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Ron received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from the University of Guelph and a Master of Veterinary Science degree in Veterinary Pathology from the University of Saskatchewan. He achieved certification as a Specialist in Veterinary Pathology by the American College of Veterinary Pathologists.

As Chief Veterinary Officer and Director of the Animal Health Branch, he was the spokesperson for all animal health-related issues for the BC government. Ron firmly believes in the concept of "One Health" and worked closely with the BC Centre for Disease Control and BC's Chief Medical Health Officer on diseases important to animals and man.

Following retirement, Ron has been invited to make presentations and provide recommendations on animal health in China, Saudi Arabia, Malawi, and Mozambique. In Canada, he has consulted with the government of the Yukon and on salmon health issues in British Columbia. Following the largest beef recall in Canadian history, he was appointed Chair of the Independent Expert Advisory Panel and provided recommendations for improvement to the federal Minister of Agriculture and Parliament. For the last six years, he has been Chair of the CVMA Editorial Committee.

As an active member, Ron has filled several different positions in the Abbotsford-Sumas Rotary Club over the past eleven years. He has found it exceptionally rewarding to have participated with his Rotary club in wheelchair deliveries to Mexico and Guatemala with the Canadian Wheelchair Foundation.

Ron has been married to Jean for forty-five years. They have two boys, one dog, and have recently celebrated the arrival of their third granddaughter.