

**Minutes of the Tuesday, October 4th 2016 meeting of
CN Pensioners Association, Fraser Valley**

The meeting opened @ 1:00 pm with 37 members, spouses & special guests present joining President Jonn Hanlen in the Lords Prayer and a moment of silence for deceased members.

Jonn read the minutes of the September meeting for the Recording Secretary. With no E & O moved to accept the minutes as read. This was 2nd by Karl Mazeppa. Carried.

Bert Harrison read the Treasurers Report for June & July, 2016. Balance at the end of June was \$4,640.28. Income of \$0.03 and with no expenses leaving a balance at the end of July of \$4,640.31. July income of \$0.04 and expenses of \$263.31 leaving a bank balance at the end of August of \$4,377.04. Bert moved to accept the report as read. It was 2nd by Barry Jones. Carried.

President Jonn Hanlen then suspended the balance of the meeting and introduced our special guests.

- Yves Bourdon, CNPA National President
- Bruce Peacock, CNPA National Treasurer
- Blake Olson, CNPA National Health Care Rep.

Yves Bourdon took the podium and thanked the group for changing the date of our regular meeting to allow him to attend our meeting. He then proceeded to give a report on the AGM meeting in Vancouver and announced that at the AGM he was elected to a 2nd term as CNPA National President. He commented that our pension fund was in very good financial shape with approx \$17.7 billion dollars in reserve funds. It produced a return of 5% at the end of 2015. He then commented on the partnership between CN Rail and CN Pensioners Association. A letter of agreement has been signed and a copy will be forthcoming giving all the details.

Bruce Peacock then took the podium and gave a report on the status of our membership numbers and reminded everyone to try and continue to get non contributing members to join the CNPA. He also commented on the many benefits available if you are a member. E.g. a representative to negotiate for Blue Cross benefits, a representative to negotiate for pension enhancements. Members are also entitled to check into the possibility of having children or grand children submit an application for scholarships. Bruce also mentioned that he has been our National Treasurer for approx 14 years and has just been involved with the updating of our National Website.

Next up was Blake Olson our National Health Care Representative. He gave an update on the Vancouver meeting with the national health care representatives. He is happy to report there will be no increase in our British Columbia Blue Cross premiums for 2017.

Effective January 2017, all new pensioners who sign up for our Blue Cross plan will automatically become members of the CN Pensioners Association.

Blake then mentioned that the Mountain Region awarded 5 scholarships. The names and information on the winners is on the CNPA website.

Barry Jones then gave a brief report on COSCO seminar.

Tickets for our annual Christmas dinner are on sale and will be available at the next meeting.

Please note: our next meeting will be at the regular date and time - Wednesday, Nov 2nd.

A motion to adjourn the meeting early was made by Bob King so our members could have the opportunity to speak with our guests. This motion was 2nd by Ross Gregory.
Carried.

50/50 draw for \$61.00 was won by Jonn Hanlen

Door Prize draw for \$25 gift card was won by Bob King

Sharole Hanlen
Recording Secretary