

**Minutes of the Wednesday, March 7th, 2018 meeting
Of CN Pensioners Association, Fraser Valley**

Meeting opened @ 1:00 pm with 25 members & spouses present and joining President Jonn Hanlen in the Lords Prayer and a moment of silence for deceased members.

Ross Dewar reported that we had 5 new members – Tom Fabiszewski, Jeanne Holtz, James Fawdrey, Armand Herie & Dennis Gielens and also one obit – Irene Mazeppa.

President Jonn Hanlen read the minutes of the February meeting for Recording Secretary Sharole. With no E & O moved to accept the minutes as read. 2nd by Vic Locke. Carried.

Treasurer Jo Valliers Jorgensen read the Treasurer's report. Previous balance as of January 31, 2018 was \$4671.56. We had income of \$65.84 and expenses of \$400.25 leaving a new balance at the end of February of \$4337.05. Jo then gave a report on the budget that was prepared. The budget is an approximation of income & expenses for the year 2018. Projected income is \$6415.00 and projected expenses are \$6074.50. Copy of budget filed with March 2018 minutes. Report 2nd by Frank Holstrom. Carried.

A discussion was held regarding charitable donations. A motion was put forward to cap our donations at a limit of \$500 for the year 2018. The reason for this was to allow our bank balance to increase to cover upcoming expenses

A discussion was held regarding the Term Deposit that was transferred from HSBC bank in White Rock in the amount of \$7633.25 plus interest of \$34.35 for a total of \$7667.60. This amount was deposited into the chequing account at Aldergrove Credit Union. From the Credit Union chequing account \$5000 was withdrawn to purchase a new Term Deposit leaving a balance of \$2633.25 from the old Term Deposit now on hand in the Credit Union. A motion was put forward by Bert Harrison to leave that money in the chequing account at the Aldergrove Credit Union. This was 2nd by Ross Dewar. Carried.

Elsie Taylor gave a brief presentation on a fundraiser for Langley Memorial Hospital. They are selling Vancouver Giant hockey playoff tickets for \$20 of which \$7 from each ticket goes to the hospital.

Barry Jones reported on COSCO. He attended 2 meetings regarding "fair Pharmacare for seniors and Town Hall meeting for Pensioners. He said the information provided at both meetings informative but was disappointed by the small number of people in attendance. One of the items he mentioned, at the age of 80 everyone must go for a drivers licence retest yearly and this must be accompanied by a doctor's report. Jonn asked Barry if he could arrange to have a COSCO rep come to our next meeting and give a presentation on seniors driving.

Jonn received a membership status report for February showing the total number of pensioners in Canada and how many are PRD vs how many are NI. Unbelievably 26% of CN pensioners are non-members nationally. The Fraser Valley numbers are as follows: Total pensioners – 737; total PRD – 592 and total non members (NI) are 145. This is 20% of our pensioners are non members.

On March 9th the Regional council will be having a conference call regarding the amalgamation of Kamloops & Kelowna councils. The reason for this is because Kelowna could not find anyone to hold an executive position and therefore their council will be dissolved and the members will be turned over to Kamloops. This situation of councils not being able to get members to run for the executive is a big problem nationally and 4 councils back east have recently closed down.

Jonn said he will print a list of non-members for the next meeting and those in attendance can preview the list and if they know any of these people they can give them a call to see if they would like to become members.

Ross Dewar made a motion that we donate an amount of \$175 to the Alzheimer Assoc. This was 2nd by Albert Kesselring. Carried. Ross will deliver the cheque and get a receipt.

Motion to adjourn the meeting @ 2:10 by Elsie Taylor.

50/50 draw for \$38.50 was won by Elsie Taylor
\$25 door prize was won by Albert Johnson

Sharole Hanlen
Recording Secretary