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**Announcing the 2022 Bruce Hutchison Lifetime Achievement**  
**&**  
**Bill Good Award Recipients**

(Vancouver, B.C.) – Western Canada's preeminent journalism foundation today announced that Stephen Hume is the 2022 Bruce Hutchison Lifetime Achievement Award recipient and the Vancouver Island TV station, CHEK News, is the 2022 Bill Good Award recipient. The awards will be presented at the September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, in-person reception when the finalists for the 2022 Webster Awards will be announced. Tickets are now on sale to attend this event [here](#) and those who attend can see and hear from the 2022 Hutch/Good Award recipients.



**Stephen Hume**  
**Recipient - 2022 Bruce Hutchison**  
**Lifetime Achievement Award**

Over a journalistic career spanning half a century (and still going strong), Stephen Hume has been an Arctic Correspondent, Editor-in-Chief, General Manager, published poet and author of seven books, a journalism instructor at Vancouver Island university and for 30-plus years a beloved columnist for The Vancouver Sun and now for Focus on Victoria magazine. Mr. Hume has a deep love for and knowledge about British Columbia -- its natural beauty, abundant wildlife, complex history, rich resources, diverse people. He has travelled every region of our vast province, telling stories from small towns and big cities, about everyday folks and powerful leaders. Hume demonstrates mastery of long-form feature writing, weaving many threads of a story together into a multi-layered whole informed by deep historical knowledge and current context. His skill and insight has won him many fans of his columns over the years and numerous journalism awards including, but not limited to the Southam

President's Award for commentary, many national newspaper award citations, and a Webster Award in 2000.



## CHEK News

### Recipient – 2022 Bill Good Award

*The award honours a B.C. individual or organization that makes a significant contribution to journalism in the province and/or addresses a community's needs and benefits via journalism.*

A two-dollar coin changed hands on Sept. 4, 2009 and made journalism history: CHEK Television became the first employee-owned television station in North America. Until that moment, all signs suggested the landmark station – which in 1956 became B.C.'s first privately-owned television station – would fade to black, leaving thousands of loyal viewers without their news, entertainment and locally-produced programming. With its corporate owners facing severe financial challenges, the station was saved when employees raided their retirement savings, when a community rallied and when investors, union partners, politicians and the CRTC went to bat for a station that simply wouldn't give up. The campaign saved journalism jobs, ensured communities were well served with news and information and made national headlines. It was a bold and radical initiative - and it reawakened the importance of local broadcasting in British Columbia. Since that day in 2009, 13-years ago and still going strong, the top-rated station has reliably served its community every day, with credible, award-winning journalism from across Vancouver Island.

Find out more and see/hear from this year's recipients at this year's only, in-person event: the Announcement of the 2022 Webster Awards Finalists' Cocktail & Canape Reception, Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, Fairmont Hotel Vancouver – Pacific Ballroom, hosted by CTV's Mi-Jung Lee and APTN's Tina House, 6:00 p.m. – cocktails & canapés, 7:15 – 8:15 p.m. – Announcement of 3 finalists in all categories and presentation of the 2022 Bruce Hutchison Lifetime Achievement Award, the Bill Good Award and the inaugural Shelley Fralic Award, 8:15 – 9:30 p.m. – Fun & Frivolity. Tickets cost \$55 each, includes canapés – no host bar (cash, credit cards and debit accepted and can be purchased [here](#)).

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