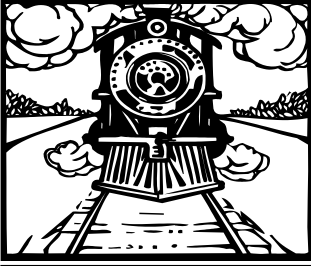


CANADIAN PACIFIC PENSIONER'S ASSOCIATION (MANITOBA BRANCH)



Summer 2024-3
Editor — Lou Guay

Greetings fellow CP Pensioners

Items of interest and note:

Reminder: Thank you to everyone who has paid their 2023 membership dues.

If you have not done so, please remit ASAP to Jim Merrifield, membership chair

Uncertain about your dues status? Please contact Jim or Karen.

(contact information is on page 8)

Thank you to Betty Ashton for stepping forward and taking on the 50/50 draw.

Correspondence from our Pensioner Board Representative Bob Cameron

- Brief COLA Summary - see page 3

- CONCUR travel discount replacement program update - see page 5

- Pensioner Representative report as of April 30, 2024 - see pages 6 & 7 -

We still have a few executive positions to fill - see page 4

Volunteer Opportunities that may be of special interest to some of our members -

- Winnipeg Railway Museum - see page 3

- Prairie Dog Central - see page 4

Fall and Winter activity - Granite Curling Club has two leagues for seniors.

Curlers of all levels welcome. The Wildewood League is a great introduction

to the sport for anyone who has never curled before! - see page 7

We will start up our luncheon meetings in September. First one is September 12

- see page 2 for details. Please book a seat if you plan to attend.

If you would like to be contacted with a reminder by phone or by email,
contact Lou Guay to be added to the list

Phone 204 275 0630 Email WpgCPRPensioners@mail.com



IN MEMORIAM

Since 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.

If you know of any members who are ill or have passed away, please contact Lou Guay @ 204-275-0630 and let him know.

DEPARTED MANITOBA BRANCH MEMBERS

FREDERIC (FRED) STEVENS - FEB 26, 2024 - AGE 97 - OPERATOR/AGENT

NOT MEMBERS BUT SOME MAY REMEMBER

GARY PFEIFER - MAY 12, 2024 - AGE 71 - LAB TECH WPG DIESEL SHOPS

WALTER THIEDE - JUNE 13, 2024 - AGE 79 - YARDMAN

EDWARD (ED) SOLARZ - JUNE 17, 2024 - AGE 92 - FIREMAN/LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEER

CP Pensioners Manitoba Branch luncheon meeting

The next luncheon will be on *Thursday, Sept 12, 2024* at the
Belgian Club - 407 Provencher Blvd.

Doors open at 11:30, meal served at **12:00**
(earlier if everyone is there)

Cost: 15.00 (fifteen) dollars per person
Members and invited guests.

If you are want to attend, please contact Lou Guay by phone at 204-275-0630
or by e-mail at WpgCPRPensioners@mail.com
no later than >>> **THURSDAY Sept 05** <<<

. *No walk-ins please.*

For current information about upcoming events, changes and cancellations

- Members who have provided their email addresses will be sent an email.
If you have not already done so, send an e-mail to

WpgCPRPensioners@mail.com.

Please show FULL name and the words "add to email list" on the subject line.

- Check our Facebook page - **[Manitoba CP Pensioners](#)**

Here are the COLA rates since it started in 2000.

YEAR	COLA	ACTUAL	YEAR	COLA	ACTUAL
2000	1.30%	\$ 19.50	2001	1.40%	\$ 21.00
2002	1.30%	\$ 19.50	2003	0.80%	\$ 12.00
2004	1.65%	\$ 24.75	2005	0.85%	\$ 12.75
2006	1.10%	\$ 16.50	2007	1.10%	\$ 16.50
2008	0.95%	\$ 14.25	2009	1.25%	\$ 18.75
2010	0.30%	\$ 4.50	2011	0.70%	\$ 10.50
2012	1.40%	\$ 21.00	2013	1.00%	\$ 15.00
2014	0.45%	\$ 6.75	2015	0.85%	\$ 12.75
2016	0.65%	\$ 9.75	2017	0.70%	\$ 10.50
2018	1.10%	\$ 16.50	2019	0.95%	\$ 14.25
2020	0.95%	\$ 14.25	2021	0.50%	\$ 7.50
2022	1.00%	\$ 15.00	2023	2.40%	\$ 36.00
2024	2.35%	\$ 35.25			

COLA is based on the first \$ 1,500.00 of every pension cheque, if you are 65 years or older. If you turned 65 in 1999, and your monthly pension cheque in 1999 was \$,1500.00, or more, total COLA payments has increased your monthly pension cheque by \$ 463.00. Even though it is not much, this is better than the old method of an AD HOC raise.

Robert J Cameron, C.P. Pension Representative

**Volunteer Opportunity— Winnipeg Railway Museum
(operated by the Midwestern Railway Association)**

The good news: the Museum is staying in our current location, on the platform level of Union Station, thanks to a generous new 25 year lease with VIA Rail . Currently the facility is being renovated. So far, a new roof, windows, skylights and lighting system have been installed. The North, South, and East exterior walls will be replaced, construction to start shortly.

We plan to reopen in November 2025.

Our organization is volunteer driven and totally dependent on members to operate. Currently we are prepping the interior space for the next phase of construction by shifting movable displays out of the way, doing extensive cleaning, and organizing of the materials in storage.

We are always looking for new members. The advice and expertise of MofW, Car Department, and Running Trade retirees is especially welcome!

Membership information can be found on the website at wpgtrainmuseum.ca - about 1/2 way down the donate page

Lou Guay

Executive Vacancies— UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to fill vacancies,
But there are three STILL VACANT

Corresponding Secretary - Ron Hinkle is stepping down

Social Facilitator - research and propose possible activities
for the membership.

Cheer Chair - vacant. Arrange to send condolence cards as required,
contact known sick members.

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 Lou Guay at 204 275 0630

Volunteer Opportunity – Prairie Dog Central (Vintage Locomotive Society)

The year before I retired I was persuaded to join the VLS and help out on both operating and maintenance days. At that time, the Vintage Locomotive Society was operating on the CN Oak Point Subdivision on Sundays only and stored the equipment (steam locomotive, 5 coaches, and 3 boxcars and a coal hopper) outdoors at the CN shops in Transcona. I had my CP passenger uniform and I was a qualified conductor so I enjoyed working the two usually sold out Sunday trips. CN advised us we were no longer allowed on their property in 1996. After 2 years of fundraising we were back in business in the spring of 1999, operating on a portion of the (now former) CN Oak Point sub out of our own yard. Now we could keep the majority of the equipment under cover, using Wednesdays and Saturdays as restoration and cleaning days, in order to maintain the standards required by Transport Canada.

On our own, with property taxes and all the extra expenses of track maintenance, we depended more than ever on volunteers to come out on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and operating days to keep the train running. The changes to the site on Prairie Dog trail are really amazing. These include the addition of 3 diesel locomotives, the first of which was a donation from CN of locomotive GT 4138. We had a lot of help, both free and paid expertise in order to bring it up to working order. This year the steam engine is out of service to have the tubes replaced, and hopefully will be back next season.

I found my 23 years of volunteering at the PDC to be very fulfilling and would encourage anyone interested to go to the website (info@pdcrailway.com) and look into becoming a member of the society and assisting in operations or maintenance or both.

Doug Belcher

CONCUR Travel Discount Program Replacement - UPDATE

The following letter was received from Vice President Rhea Adama, Procurement, re the deconfinement of Concur for CP Pensioners. It has also been posted on the CP Pensioners web Page in English and French for you.

Robert J Cameron
CP Pension Rep

“Dear CPKC retiree:

We are writing to provide an important update to the information shared last week about changes to Concur Leisure, the travel discount online booking tool.

As previously announced, Concur Leisure will no longer be available as of June 1, 2024. At that time, as a temporary measure, all retirees looking to utilize the travel discount benefit should contact Custom Travel by phone at (888) 678-7137, Mon-Fri between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. MT.

Our CPKC team continues to work on establishing a new online booking tool accessible to all retirees. We expect that solution to be implemented this summer.

The announced changes to the Concur Leisure travel site overlooked the needs of our retirees and pensioners. We sincerely apologize for that mistake.

We regret any inconvenience or confusion this situation has created and look forward to sharing more information about methods to access this valued travel discount program.

Thank you, “

On the lighter side:

When I was young, my mum used to put food on a spoon and say, "There's a train coming. There's a train coming." We'd always eat it because we knew that if we didn't she wouldn't untie us from the railway line.

Llyod Smith was a railroad employee from Texas who was convicted of murder in 1927. Two attempts at the electric chair failed. He was a bad conductor.

What do you call someone who's happy on Mondays? Retired!

“You can’t help getting older, but you don’t have to get old.” ~ George Burn

“The trouble with retirement is that you never get a day off.” – Abe Lemons

Revelstoke BC May 6, 2024

Pensioner Representative report as of April 30, 2024

This letter is to all CP Pensioners and Spouses to inform you as to the CP Pension Fund as of December 31, 2023. It is at \$ 13,209.0 Billion and growing and is at 136% solvent, and has been for a few years last time CP put any money into it was 2011.

As you all know I was re-elected for another 3 years in August 2023 to August 31, 2025. My thanks all of you who voted for me and will keep working for all Pensioners and spouses.

All meetings of the Pension board are held by Microsoft on the computer on the first Tuesday of each month as per the rules, except for September which is held in person after the Actuarial and Financial statements come out.

Blue cross new rates sent out early each year for your information. Anyone who retired after January 1, 2006 are now on Health Spending account and it is working fine. If you have any problems please contact me.

In Memoriam is on the web page up to December 31, 2023 only problem is there is no info as to what department the Pensioner or employee worked. I am working with the Pension Department to correct any errors.

In 2021 I questioned the Cost-of-Living figures and meet with Mr. Blain MacIsaac Director of Pension services during the year 2022 and up to early March 2023 to discuss this Article in the Pension Rules. We discussed that the problem is the last paragraph of Article 16.03.(a) iii)

Article 16.03(a) (I) shows the CPI for October 1 of one year to September 30 of the next year to be divided by the previous year amount equals an amount of the difference.

Article 16.03(a) (ii) is 3.00% maximum

Article 16.03 (a) (iii) is the change from previous year

The Lesser of (I), (ii), and (iii) equals the amount you receive on your first \$ 1.500.00 of your pension cheque effective January 1, the following year.

It was agreed to discuss at a pension board meeting to try and delete the last paragraph of Article 16.03(a) (iii) of this article. In March 2023 the question re this article was finally put to a vote and the vote was 4 for and 4 against and as the Chairman gets the deciding vote on certain matters as per the pension rules as this matter was, he voted against it as per the fiducial responsibility of the committee, so it was denied.

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Pensioner Representative report as of April 30, 2024 (continued)

Pensioner's new Web page [www.cp-pensioners .com](http://www.cp-pensioners.com) is working fine.

I continue to assist many pensioners with their individual problems and help them get their problem corrected.

I continue to work for all pensioners with this article and any other article that restricts all pensioners improvements and whatever other problems they may have.

I ask you to keep your contact information up to date and advise CP if and when there are any changes.

Thank you and best wishes

Robert J Cameron

Pensioner Representative

e-mail RJC48@telus.net phone 250-837-4248, Cell 250-837-1083

2024 - 2025 Curling - Granite Curling Club

Two daytime leagues catering to all seniors and all skill levels.

Spares welcome!

Wildewood Seniors

Mondays and Wednesdays 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Contact: davidablett@icloud.com

(The Wildewood Seniors is a very relaxed fun league. We have had one or two new curlers join nearly every season)

Granite Masters

Thursdays 10:00 to noon.

Contact: cparent1@shaw.ca

Free autumn curling clinic for all registered curlers. Great for any newcomers or those who want to tune up before the season starts.

Granite Curling - One Granite Way

www.granitecurlingclub.ca 204 775 8239

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 # _____ Mobile: _____

Email _____ Pension Payroll # _____

Former Trade/Occupation _____ Renewal _____ New _____

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUE PAYABLE TO C.P. PENSIONERS' ASSOCIATION
and forward to



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