



Dave Rowan: **A Man with a Plan!**

Dave Rowan was born at Grace Hospital in Vancouver.

Growing up, he lived in Marpole and attended Sir Winston Churchill high school.

When not at school, Dave was involved in the car business—he parked cars in the Woodward’s parkade and performed mechanical inspections at the City of Vancouver’s Motor Vehicle Testing Station. He graduated to gas jockey at Woodward’s Oakridge, a great training ground for customer service and job satisfaction.

After completing high school and entering the job market, Dave soon realized he needed to improve himself to ensure employability. He enrolled in the CGA program in 1965. After graduating, he sought a job where his accounting studies

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could be applied to his work experience. That led to a 22-year career in the Credit Union organization—eight years with Richmond Savings Credit Union and 14 years with Surrey Credit Union, both now known as Coast Capital Savings Credit Union. During that time, Dave progressed from being a teller in Richmond to CFO in Surrey.

It was during his time at Surrey Credit Union that Dave met Earl Stewart, who had a Notary practice in Newton, and El Fedewich, who operated Rothnie Mortgage as a mortgage broker. El soon applied for a Notary Seal for Surrey and set up practice in Cloverdale. Dave had always wanted to be self-employed and, at El’s encouragement, enrolled in the BC Notary course in 1986. That proved providential because in August of that year, Dave was given the golden handshake by the Surrey Credit Union.

He received his Notary Seal in 1987 and purchased Joyce Alp’s practice in South Surrey. His goal was to have a Notary practice for 10 years. He surpassed that goal, selling his practice in 1998 to Megan Knight.

Dave is now the Monday Man in Cloverdale for his mentor’s daughter, Notary Trish Fedewich, and he continues to work part-time as a Roving Notary. A Roving Notary is one who provides relief to other Notaries who require time away from their practice. He has worked as a Roving Notary for 13 Notaries in the Lower Mainland and as a trustee for





Relaxing with Dianne in Sedona

Deborah Royer's practice when she passed away. Dave now restricts his roving practice to Notaries south of the Fraser River, from Delta to Abbotsford.

Although most Notary practices operate with different managing styles, most practices in the suburbs are similar. They are focused on the residential real estate market as well as Powers of Attorney and Wills. Dave has always found the Notary business very satisfying because most clients are involved in pleasant business transactions.

Dave has always thought that community involvement is important to the small business operator. Currently, he is a Board member of the White Rock South Surrey Chamber of Commerce and the Chamber Insurance Corporation of Canada. He is also treasurer of Mission Possible, a care ministry providing services to the residents of the Downtown Eastside

of Vancouver and has served as president of Evergreen Baptist Care Society.

Dave says he does not have many interests—that's why he has continued to work! And his wife said he couldn't retire until he had a plan. Hopefully, within the next year, he can come up with a plan and fully retire in October 2006. Until then, Dave says he will keep working so his wife (who does have a plan) can continue to live the lifestyle to which he has made her accustomed.

"Dianne and I have always enjoyed travelling. During our Summer holidays, we have visited Alaska, Europe, and China. Working part-time has allowed us to take extended camping holidays in East Africa and South America.

"Now I am ready to cruise," says Dave.

Doesn't that sound like a plan? ▲



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