



National Association of Japanese Canadians

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Highlights of Activities

- Meeting with Premier John Horgan, Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture Lisa Beare, Parliamentary Secretary for Sport and Multiculturalism Ravi Kahlon.
- Meetings with BC Redress Committee, and Advisory Panel.
- Vice Chair for inaugural Landscapes of Injustice Steering Committee.
- Speaker for two sessions at the Heritage BC 2018 Conference: VP spoke about Japanese Canadian (JC) history and JC community response to the BC government call for historical JC sites.
- Spoke about the history of Japanese Canadians and 75th anniversary of Internment at Canadian Labour International Film Festival screenings.
- Represented NAJC at a SFU Centre for Dialogue on citizen action.
- Organized Japanese Canadian community groups to set up a booth at Surrey Fusion Festival, a multi-cultural festival, the largest in British Columbia, with over 100,000 attendance.
- Engage with community at JC events, for ex., Nikkei Matsuri, Hastings Park 1942: Exhibit Opening & Commemoration, and Tashme Signage Unveiling.
- Working with the Executive Director on the management of social media.
- Organized and led a Pan Asian walking tour for Asian Heritage Month.
- Organized and hosted a NAJC screening of a film on Canadian Film Day on April 18.
- Represented NAJC at CBC Broadcast Launch Party: All Our Father's Relations.
- Participated in the UBC Day of Learning to commemorate the 75th anniversary of Japanese Canadian internment and the 5th anniversary of the UBC Honorary Degree Ceremony for the 76 Japanese Canadian students expelled in 1942.
- Support for Chinese Canadian Historical Society: Inaugural Paul and Eileen Lin Commemorative Lecture and Annual Dinner (2018 Judge Randall Wong).
- Worked with Consul General of Japan Asako Okai to share stories of Japanese Canadian history and culture.
- Meeting with new Japanese Ambassador Kimihiro Ishikane and Taro Kono, Japan's Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- Engaged with community at the NAJC booth at Powell Street Festival.
- Wrote a book review of *Strange New Country: The Fraser River Salmon Strikes of 1900 and the Birth of Modern British Columbia* for Our Times mag.
- Chair of Human Rights Committee – see separate report.