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**NEWSLETTER**

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**Our next speaker meeting is  
Tuesday, 22 September, 2026 at 10 am**

West Vancouver Yacht Club - 5854 Marine Drive, West Vancouver

AGM will be held at the start of the meeting

**SEPTEMBER SPEAKER: Wally Oppal, K.C., Lawyer, Senior Counsel, Arbitrator and Mediator**

**TOPIC "My Journey from Vancouver Island to Patron of Reform"**

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**Tuesday Speaker: 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2026**



Wally Oppal, Lawyer, QC, Senior Counsel, Arbitrator and Mediator

**“My Journey from Vancouver Island to Patron of Reform”**

Wally Oppal is a Canadian lawyer, former judge and provincial politician. He was raised in the Lake Cowichan area of Vancouver Island and obtained his law degree from UBC in 1966. After working in private practice, Wally was appointed to the County Court of BC in 1981, the Supreme Court of BC in 1985 and the BC Court of Appeal in 2003. He entered provincial politics in 2005 serving as Attorney General and the Minister of Multiculturalism for the Liberal Party. Over the years, Wally has been appointed to several Commissions including: The Commission of Inquiry into

Policing in British Columbia (1994); The Inquiry into Missing Women in Vancouver’s Downtown Eastside (2010); and The Transition from RCMP to Local Policing in Surrey (2020).

Wally has dedicated his entire working life to improving social justice and community safety. Come hear about his life story and the interesting issues he has been involved with.

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**Guests are welcome at our Speaker Events – Guest fee is \$20 per person**

After two meetings, guests are encouraged to become members.

The 2026-27 annual fee is \$110 plus \$15 for name tag

**A Buddy Table will be available at the West Vancouver Yacht Club  
for NEW members to socialize and get to know other members.**

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|                                                                        | <b>2026-27 Season of Speakers</b>                                               |                                                                                |
| Monday, 19 October, 2026                                               | <b>Geoff Croll</b> , President of BC British Pacific Properties Ltd.            | <i>"British Pacific Properties - Transforming West Vancouver for 94 Years"</i> |
| Monday 16 November, 2026                                               | <b>Alan Cadwell</b>                                                             | <i>"AI &amp; You: Protecting your Information in a Digital World"</i>          |
| Monday 7 December 2026                                                 | Luncheon and Special Christmas Event: <b>Nicole Adam</b> , Florist              | <i>"Seasonal Bouquet Demonstration"</i>                                        |
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|                                                                        | <b>2027</b>                                                                     |                                                                                |
| Monday 18 January, 2027                                                | <b>Dr. Tamara Shenkier</b> , Breast Oncologist, BC Cancer Agency                | <i>"Breast Cancer 101"</i>                                                     |
| <b>Tuesday</b> 16 February, 2027                                       | <b>Jennifer Helman</b> , Program Coordinator, Recycling Council of BC           | <i>"Recycling in BC – A Fresh Start"</i>                                       |
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| Monday 15 March, 2027                                                  | <b>Nicole Garton</b> , President and General Counsel, Heritage Trust            | <i>"What I Wish I Had Known - An Executor's Guide"</i>                         |
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| Monday 19 April, 2027                                                  | <b>Dr Julio Montaner</b> , Executive Dir. BC Centre for Excellence for HIV/AIDS | <i>"The Story of HIV/AIDS Past to Present"</i>                                 |
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| Monday 17 May, 2027<br>Probus 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration | Alzheimer's Society of BC and Yukon                                             | <i>"An Introduction to Brain Health"</i>                                       |
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| Monday 21 June, 2027                                                   | <b>Kim Bolan</b> , Crime Reporter, Vancouver Sun                                | <i>"Organized Crime in Canada and Globally"</i>                                |

We acknowledge the opportunity to live, work, play and learn on the traditional territory of the Squamish (skwxwú7mesh), Tsleil-Waututh (selilwutlh), and Musqueam (xʷməθkʷəy̓əm) peoples.