



CN PENSIONER ASSOCIATION FRASER VALLEY CHAPTER E9

Minutes of CN Pensioners Association Fraser Valley Meeting

Date: Wednesday May 10, 2023

Location: Church in the Valley 23589 Old Yale Road Langley BC

Meeting Called to Order @ 1:04 PM

Meeting started with the Lords Prayer by: Steve Mihell

Members that have passed: Steve Whitemore (April 15,2023), Joe Correia, Bob Lee

Sick Members: NIL

Non-Members who have passed:

Total Members: 667

Minutes of last meeting: March February 08, 2023, read by: Rae Sexton

Motion to accept minutes: Motion to accept Cecil Erickson, Second Rod McIvor

Attendance: 30 members, 1 guest.

New Members: Catherine Held

Financial Report read by: Joey Valliers-Jorgensen

Monthly Balance as of Mach 31, 2023: \$4862.57

Income	505/50 Draw	\$ 59.50	
	Memberships	\$1385.83	
	Quilt Tickets	\$ 17.00	
	Barbeque	\$ 580.00	
	Sub Total	\$2042.33	
	Balance		\$6904.90

Expenses	Check# 159 J. Valliers-Jorgensen	\$300.00
	Check#160 J. Valliers-Jorgensen	\$159.66
	Check#156 Steve Mihell	\$100.00

Sub total \$559.66

Balance as of April 30, 2023: \$6345.24

Note: outstanding check #157 Bary Jones \$300.00

Actual Balance \$6045.24



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Term Deposit with Aldergrove Credit Union \$5376.09 Maturing July 09, 2023, Interest rate 3.50% per annum

Motion to accept financial report: Al Kesselring , second: Lorry Douglas, Carried.

Opening remarks: Barry Jones

Barry gave an update on his health, which has greatly improved, and how the BC health care system worked in a positive way for him.

Guest Speaker: Smitty Miller from Langley Senior Resources Society (**LSRS**) Smitty touched on some of the resources available to Seniors not only in Langley but also other communities such as Surrey and Aldergrove.

- Established 1982, located at 20605-51B Ave. Langley, open to all age 50 and over and willing to have fun. Membership is \$63.00 per person per year.
- Multiple Activities available , Fitness, Pub Luncheons with entertainment, Education recreation, billiards, card games etc.
- Information and referrals for programs and service for older Adults that are available in the community and through the government.
- Helps Adults 65 years of age and older remain at home longer. Transportation to appointments. Grocery Shopping, Light house keeping, Friendly visits to help reduce isolation and loneliness (its free).
- A link to their website is available at the end of our minutes.

Elections: Keith Dyrda nominated Ross Gregory for Member at Large. Being no other nominations Ross Gregory by acclamation.

Joey Valliers-Jorgensen put her name for re-election of position of Treasurer. Being no other nominations Joey Valliers-Jorgensen by acclamation.

Ross Dewar nominated Steve Mihell for Vice-President. Being no other nominations Steve Mihell by Acclamation.

CNPA CHAPTER E9 Executive for 2023-2024

President	Barry Jones
Vice President	Steve Mihell
Treasurer	Joey Valliers-Jorgensen
Secretary	Rae Sexton
Member at Large	Ross Gregory
Member at Large	Ross Dewar
Social Coordinator	Joey Valliers-Jorgensen
Social Media Coordinator	Steve Mihell



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Communications: Barry gave an update on CN Rail's performance of the 2022-2023 winter plan, also the installation of 12 sidings in Western Canada.

Barry gave an update on the Office of the Seniors Advocate.

Committee Reports: Nil

Old Business:

Bill C228 now, in 3rd reading, which is very positive. If made into law this Bill will protect members of Pension Plans that work for Companies that go bankrupt. Pension Plans of these Companies will be paid first before other creditors protecting the Employees.

Summer Barbecue will be held June 14, 2023. All members of the Vancouver Chapter are invited to attend.

Date & Time: 12:PM Wednesday June 14, 2023.

Location: Church in the Valley 23589 Old Yale Road, Langley, BC.

The main course will be a Chicken & Rib Combo, with a selection of salads, and seasonal fruit. **Last day to purchase tickets will be May 31, 2023. Ticket will not be available at the door.** If you would like to purchase tickets reach out to the following members of the Executive.

Tickets are still available for the handmade quilt, proceeds will be donated to a local Charity. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 3 for \$12.00. The draw will be made, and the winner announced at our Summer BBQ on June 14, 2023, Tickets can be purchased from you executive or at the barbecue.

Rae Sexton	604-842-7045	(Surrey/Cloverdale area)
Ross Dewar	604-533-5071	(Langley area)
Barry Jones	604-996-3288	(Abbotsford area)
JO-Valliers or Ross Gregory	778-554-5018	(Merritt area)

Barry gave an update on the meeting for CNPA – Western Canada. Dispensing of funds to the local Chapters. Funds will continue to be distributed equally to all Chapters.

4 positions are open for election this fall anyone interested in running for a Regional CNPA position is asked to contact our President Barry Jones. Barry's email is: bnjones298@gmail.com Phone 604-996-3288

The 2023 Scholarship Program is now open applicants online. Applications will once again be accepted by email only and must include all scanned or electronic supporting documentation as one complete PDF file. The application package must be received no later than August 15th, 2023.



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Scholarships: Surviving spouses that receive a CN pension and is also a member of the CNPA can apply for scholarships for Children, Grandchildren, and Great Grandchildren. For more information see the link below for CN Pensioners Association.

Rail Roaders in the community: If you're volunteering in your community, here is a great opportunity for the Organization you help, receive donations from your efforts. CN is proud of the hundreds of employees, their families, and retirees who give generously of their time to local causes through our CN Railroaders in the Community (RRITC) program. These volunteers are part of the social fabric of the many cities, towns and villages across our entire North American network, helping to make their communities better places to live and work. For more information, use the link at the end of the minutes and look for CN Community.

New Business: Discussion to increase the amount that our CNPA chapter donates to 3 charities every year from a total of \$500.00 to \$600.00.

Motion from the floor to increase the amount donated to charities from \$500.00 to \$600.00 by Doug Kilvert. Second by: Tony Fritiz Motion Carried.

Discussion and names of Charities to support for 2023.

Names put forward: Langly Sensor Resource Centre, Surrey Xmas Bureau, Canuk Place Abbotsford, BC Childrens Hospital.

Membership vote and agreed to supporting the following Charities.

1) BC Childrens Hospital , 2) Canuck Place Abbotsford, 3) Surrey Xmas Bureau.

CN Rail will be holding Family and friends' day at Thornton Rail Yard in Surrey on Sunday September 10, 2023. There will be lots of activities and food all at no charge.

CN will be reaching out to CNPA members to help host this event. As details become available, we will share them.

Joey Valliers-Jorgensen advised that our term deposit will expire July 09, 2023. Discussion on the sound financial situation of our operating bank account. Motion from Ross Dewar to roll over the term deposit. Second by Doug Kilvert. Motion carried.

Rod McIvor gave a COSCO update, which included an update on a potential dental plan for seniors, which would be based on income.

Meeting Adjourn: by Bruce Whyte 2:45 PM

50/50: \$66.00 Keith Dyrda

Door Prize: \$25.00 Gift Card, Wendy Douglass



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<https://cnpafraservalley.wixsite.com/cnpafraservalley>

CNPA Fraser Valley(E9) Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=cnpa%20fraser%20valley%20branch%2>

Seniors Advocate British Columbia <https://www.seniorsadvocatebc.ca/>.

Council of Senior Citizens' Organization (COSCO) <https://coscobc.org/>

CN Pensioners Association <https://www.cnpensioners.org/>

Langley Senior Resources Society <https://lsrs.ca/>