

THE GRADUATE
SUBMITTED BY BOB BUCKLAND, ASCT

I was saddened to read in the Vancouver Sun of the passing of Melvin (Mel) Robinson on August 5, 2014.

Some BOABC members may recall Mel Robinson as a Building Inspector initially for the City of Coquitlam and following, around 1976, as a Building Inspector for the City of New Westminster until he chose retirement in 1986.

I personally remember Mel's coming to New Westminster Engineering Department having been hired officially as "Supervisor of Inspections" at that time. Mel was to supervise building/plumbing inspections/inspectors and issuance of building/plumbing permits. At that time I was also employed by the City of New Westminster Engineering Department as a "Building Inspector".

In the years that followed 1976 I got to know Mel very well. He always carried his work load without complaint and dealt with his co-workers, subordinates, and clients in a diplomatic manner, and his experience was highly valued by all. Department wise we were able to improve our services to the public by enforcing City Bylaws and BC Building and Plumbing in a fair and expedient manner.

The 10 years I worked with Mel Robinson were good experience in the building industry.

Sincerely Bob Buckland