



Royal City Men's Club

RCMC Newsletter

January 2023

## January 5<sup>th</sup>. “LIVE MEETING”

### Ken McGoogan: Reaching for the Beaufort Sea

#### Presentation:

The “official” British narrative of Arctic exploration celebrates Royal Navy officers and nobody else. It omits Inuit, First Nations, and leading fur-traders who played crucial roles in elaborating the Northwest Passage. Since 1998, when he first visited the Arctic, Ken McGoogan has been battling to set the record straight. To that end, he has published five books about Arctic exploration – among them *Fatal Passage*, *Lady Franklin’s Revenge*, and *Dead Reckoning*. In this presentation, he illustrates his quest and explains why it matters.

#### Bio:

When not locked down by a pandemic, Ken McGoogan is a globe-trotting, history-chasing storyteller who survived shipwreck off Dar es Salaam, tracked the ghost of Jane Lady Franklin from Russell Square to Tasmania, and placed a John Rae memorial plaque in the High Arctic. Ken’s fifteen books have won many prizes, among them the Pierre Berton Award for History, the UBC Medal for Canadian Biography, and the Writers’ Trust Drainie-Taylor Biography Prize. Ken serves as an ambassador for the Royal Canadian Geographical Society and teaches creative nonfiction writing in the MFA program at University of King’s College in Halifax. In autumn 2023, he will publish a sixth Arctic book, tentatively entitled *Searching for Franklin*. [www.kenmcgoogan.com](http://www.kenmcgoogan.com),



10am. To be followed by Live Questions.

## **January 19<sup>th</sup>. “LIVE MEETING”**

### **Peter Yee: Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin**

#### **Presentation:**

The talk will start briefly with the origin of the Great Lakes - St. Lawrence River Basin, how their water flows through the system to the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and the control structures currently in place used to regulate levels and flows. Next are the natural factors that cause fluctuations in levels and flows - precipitation, evaporation, tributary flows, river ice; and human factors - diversions, physical changes in rivers and outflow regulation. The effects of water levels on the various interests (shore property, hydropower, navigation, wetlands) will be discussed, and the International treaties, bi-national agreements and recent studies that led to the current operating procedures in managing levels and flows. The talk will be accompanied by PowerPoint slides.

#### **Bio:**

Peter Yee was born in 1944 in a village called Maba in the Guangdong province, China. He grew up in Hong Kong until 1964 when he emigrated to Canada. He completed high school in Regina, attended University of Saskatchewan (B.S. in Civil Engineering 1970), and Lehigh University in Pennsylvania (M.S. in Civil Engineering 1972). Peter started his engineering career in 1972 with Environment Canada, first in Ottawa and later in Burlington and Cornwall. A part of his work was about Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River water levels and flows. He retired in 2003 after 13 years as chief engineer and manager of the Great Lakes - St. Lawrence Regulation Office in Cornwall, Ontario.



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## *Messages : Future Meetings*

### Meetings For February

February 2nd.- Hugh Brewster: Titanic and Lady Duff Gordon  
February 16th.- Jaya James: Guelph's Vulnerable Population

### *Coffee/Breakfast 10:am*

**January 12<sup>th</sup>. and January 26<sup>th</sup>.**

RCMC Live Coffee at the following location:

**Symposium Cafe - 9:30am**

304 Stone Road West

### *Activities & Events*

**February 14<sup>th</sup>. -Valentines Dinner**

**Symposium Cafe – Details to be Announced**

**More news to come regarding activities and live coffee mornings**

**Refer to the website often**

## *Other News*

There is a new What's New section on the Home page of our website. This will give you quick links to any new information which has been posted on the website.

If you have any new content for the website, please send to Ritchie Zelk at [edna.ritchie@sympatico.ca](mailto:edna.ritchie@sympatico.ca)

## *Membership*

Please send any updates to your entry in the Membership Directory, including any change in email address, to Del Campbell, 519-826-0679, [susan-delcampbell@sympatico.ca](mailto:susan-delcampbell@sympatico.ca)

**Members are encouraged to invite male friends and acquaintances to our meetings.**