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The Loop Newsletter

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We wish all our members and their families a joyous time this Holiday Season and a successful year filled with health, peace and happiness. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!



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Proposed Federal Accessibility Legislation

The Trade and Convention Centre was the Vancouver site for the Federal Consultation on proposed legislation for accessibility for people with disabilities in Canada.

- *Nearly 200 people attended the Saturday afternoon session on Nov 26th, encompassing a cross section of types of disabilities, and many of them wished to speak.*
- *Representing CHHA were Drs. Marilyn Dahl, Charles Laszlo and Ruth Warick; Rosalind Ho and Tasha Cox. As well CHHA members Dr. Kathy Pichora-Fuller (representing BCASLPA) and Tom Tylka, (teacher of the deaf and hard of hearing, retired) participated.*
- *CHHA issues raised included architectural accessibility- (example, the National Building Code and Provincial Building codes since 1985, contain a clause that all meeting rooms over 10 sq. metres should have installed a group listening device for the hard of hearing, yet this is not being enforced); employment and education issues; transportation and telephone issues and the need for flexibility in legislation, relative to changing technical standards.*
- *The need to include a mechanism to enforce clauses in the National Building Code was also stressed.*

We would like to congratulate Elissa Robb, CHHA Vancouver Secretary and Registered Audiologist and Hearing Instrument Practitioner, on receiving the **Canadian Association of Educators of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing BC Advocate Award for 2016-17!** Elissa was recognized for her dedication to supporting deaf and hard of hearing students both in the field of audiology and in her work through the Post-Secondary Communication Access and Services Committee.





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A Message from the Resource Centre



The Resource Centre continues to collaborate with various branches and hearing healthcare professionals with the common goal of providing support and resources to the hard of hearing community province wide.

- * During the month of October Maggie Dodd and Viviana Chiorean gave an educational workshop to healthcare students at the University of the Fraser Valley.
- * CHHA-BC is once again seeking the financial assistance from the Province of British Columbia through

a grant. We will be notified by February of the decision.

The CHHA-BC Office will be closed for the Holidays from:

December. 16, 2016 — January. 02. 2017

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

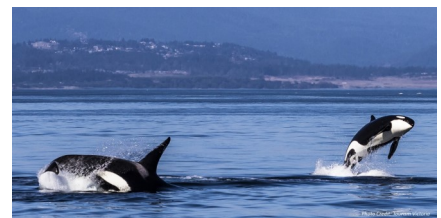
Save the date!
CHHA National Conference
May 25-27th 2017

Join us in celebrating CHHA National's 35th Anniversary by attending the 2017 CHHA Conference "Hear By the Sea" in Sidney, BC! Participation is open to anyone interested in hearing loss or working in the field of hearing loss or hearing health related disorders.

Register before **December 31, 2016** and enter to win a Sennheiser Headset!

For more information, visit:

<http://www.chha.ca/conference/>



Beautiful Sidney, BC!

Additional Resources:

- ⇒ "When Father and Son Both Say 'Pardon?'" by Jerry Russell. **READ MORE:** <https://goo.gl/dG7frh>
- ⇒ "The New Voices in My Head" by David Drake. **READ MORE:** <https://goo.gl/oHiazN>
- ⇒ "The Mumbler & Me" by Gael Hannan. **READ MORE:** <https://goo.gl/uZACVl>
- ⇒ "When You're Going Through Hell..." by Gael Hannan. **READ MORE:** <https://goo.gl/uPComm>
- ⇒ "Face Me, Doc, I'm STILL Hard of Hearing" by Gael Hannan. **READ MORE:** <https://goo.gl/NglMwm>

Thank you for your continued support!