

CHHA-BC CHATTER

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President

The 2 videos from the April 26th, 2014 Public Forum on Hearing Aid Costs and Concerns are now available on the UBC website. We have edited out the opening, closing and other housekeeping remarks, and the video begins with Ruth Warick introducing keynote speaker Gael Hannan.

The video is in two parts because of a nutrition break half-way through the afternoon. It resumes with the question period. Just click on the links below to access it.

CHHA Part 1: <http://mediasitemob1.mediagroup.ubc.ca/Mediasite/Play/e8975fb848d542c4b863e7d4a2e891631d>

CHHA Part 2: <http://mediasitemob1.mediagroup.ubc.ca/Mediasite/Play/4bc421719fc843a78fddab156c61381b1d>



For captioning, simply click on the cc button on the lower left of the player. Do a word search (magnifying glass icon) to locate an exact point of content directly as well. For a sidebar information, click on the I button. We hope you find these videos informative and interesting!

The BC Government released their
**TEN YEAR ACTION PLAN TO MAKE BC
THE MOST ACCESSIBLE PROVINCE IN CANADA.**
It includes items such as the building code, architectural access in public places, accessible homes and more. We will need to ensure that needs of the people with hearing loss are adequately included.

To read the action plan, click on the following link:
<http://engage.gov.bc.ca/disabilitywhitepaper/>



www.chha.ca/walk2hear/



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2014

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HARP

Do you have hearing aids that are not being used?

If so, please consider donating them to your local Lions Club or send them to CHHA-BC. We will reimburse you for the postage. In Chilliwack, the *Steller's Jay Lions* Club offers a program whereby used hearing aids are refurbished and donated to people who would not be able to afford new ones. Prospective applicants are required to fill in a request form and submit financial information. The Lions Club Board decisions each request. It is a similar process in other parts of North America. The program is called HARP.

The problem now is that they have more applicants than they have hearing aids. Behind the Ear (BTE) aids are needed. The successful applicant would pay to have the aids refurbished and possibly have new ear molds made. Total cost would likely be at least \$100.00.

Donations of in-the-ear hearing aids are sent to third world countries.

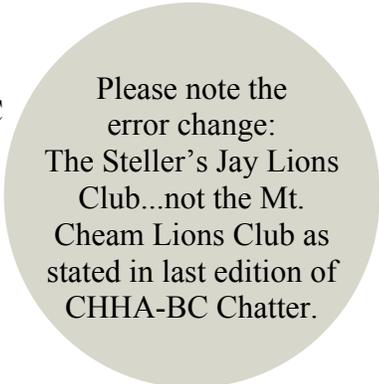
Please consider recycling these valuable devices.

For more information, please leave a message for Maggie Dodd at the CHHA-BC Resource Centre office. We encourage you to visit the Lions website below to read about their HARP program.

Thank you

Sharon Perry
Administrator
CHHA-BC

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/planning-projects/sight-hearing/hearing/programs-hear-recyclepolicy.php>



Please note the error change:
The Steller's Jay Lions Club...not the Mt. Cheam Lions Club as stated in last edition of CHHA-BC Chatter.

CHHA-BC Outreach Activity May 10, 2014

Due to the large population of Senior Citizens in his riding, Member of Parliament for South Surrey, Cloverdale and White Rock, Russ Hiebert, and his staff organized the 50+ Expo held May 10 from 10:00am until 2:00pm at the Star of the Sea Hall in White Rock. Volunteers Sharon and Sharon from CHHA-BC were present, along with about 70 other Exhibitors.

Attendees totalled over 250.

Although it was a very challenging listening environment, we spoke with many people and made some interesting connections.

Such an event is exactly the type of Outreach Activity we like to do to help get our name out to diverse areas of the Province.

If any of our readers hear of similar events, please contact our office.

Sharon Perry, Administrator
Sharon Davis, BC Board Treasurer

Airshows in the Lower Fraser Valley...



Abbotsford Airshow: August 8, 9, and 10th, 2014



**Chilliwack Airshow:
August 16 and 17, 2014**



Airshows are exciting and loads of fun but...prepare and prevent damage or further damage to your precious ears. Non-occupational noise exposure can happen anywhere, and airshows are one of them. PLEASE wear protection. Noise above 85 decibels, combined with long exposure, can permanently damage your hearing-lawnmowers, power tools, firearms, aircraft...all produce high noise levels. We encourage you to wear earmuffs, earplugs and ear caps.

CHHA-BC volunteers will be present at the Chilliwack Airshow to hand out earplugs, information and ideas. See you there!

