

**Minutes of the Wednesday, January 4, 2017 meeting of
CN Pensioners Association, Fraser Valley**

The meeting opened @ 1:00 pm with 30 members & spouses present and joining President Jonn Hanlen in the Lords Prayer and moment of silence for deceased members.

Ross Dewar reported that there were no new members and 5 deceased members.

Recording Secretary Sharole read a report on our December Christmas dinner. Approx 125 tickets were sold and we had approx 120 people in attendance. Dinner was well received by everyone. Over \$500 we taken in on the 50/50 draw so there were 3 draws for \$100 each won by Chris Webb, Albert Kesselring & Gil McQueen. There were also 10 door prize draws of \$25 gift cards awarded. With no E & O moved to accept the minutes as read. 2nd by Jim Lukow Carried.

Treasurer, Bert Harrison gave the financial report. Balance at the end of October was \$3441.26. November income was \$1779.27 and expenses were \$600.00 leaving a balance of \$4620.53 at the end of November. Discussion was then held on the Term Deposit which comes up for renewal on January 5, 2017. If the Fraser Valley council decides not to withdraw the money, it will automatically roll over for another year. The decision of the council was to leave the Term Deposit as is and let it roll over for another year. Moved to accept the report as read. 2nd by Bob King. Carried.

New Business: The annual Variety Club Telethon is held in February and our council will be contributing \$1047 towards the purchase of a Van. This is done on a yearly basis as per our Constitution.

Ross Dewar read a letter from the Heart & Stroke fund requesting a donation. Ross then presented a motion to donate \$100. This was 2nd by Vic Locke. Carried.

A discussion was held on the cost of the Christmas dinner. Over the years, the cost per person was \$10. Unfortunately, due to cost increases from the caterer, it has become necessary to increase the price of our Christmas Dinner to \$15. A motion was put forward by Ross Dewar to increase cost per person to \$15 to become effective December 2017. This was 2nd by Vic Locke. Carried.

Announcements:

Effective January 1, 2017 Butch Whiteman is no longer the Nation Mountain Region VP. This position has now been taken over by Al Vodden of Edmonton for a 3 year term.

An email was received from our National President, Yves Bourdon regarding CN Calendars. They have been mailed out to all PRD members and should be received

shortly.

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Jonh read an email from Butch Whiteman regarding Bill C-27. This bill allows companies that are having financial difficulty the right to reduce their contributions to employee pension plans. There is a petition available through CNPA opposing this bill. You can read the contents of Bill C-27 at the following website:

<http://www.parl.gc.ca/HousePublications/Publication.aspx?DocId=8511182>

If you decide to sign the petition opposing Bill C-27 you can find the form at the following website:

<https://petitions.parl.gc.ca/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-695>

Jonh will send the above information to all our members that are on our email list.

A request from some of our members regarding tax receipts for donations to the Albert Wildfire fund in Ft. McMurray. Jonh said he would contact our national president and treasurer to get the information. When received he will forward the answer to all our members on email.

Jonh brought up the subject of our June election. The following positions will coming available and the current incumbents will not be running. - Vice President & Treasurer & Social Director.

Jonh brought up the subject of cancelling the January meetings due to possible bad weather conditions and closeness to New Years holiday. It was decided by the majority of members to continue as we are and not cancel the January meeting.

Jonh then mentioned that we would be having pizza at our February meeting.

Vic Locke then made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

50/50 draw for \$55.50 was won by Sharole Hanlen
Sharole then drew a ticket for the \$25 door prize and as luck would have it, drew her own ticket. She decided to refuse the prize and drew another ticket which was won by Bob King.

Sharole Hanlen
Recording Secretary