# CANADIAN PACIFIC PENSIONER'S ASSOCIATION (MANITOBA BRANCH)

Summer 2023-3 Editor — Lou Guay

Hope everyone is having a wonderful summer and enjoying quality time outside. It's remarkable how much easier it is to enjoy the outdoors in Manitoba when it's not 40 below with blowing snow.

#### This and that:

- 1) 2023 membership dues. Thank to you everyone who is now paid up. If you have not yet paid, and/or are uncertain as to your membership status, please contact Karen Merrifield, our Membership Co-chair, at 204-226-1711
- 2) For anyone wondering if the recent merger with KCS would have any impact on our pensions, or pension plan, here in Canada, it will not. See page 5 for a letter (written March 2021) from Robert J. Cameron, our pension board representative, with a more detailed explanation. Robert confirmed in a reply to a recent email nothing has changed since the letter was written.
- 3) See page 3 for the new activities we have added to our luncheon meeting agenda. Includes details on how the grand prize draw on May 09, 2024 will work!
- 4) The latest company-wide In-Memoriam for the period January 01 to June 30 2023 is now up on the CP Pensioners website. See page 2 for the list of recently deceased Manitoba Pensioners mentioned.
- 5) Membership recruitment see page 4 for the game plan.
- 6) Keep your contact and other information up to date. Let CP Pension Services know of any changes that will impact your pension, including change of address, as soon as possible. As well, please let us know if you move. Due to privacy legislation, CPR cannot share retiree personal information with us.
- 7) Help wanted we are getting there, but, there are still a few executive vacancies left to fill. See page 4.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the September 14 meeting.

#### IN MEMORIAM



ince our last Newsletter, Father Time has taken his toll. Please take a few minutes out from your day to remember old friends and former workmates.

#### **DEPARTED MEMBERS AND SURVIVORS**

MAY 03, 2019 - GRACE BARTON, WIDOW OF RAY

NOVEMBER 15, 2020 - BARBARA PETERSON, WIDOW OF FRANK

OCTOBER 22, 2021 - ALFREDA PASS, WIDOW OF TED

DECEMBER 18, 2022 - PETR SYWY, 93, CARMAN

Last Name	First Name	Age	Date of Death	City	Prov
ARCHER	DALE HARRY	84	3/22/2023	WINNIPEG	Mb
BARTOS	MICHAEL	90	03/12/2023	WINNIPEG	Mb
DAHLIN	DWAYNE	87	6/17/2023	WINNIPEG	Mb
FRIESEN	FRED	81	04/08/2023	WINNIPEG	Mb
GAUTHIER	LEONARD	75	05/06/2023	ILE DES CHENES	Mb
GOHRINGER	MICHAEL	68	4/28/2023	WINNIPEG	Mb
HARRISON	TIMOTHY	61	4/24/2023	WINNIPEG	Mb
HUMPHRIES	DEREK	81	1/16/2023	WINNIPEG	Mb
HUOT	PAUL EDWARD	84	2/23/2023	WINNIPEG	Mb
HUPPE	ROBERT	80	05/04/2023	WINNIPEG	Mb
JUNG	HOWEARD	64	5/21/2023	WINNIPEG	Mb
KENDALL	LARRY	63	2/15/2023	WINNIPEG	Mb
KUTCHER	JOHN	80	3/23/2023	WINNIPEG	Mb
MACHALEK	TERRANCE	76	03/05/2023	WINNIPEG	Mb
MARTENS	ARTHUR	78	4/13/2023	WINNIPEG	Mb
OLENSKY	WALTER	95	05/02/2023	WINNIPEG	Mb
ROBINSON	NATHAN	66	4/23/2023	WINNIPEG	Mb
RUDICK	MAURICE	88	3/26/2023	WINNIPEG	Mb
SAMEC	DMYTRO	101	2/17/2023	EAST ST PAUL	Mb
SEMENCHUK	BORDEN	94	4/13/2023	WINNIPEG	Mb
WARREN	CRIGHTON	71	1/30/2023	BRANDON	Mb
WILSON	EDGAR	92	01/03/2023	WINNIPEG	Mb
WITYSHYN	STANLEY	84	05/11/2023	GIMLI	Mb
ZIKMAN	JOYCE	89	05/11/2023	WINNIPEG	Mb

THE COMPANY WIDE IN MEMORIAUM IS FOUND ON LINE AT

HTTPS://CP-PENSIONERS.COM/NEWS-EVENTS/
(ABOUT HALF-WAY DOWN THE PAGE)
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#### Additions to the luncheon meeting program

As was discussed and approved at the May 11, 2023 meeting.

Starting on September 14, 2023,

- each luncheon will include a door prize draw. No cost. All attendees will be entered.
- each luncheon, those attending will have their names entered in the grand prize draw, to be held at our May 09 2024 meeting. Your name will be entered each time a luncheon is attended.

(you must be in attendance on May 09 to win).

### **CP Pensioners Manitoba Branch luncheon meeting**

Our next luncheon will be on Thursday, September 14, 2023 at the Belgian Club - 407 Provencher Blvd.

Doors open at 11:30, meal served at 12:30 (earlier if everyone is there)

Cost: 15.00 (fifteen) dollars per person

Members and invited guests.

If you are want to attend, please contact Ron Hinkle,

phone 204-667-3520

or e-mail hinkleronald224@gmail.com. no later than Friday, Sept 8th

No walk-ins please.

## Finding out about upcoming events, changes and cancellations

- 1) Any member who uses email, and have not already done so, is encouraged to send an **e-mail to WpgCPRPensioners@mail.com**.

  Please show your name and the words "add to mailing list" on the subject line. Emails about upcoming events, changes and cancellations will be sent to everyone who enrolls.
  - 2) We now have a <u>Facebook page Manitoba CP Pensioners</u> updates will provide information about upcoming events, changes and cancellations.

Due to timing, new events, cancellations and changes may not be in the newsletter

# **Executive Vacancies - Help still wanted**

Thank you to Peter Antoniuk for assuming the role of Vice President

#### **Positions still to fill:**

Corresponding Secretary - Ron Hinkle wants to step down. Social Facilitator - research and propose possible activities for the membership. (Tours, bus trips, etc.)

Please consider stepping forward and lending a hand. Having a full executive, with new faces, will make us a stronger and more active association. If interested, please contact

Doug Belcher at 204 334 2108 or Ron Hinkle at 204 667 3520 or Lou Guay at 204 275 0630

#### **New members wanted**

The biggest challenge facing organizations like ours is attracting new members.

In the fall of 2020, after extensive negotiations between the Company and the National Council of Canadian Pacific Pensioner Associations (NCCPPA), CPR began providing an informational pamphlet about the NCCPA with every retirement package. The pamphlet is on the CP Pensioners website CPPensioners.com, on the About page, half way down. At the same time, CPR started asking those who apply for pension if they are interested in knowing more about the NCCPPA, and if they would give permission to share contact information with us. CPR in turn provides a list (twice of year) of recent retirees who agreed to be contacted by us. Manitoba Branch in turn contacts local retirees by Canada Post. We have had some success gaining new members through this process.

While a big improvement from past practice, not every retiree gives permission to be contacted, and not every retiree contacted choses to join. Further, for decades many retirees were not made aware of the NCCPPA, or how to join. Far too many still have no idea what we are, what we do or where we meet.

Together, we can spread the word. Many of us keep in touch with fellow railroaders, active and retired. So, please mention the Pensioners Association if you happen to bump into a fellow retiree (or current employee) during the course of your day, or when you meet for coffee, golf, fishing, curling, ball game, etc.

Invite a fellow retiree to a luncheon meeting. At the meetings, acknowledge new faces, introduce ourselves, and make newcomers feel welcome.

March 2021

# To The Executive of the National Council All Pensioners and Survivors of the CP Pension Plan of Canadian Pacific.

As of now most of you should have heard of Canadian Pacific purchasing the Kansas City Southern Railway Company.

I have numerous e-mails and calls with regards to what will happen to our Pension Plan when and if this sale gets the STB approval. I have spoken to the Pension Director Blain MacIsaac and John Hill, Director Pension Plan Management, and I am assured that this sale has no effect on our Pension Plan. It is a separate entity and has nothing to do with this sale.

The KCS employees in the US are approximately 3500 and in Mexico about 3500 also, they do not have a pension Plan.

With regards to changing the CP to CPKC it has no effect on the Pension Plan of our current Pensioners already collecting a pension now, or in the future. When CP bought the SOO line there was no effect, and it will be the same now, even though they never changed the name following the purchase of the SOO line.

If anyone has any more questions or concerns you can contact me at 1-250-837-4248 or my cell 1-250-837-1083 or E-Mail at rjc48@telus.net

Yours Pension Representative

Robert J Cameron CP Pension Representative

#### **REMINDER:**

We meet 9 times a year (September to May inclusive) on the 2nd Thursday of the month at the Belgian Club - 407 Provencher Blvd.

Members and invited guests only. If you are want to attend, please contact Ron Hinkle no later than the Friday before Phone 204-667-3520 or e-mail hinkleronald224@gmail.com.

No walk-ins please.

#### WRAP-UP

If you have any questions relative to our Association, or are encountering problems pertaining to pensions, Blue Cross Coverage, etc., which may be affecting you as a pensioner or survivor, please contact one of the under-signed. If we cannot answer your query, we can possibly direct you to someone who can assist you.

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#### MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Are your membership dues up-to-date? If not, or if you have misplaced your card, or if you are not sure, please call Karen Merrifield, our Membership Co-chair, at 204-226-1711, who can let you know where you stand. There has been no change in membership fees -

For either pensioner and spouse, or pensioner only. - \$10.00 per year For surviving spouse only - \$5.00 per year

Reminder: our membership year runs January 01 to December 31

**Canadian Pacific Pensioners' Association** 

# **Application Form** Name:\_\_\_\_\_Spouse's Name:\_\_\_\_\_ Address:\_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code:\_\_\_\_\_Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_Pension Payroll # \_\_\_\_\_ Former Trade/Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_\_

## PLEASE MAKE CHEQUE PAYABLE TO C.P. PENSIONERS' ASSOCIATION and forward to (NEW CONTACT INFORMATION)



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