members made an extra effort to come out in the snow and help with our information booth at Coquitlam Centre on Super Bowl Sunday for White Cane Week. Though foot traffic was down we had a great time together.

We enjoyed our usual wind up lunch in June and also a great Christmas lunch with choral music in December.

The blind tennis continues with the generous support of BC Blind Sports and Coquitlam Parks and Rec. Tennis players meet weekly as a separate group from the Dogwood Chapter.

We look forward to bringing in more speakers in 2019 and finding other ways to enhance our members lives.

**Attachment #15 Canadian Council of the Blind (CCB)
GTT Victoria Chapter Report
2019 Triennial Conference
Submitted by Corry Stuive**

The CCB GTT Victoria club has had another extremely successful year. Although our membership has dropped a bit, if all participants who have come out at one time or another were to show up on the same day, we would have quite a room full.

Our meetings take place the first Wednesday of the month and we meet at the Greater Victoria Public Library in downtown Victoria. We have been extremely fortunate to have had our CCB GTT Western Canada coordinator, Albert Ruel attend several of our meetings. We were also delighted to see Mr. Kalvin Adams from the CCB BC Yukon Division board attend one of the meetings. This was first time since the clubs inception close to 4 years ago that we have a Division board member at one of our meetings.

The topic matter for each of our meetings is determined largely by the group's participants. Each meeting the group is asked for Tech topic suggestions. As new products, services and changes to tech are introduced, our group attempts to stay on top of things and we are seldom left with a shortage in topic matter. On occasion a guest speaker or presenter may join the group to deal with a specific topic and/or product.

Some "one on one" training, in between meetings has also taken place with extremely positive results. We have also been able to repurpose some older, gently used equipment.

Members of our club have had the opportunity to visit other CCB GTT Clubs and participate in the National CCB GTT Conference call. We have also welcomed members from other CCB GTT clubs to our meetings.

Invitations to attend and Meeting notes are posted on the CCB GTT blog and FaceBook page and also appear in promotional print material distributed by the Greater Victoria Public Library. We have also participated regularly in the CCB BC-Yukon divisions monthly call in meetings.

We are looking forward to another great year of progress within the CCB BC-Yukon Division, and thank the Division for there continued help and support.

**Attachment #16 Canadian Council of the Blind (CCB)
Kamloops White Cane Chapter Report
2019 Triennial Conference
Submitted by Laura Campsall, Treasurer**

February White Cane Week was held at Cottonwood Center. Our speaker was Wanda about the dogs and their training. She also gave us information about applying for dog if needed. Linda received plaque for all the work she has done for our club. Lunch was really good too.

Bowling Tournament: The tournament was held in Kelowna in April and everybody had a great time. There was a good lunch after it all too.

In June we had a big 25th Anniversary Party for our club. Linda Hall has been President for few years which keeps our club running!! We received cake from North Shore Safeway after they'd let us show about how us blind people run with cane and try shopping! The manager and staff enjoyed for us giving them the info and now there are things they want to do that can help people as we shop!! It was a great time!!

Field trips: Linda had lots of ideas and we all agreed to Davidson Orchard in Vernon. There was tour and beautiful lunch. Weather was really good too. They have nice store there with lots of fruits, veggies and great sauces! We also went to 100 Mile House where we met up with Lori Fry and some other chapter members. There was a great lunch, gifts and a bunch of good laughs!!

We had 3 big party lunches through the year and lots of members always have a good time and good good!!

September our first club meeting we had 6 new members that came and joined with us. Our club is slowly building since they are finding out about us on TV on White Cane Week and Les at the CNIB in Kamloops gives info anytime.

Fishing Derby was good. Lots of guys with boats took members out for the chance to hook the biggest fish! Nice bbq after all fishing was good too.

Christmas Party: We has a really good time at Desert Gardens where dinner was really good. We had lots of laughs, presents and of course we got to see Santa!! Everybody has a really good time.

**Attachment #17 Canadian Council of the Blind (CCB)
Kelowna Blind Curling Chapter Report
2019 Triennial Conference
Submitted by Bill Mah, President**

At the start of 2018-19, the Kelowna Blind Curling chapter had a membership of 13 individuals, 9 of which are blind and visually impaired and we have an additional 4 members who are our on ice coaches and guides. We met each Sunday mornings commencing in October of 2018 and ended in March of 2019. We joined the Commercial League again this year as a way of getting extra practice.

We sent teams to the provincials in 100 Mile House, the CVIC tournament in Ottawa during White Cane week and Frank Costello and Bill Mah participated to support team BC 2 which was the 100 Mile House entry at the Westerns.

We won the provincials, came in third at the CVIC tournament losing to the eventual winners from Nova Scotia and the 100 Mile House team came in third at the Westerns.

Over all, our Chapter had a successful year highlighted with Rose-Ann Lyons from team Canada being elected as the third all-star at the CVIC and winning the provincials.

I would like to take this opportunity as the president of our Chapter to acknowledge and thank 2 of our guides and coaches who have informed us that they will be leaving us at the end of this year. Our thanks to Carol McAstocker and Dan Martell for their time spent with us. Their guidance and coaching have played an intrical part in our success. Thanks for your time served!!

**Attachment #18 Canadian Council of the Blind (CCB)
Lower Mainland Chapter Report
2019 Triennial Conference
Submitted by Fraser Hiltz, Secretary Treasurer**

This year our Chapter was pleased to experience a significant increase in membership numbers. This increase will be important for fundraising efforts and potential future programmes. At this time the Chapter is focused on assisting Blind Curling in the Vancouver Blind Curling Club as most of our members are also members of this club. However, the Chapter has no mention of Blind Curling in the Chapter name, this is intentional, as we mature, the hope is that the Chapter can assist other interests in different Blind Sports or advocacy for the low vision and blind.

The Chapter held a Summer Pub Night at the Paddle Wheeler Pub in New Westminister. With great summer weather the huge patio overlooking the Fraser River was full with our own supporters who purchased tickets to attend and the general public who learned a bit about Blind Curling, the Blind Community and joined in on supporting our raffle draws and fifty-fifty ticket draw. We raised over fourteen hundred dollars and donated a large portion of the amount back to the Vancouver Blind Curling Club to assist in the five-thousand-dollar entry fee to attend the CCB and AMI National Low Vision Curling Championships held in Ottawa, Ontario in conjunction with White Cane Week in February of this year.

Members of the Chapter attended the Lions Blind and Low Vision Expo in Maple Ridge to introduce Blind Curling and encouragement to consider joining our CCB Chapter.

**Attachment #19 Canadian Council of the Blind (CCB)
Prince George Blind Curling Chapter Report
2019 Triennial Conference
Submitted by Terry Pipkey, Treasurer**

Our Prince George Blind Curling Chapter had a successful season this past winter curling. We won a couple of games in our Seniors League, which set us up well for our bonspiels.

We barely managed a second place finish in our BC Provincials in 100 Mile House in January. This placing allowed us to attend the Western Blind Curling Championships in Kamloops during March.

The Westerns has eight teams participating: 2 teams from each of the 4 western provinces. Our team managed to win all 7 games, which gave us 1st Place. This is the only time we have managed to "Sweep the Table".

Our Prince George Chapter plans to have a couple of barbeques over the summer and will re-convene curling in late September.

**Attachment #20 Canadian Council of the Blind (CCB)
Provincial Book Club Chapter Report
2019 Triennial Conference
Submitted by Kathy Sanness**

The Provincial Book Club started out, with an idea that I had, to start a book club locally, in 100 Mile House, for people with limited or no sight, using talking books. With Lori Fry's help, we tried to get said group going, but soon realized that there weren't enough people, locally, who were interested, so it collapsed.

At basically the same time, we spoke to Ann and Albert, and decided to try the same concept for members of the CCB BC Yukon Division. We sent out a notice to members, and that is how we got the club started. A few years later Lori and Ann suggested that we become our own chapter, with me as the president, Lori Cyra as the Vice President, and Albert as the Secretary. We don't have money in the chapter, so we don't need a treasurer.

Our book club works this way; Our members suggest the books we read. We read one book a month. We meet, by teleconference, at 9AM now, on the fourth Friday every month but July and August. Not only do we discuss the book of the month, but we also discuss different methods of getting books and new tech ideas that interest us.

We have one member who constantly travels around the world, and only joins us when she is back home in BC. We also have a member who lives in Ontario, on a hobby farm and has a horse as a guide dog. So far, the rest of our members are from BC.

If any one is interested in joining our club, or just trying us out, please e mail me at ksanness@telus.net or phone me at 778 484 2298. You could also call Lori Cyra or Albert, for information. Remember you can belong to more than one club. Thank you.

**Attachment #21 Canadian Council of the Blind (CCB)
Sunshine Coast White Cane Chapter Report
2019 Triennial Conference
Submitted by Bill Conway, President**

Over the past year, the Sunshine Coast White Cane Club, held monthly meetings at the Sechelt Seniors Centre. Half way through the year, our club had to find another venue, due to our Seniors Centre was being renovated. We are a club that has 10 members, that attend regularly each month, and we are thankful for our 4 dedicated volunteers.

We had a number of engaging speakers that provided a variety of information to our members. Speakers from tax accountants to our new head librarian.

For our annual spring luncheon, we gathered at the Gum Boot Restaurant. This restaurant is nestled in the small community of Roberts Creek. The funky restaurant is located along the beach front and is noted for its non-deep fryer. Everything is done in stone ovens.

Our summer picnic was held at Mission Point House. This historical house is located in Davis Bay. The District of Sechelt purchased and renovated it to host special events or for meetings. The members enjoyed barbecued hot dogs and salads. Members participated in a 'fill in the word' story book for adults. This activity brought out some hilarious stories. We finished off by singing happy birthday to all members who have a birthday during the summer months.

Our club tried something different this year, and that we tried some fund raising. We decided to fund raise between Thanksgiving and November 1st. We went to 45 businesses and received some monetary donations and some gift baskets that we gave away at our Xmas lunch.

At our annual Xmas lunch, with 29 members and guest in attendance, held at Pebbles Restaurant, The Suncoast phoenix community choir provided a delightful

Rendition of seasonal carols. The choir started off by singing happy birthday to our eldest member, Flo Hill who is 98 years young, and finished off with the 12 days of Xmas. This carol, involved all members, taking turns on each day. We drew for 3 gift baskets and 4 gift certificates. Everybody had a joyous time.

The Mayor of Sechelt stopped by, during dessert, to present our president with a 'Certificate of Appreciation' for chairing the Accessibility Advisory Committee, (AAC), for 10 years. Unfortunately, when the mayor took over the District she dissolved a number of committees, and the AAC was one of them.

During this festive lunch, the club receive generous donations from the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #140, The Gibson's Lions and the Sunshine Coast Lions Clubs. Without these service organizations our club would have some difficulty in continuing our progress

**Attachment #22 Canadian Council of the Blind (CCB)
Vancouver Arts and Culture Lovers Chapter Report
2019 Triennial Conference
Submitted by Amy Amantea**

VOCAL EYE

This season has been all about strengthening and stabilizing our existing programs, and about expanding description services to other artistic disciplines and other communities.

VocalEye described 36 performances and half a dozen special events in Vancouver, Surrey, Richmond, West Vancouver and Victoria this season.

Our top 5 most popular shows:

1. Mamma Mia at the Arts Club Stanley
2. As You Like It at Bard on the Beach
3. Sequence for Realwheels tied with Onegin at the Surrey Arts Centre
4. Forget About Tomorrow tied with Salt Baby, both at the Belfry
5. Misery at the Surrey Arts Centre tied with A Christmas Carol at the Belfry

We had visitors from Ottawa, Toronto and Kelowna join us for described performances this year and our Board Vice-Chair, Amy Amantea, starred in Sequence, one of the best-attended shows this year.

Bard on the Beach set a new precedent for accessible ticket rates with a fabulous offer of free tickets for VocalEye users plus a deep discount for a single companion ticket. Both the Sunday matinee and the Saturday evening performances were well attended.

Our most popular event this year was live description at the Vancouver Art Gallery for BC Access Awareness Day on June 2.

VocalEye also led a describer training intensive for the art gallery educators. VocalEye will continue to partner with the Vancouver Art Gallery in creating accessible services and programming.

VocalEye led a similar training at the Ottawa Art Gallery and a workshop in dance description in Edmonton.

Behind the scenes, VocalEye has been working with the Arts Club to add a second described performance on Friday nights at both the Stanley and Granville Island stages for next season.

We changed up our annual fundraiser and held a fantastically popular musical bingo night at Moose's Pub. It was a sold out crowd and we raised \$11,000.

The VocalEye board chair, Linda Weber has now retired after 6 years of service and board vice chair, Amy Amantea has transitioned from a board position to a staff position which started in January 2019.

She will be working on audience development, donor relations and arranging and hosting social events around VocalEye described programming. Initial social events are proving popular!

There are many more exciting things to happen this summer including fireworks, and Vancouver Pride Parade – both free events for VocalEye patrons!

Here's to another exciting season!

WCW 2019

White Cane Week 2019 – held at park Royal mall was the most successful ever! With almost 20 vendors from the blind community showcasing resources and watching people connect! It was a joy to network and meet new people. We look forward to next years' event!

Our chapter sold 22 books of 50/50 tickets this year – thanks to all that purchased tickets and help advertise sales!

**Attachment #23 Canadian Council of the Blind (CCB)
VIBE Creston Blind Golf Chapter Report
2019 Triennial Conference
Submitted by Darren Douma**

It's been a busy year and a half for the CCB-VIBE Creston Chapter. In over two and a half months, the CCB-VIBE Chapter will be hosting three blind golf Championships in BC.

First, Creston BC will host the Mutual Fire Insurance of BC Provincial Blind Golf Championships. July 4th-July 6th)

Second, will be the Western Canadian Blind Golf Championships in Kimberley, BC (July 8th July 10th).

Finally, the ISPS Handa Canadian Blind Golf Championships will be hosted in Cranbrook, BC July 12th-July 13th).

In between the two Championships in the East Kootenays, CCB-VIBE will also be hosting their 18th biennial ICE BREAKER TOURNEY. (July 11th) Previously, this tourney had been hosted by CCB-VIBE back in 2015 and 2017 in Creston. This event brings a lot of awareness to the public that blind golf exists, and that "We can still play". That awareness comes from the fact that local sighted golfers and sponsors can play on a team with blind or partially-sighted players and experience what blind golf is all about.

The three events combined will showcase blind golf to the Kootenays for ten days, while also giving our participants ten great days to experience life out in the Kootenays! These events will bring over 100 participants, family, and friends to the Kootenays. There will be over 30 Canadians from coast-to-coast, along with 17 participants from the USA, England, Scotland, Ireland, Israel, and South Korea.

Previously, Blind golf had only four members from BC. Currently, while kicking off these events, BC will have three new golfers attending and participating. We have a gentleman and Chapter member from Creston participating for the first time. Also, we have two ladies participating, who are from Grand Forks and Victoria BC.

CCB-VIBE continue to finalize all details for these blind golf events. One pressing and critical matter is fundraising and solidifying local sponsorships in order to cover all event costs and break-even. As of April 1st, the Chapter is currently looking at a shortfall of over \$20,000. Sadly, this shortfall is due to a total lack of support from the two communities of Kimberley and Cranbrook. To put this into perspective, CCB-VIBE have raised over \$15,000 in Creston from local businesses to off-set costs for hosting the BC Provincial. As of April, the two EK communities combined, we have raised \$1500 in local support of those events. With player entry fees and our corporation and associations support, we have raised \$110,000. The City of Cranbrook themselves will not even step up for some level of support. Several communications with the two Chambers in those communities have fell silent. The ironic part is that with an event budget of \$140,000. All the monies we have raised and require from local sponsorship go directly back into those communities. Furthermore, with a week's time staying in those communities, our participants could potentially double the budget amount with extra tourist spending.

CCB-VIBE continues to reach out to the communities seeking hole sponsorship support along with any other support businesses and corporations are willing to provide. The media, (print and radio) are being contacted in hopes to get the message out there again. We also have the support of BC Blind Sports and BC Golf, who are sponsoring, but are also assisting in every way possible to look at options to off-set our shortfall.

Having said that, BC Golf assisted us in establishing a Trust through Sport BC. This is a National Sports Trust Fund specifically set up for these two events, where individuals, local businesses, or corporations can make donations to support these blind golf events. To date, this Trust has not received much of anything, so we are hoping to spread the word, and get some support via this avenue.

Those who would like to support or share with others, here is the link:

<https://secure.e2rm.com/registant/startup.aspx?eventid=279492>

These events will be the last in BC for some time, and certainly will not be in the Kootenays again. However, BC may have the opportunity to host the Canadian Championships again in 2022, and a possible host could be in the Vancouver area.

Our message to these communities is that its not just about blind golf. We are also bringing to these communities the message about the continual growth and problem with vision loss in Canada. Were trying to make these communities aware that they also have "low vision communities" within their communities. We want to bring awareness to those communities that there is a lot of support and advocacy which comes from our two national blind organizations. Importantly, one of them being our organization, Canadian Council of the Blind and that, "A Lack of Sight, is not a Lack of Vision".

The other message we want to come from these events is that "You can still play". Whether its blind golf or any other sport, you can still play if you choose. Whether you wish to play recreationally or competitively, there are many sports and fitness options available, through BC Blind Sports or any other provincial blind sports association. The overall message through this is, "Ability over Disability". We cannot stress this enough, and these blind golf events mean so much more, and are a spring board for so much more!

CCB National are really trying to focus more attention on Sports and Recreation across Canada. Partly because of this, Blind Golf Canada have become a Chapter with CCB. We hope to grow along with CCB in the promotion of sports and recreation, and while doing so, grow the awareness of blind golf in Canada.

CCB-VIBE are doing their part to promote and grow the awareness of blind golf and the participation in blind golf. Ultimately, we are hoping that CCB National will also be able to step up and support these BC blind golf events with some sponsorship support.

It must also be mentioned that BC Golf, other provincial golf associations, and Golf Canada are also focusing their attention on "Diversity & Inclusion". This focus is great news for blind golf in establishing a relationship with these golf associations in our Province and across Canada.

MORE THAN JUST ABOUT BLIND GOLF

This year, beyond blind golf, we also had the opportunity to showcase the fine arts with our Chapter member Ruth Bieber, who did solo performances of "To See or Not to See". Ruth kicked off these performances during WHITE CANE WEEK. The performances were well attended and enjoyed by all. Ruth is planning a lot of travelling to continue presenting her show.

It was also CCB-VIBE'S intention to kick off WCW with hot dog sales to promote WCW, CCB, and blind golf, but a very poor weather in February forced cancellations. Starting in April, Chapter members, Howard and Darren plan on doing these hot dog sales and promotions through to June, leading up to the BC Blind Golf Events.

On behalf of our Chapter, would just like to thank our Division Board for all their hard work on our behalf. Sadly, we have no one to attend this year's AGM/Conference. However, we wish everyone all the best and continued success out there!