



# PROBUS Club of Sidney

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- send an email to Pat Currie

## GRUMPY TAXPAYER\$

Our January speaker is John Trelevan, a founding member of the Grumpy Taxpayer\$ of Greater Victoria.

As Grumpy Taxpayer\$ we always make clear that we are not against taxation per se but rather situations in which governments fail to deliver maximum value for monies spent in pursuit of public policy objectives. Accountability, transparency and governance issues attract our attention and trigger questions which we ask in print and through electronic media outlets.

We are registered under the Societies Act of British Columbia, are strictly non-partisan, currently have 250 members and 1,000 plus on our email distribution list. We strongly believe that local government is the most important of the three levels most commonly found across the country. As our motto says Greater Victoria is "almost the best place on earth". We just want it to meet the full potential it has to offer residents and businesses.

**The art of taxation lies in so plucking  
the goose as to obtain the maximum amount of  
feathers with the minimum amount of hissing."**

**Jean Baptiste Colbert  
Minister of Finance of France 1665-1683**

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## From Your President

### President's message January 2024

We finished the club year in style with our Christmas dinner at the Shoal Centre – excellent food this year and a very enjoyable evening.

Our committees have been busy and we have an interesting lineup of speakers and events to come, starting with our first meeting on Tuesday

January 9<sup>th</sup>, when we will hear from the spokesperson for the Grumpy Taxpayers Alliance – unlikely to be a quiet start to the year! At the risk of sounding like a broken record, I'll repeat my call for volunteers for the various committees; perhaps this is the year for your resolutions to include making this contribution to the club.

On behalf of all of our committee members, I wish each of you a happy and fruitful 2024.

John

## PUB LUNCHES

Pub Lunches start the year at the Spitfire Grill, [9681 Willingdon Road, Sidney](#). We will meet [at 11.30 am on Friday, January 26](#). Please email us at [dfstewart@shaw.ca](mailto:dfstewart@shaw.ca) or phone us at [250-655-4151](tel:250-655-4151) if you would like to join us.



Alison & David Stewart

## Future Speakers in 2024

February 13

Isobel Mackenzie

Senior's Issues in BC

March 12

Kevin Hackett & Wayne Blizzard

DNA and Crime

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## FUTURE EVENTS



### **British Columbia Aviation Museum Tour**

We are planning an event at the BC Aviation Museum near the airport on [March 22nd](#). at 2 p.m.

The cost is \$10 per person

There will be a sign-up sheet at the January and February meetings where cheques may be given. The tour lasts between 1 1/2 to 2 hours and there are seats available.

Come and enjoy a trip back in time, with 40 aircraft on display at the BC Aviation Museum! Where learning and fun meet! Memorable visitor experiences include: • Sitting in the cockpit of a warplane • Discovering the history of our valiant Canadian aviation pioneers. The museum has been collecting and preserving 8,000+ aviation books, 13,500+ photographs. Don't miss the gift shop - the perfect place to find aviation themed gifts. Come on this PROBUS outing and explore the BC Aviation Museum in Sidney, located near the Victoria International Airport.

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## **ANOTHER PROBUS OUTING**

Future plans include a tour of the Hand of Man Museum in Maple Bay in April. Your Events Committee has been busy.





Our **Christmas Dinner** was a great success. Kudos to the organizing committee. Just a few photos below of some of the attendees.

