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## The Loop Newsletter

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Welcome to the electronic version of The Loop Newsletter! This two page newsletter is emailed on a bi-monthly basis, thus please keep the office advised of any changes to your email address.

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## CHHA “Hear by the Sea” Conference

**Save the date!**  
**May 25-27th 2017**

Join us in celebrating CHHA National’s 35th Anniversary by attending the 2017 CHHA Conference “Hear By the Sea” in beautiful Sidney, BC!

The conference will take place at the lovely Mary Winspear Centre and participation is open to anyone interested in hearing loss or working in the field of hearing loss or hearing health related disorders.

You can look forward to Keynote Speaker Dr. Marshall Chasin (Hearing Loss: Getting the music back), Plenary Speakers—Dr. Douglas Beck (Issues in Tinnitus for Consumers) and Kathy Pichora-Fuller and Paul Mick (News for CHHA members about the Canadian Longitudinal Study of Aging), Exciting Workshops, AGM, Town Hall, Banquet Dinner and a special post-banquet performance of “I’m Hearing as Hard as I can!” a show about Living with Hearing Loss by Gael Hannan along with musical guests.

**REGISTER TODAY!** The early bird deadline is February 28, 2017:  
<http://www.chha.ca/conference/>

### CHHA-BC AGM

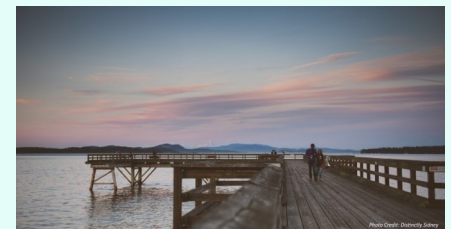
You are invited to also take part in the CHHA-BC AGM while attending the “Hear by the Sea” Conference.

Please join us on:

Friday, May 26th, 2017

4:30—5:30 pm

Mary Winspear Centre  
Sidney, BC



**Online Mentoring Program (OMP):** CHHA-BC Chapter, in a joint initiative with CHHA Vancouver Branch, is establishing a web-based Online Mentoring Program for individuals with a hearing loss. This project is sponsored by WorkSafeBC. The purpose of this program is to provide a medium for peer interaction, guidance, and the practice of coping skills through one-to-one mentor support. Please visit: [www.chha-bc.org/mentor](http://www.chha-bc.org/mentor).

We are also currently inviting applications from qualified persons to serve as volunteer mentors.

For more information on mentoring and to apply, please visit: <https://goo.gl/64zHch>



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## CHHA-BC Enabling Accessibility Project

- CHHA-BC is committed to meeting the collective needs of the entire hard of hearing community province wide. We are grateful to have received government funding through the Enabling Accessibility Fund in order to obtain communication technologies that will increase accessibility to the Provincial Resource Centre as well as the community as a whole.
- At CHHA-BC we recognize that hearing loss is as unique as the individual experiencing it and that there is no one simple solution to managing it. We will thus be obtaining a range of diverse communication technologies. These will include six individual listening systems (Pocketalkers) which can be loaned out, two portable Loop Kits for board meetings and demos in educational workshops, one neck loop, one safe home accessibility system to be installed in the Resource Centre and one Android 5.1 Tablet for hearing impaired communication. Ted from ALDS will also be training our staff regarding the proper use of the technology, who will in turn train our volunteers and educate the community as a whole. We look forward to the visible impact of this project in increasing accessibility for the hard of hearing.

CHHA-BC is thrilled to acknowledge the financial assistance from the Province of British Columbia through a Community Gaming Grant.



CHHA-BC is also providing well over **3000** ear plugs to the “Sky’s No Limit, Girls Fly Too” event in March at the Abbotsford International Airport. This initiative to promote hearing health via the provision of hearing protection for all ages is very well received. Thank you to all hearing health professionals that have kindly donated ear plugs! For more details regarding the event or to register, visit: <https://www.girlsfly2.ca/>

### Additional Resources:

- ⇒ “**When I Walk Into the Hearing Clinic...**” by Gael Hannan. **READ MORE:** <https://goo.gl/ZBgISa>
- ⇒ “**What are the Stages of Hearing Loss**” by Shari Eberts. **READ MORE:** <https://goo.gl/nPzCaE>
- ⇒ “**Tearing Down the Fence of Family Hearing Loss**” by Gael Hannan. **READ MORE:** <https://goo.gl/jC9OMo>
- ⇒ “**How to Talk to Your Grandchildren About Hearing Loss**” by Shari Eberts. **READ MORE:** <https://goo.gl/93EmHn>

Thank you for your continued support!