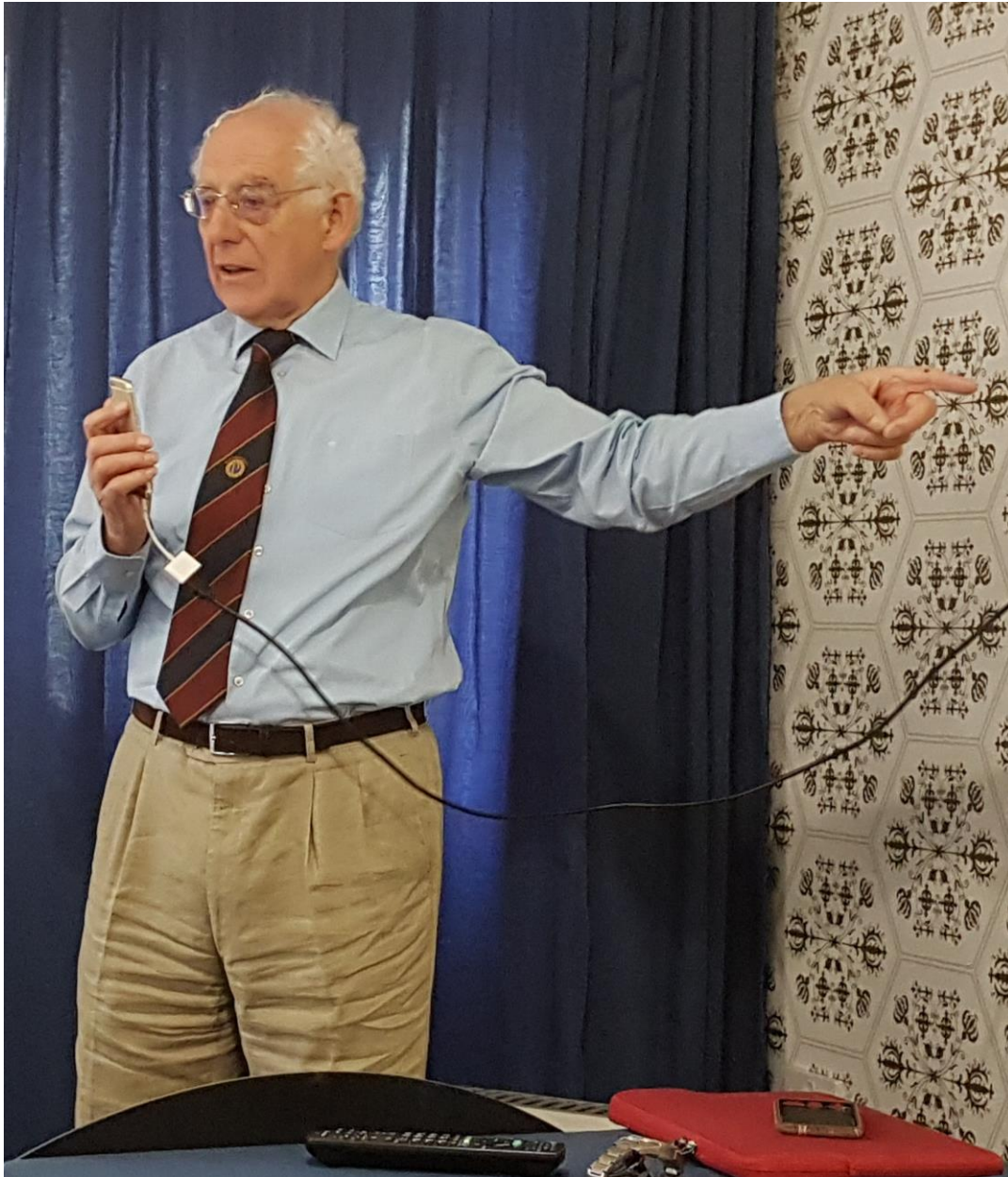


Kyrle Probus member Jim Hamilton presented part 1 of his Canada Adventure, recounting a holiday trip with his family in June last year, which was Canada's 150th Anniversary of Confederation. He illustrated his talk with an excellent stream of landscape photos.



Jim started his talk in Toronto, allowing sufficient time to ascend the CN Tower, with amazing views as far as Niagara Falls and Buffalo. The Toronto Railway Museum with its rolling stock, and driving simulator was also a must. Jim recommended Amsterdam Brewhouse, a microbrewery and restaurant for lunch, generally finding Canadian food excellent. However, he did highlight a major queuing problem at Toronto Pearson International Airport.

Jim rated the Oswego hotel in Victoria B.C. on Vancouver Island highly, as well as the marina with its water taxis to Fisherman's wharf, with its array of houses sitting on pontoons. Thunderbird Park has a major collection of totem poles marking the culture of British Columbia. He also enjoyed a whale watching trip, spotting plenty of seals, sea eagles, a humpback whale, and orcas.

Jim then hired a car for a 4-hour drive to Port Alberni for a bear watching cruise. Again, he saw plenty of seals, sea eagles, and 3 or 4 black bears grazing along the shoreline.

On returning to North Vancouver, Jim visited the Capilano suspension bridge, 140m long and 70m above the Capilano river. It is definitely one of the most popular tourist attractions.

Travelling North to Clearwater, Jim drove through a nature park seeing more black bears, passing close to the Dawson Falls, one of seven waterfalls on the Murtle River, and onto Jasper National Park where he ended part 1 of his Canada Adventure.