



# ***Canadian Pacific Pensioners Association of Calgary***

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## *Message from the President*

May 2025

Your Hello everyone. I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter break with family, friends and/or loved ones. Our April General Meeting and luncheon went well, with 66 people in attendance. We had about 7 regular members not in attendance so if everyone attended, there would have been about 75 in total.

Congratulations to the 50/50 winner (\$120), the Irish Cream and Wine draw winners, and the Easter Chocolates and coffee mugs door prize winners. Thank you for your support and participation!!

Lunch was Shepherd's Pie, buns and dessert. A CPR motto at one time was "we serve in so many ways". On that note, a big thank you to Monique Kovacs, Don Northam and Heidi Diell for continuing to serve in so many ways by preparing, serving and cleaning up.

On Tuesday, April 15th we had a second playing of the Pulse of Continent Video, with 2816. We hope those who attended enjoyed this wonderful 50-minute video.

The NCCPPA Triennial Conference (National Council for Canadian Pacific Pensioners Association) will be held in Calgary June 5-6-7. Thursday, June 5th is a meeting for the National Council Executive. On Friday, June 6th there is a general meeting at the Glenmore Inn which is open to all members. And Saturday, June 7th is an Ogden Campus event day open to all Calgary pensioner club members, their spouses, partners and/or survivors. CPKC is graciously hosting a luncheon event at 12:30 pm in the Royal Canadian Pacific Pavillion. This will be followed by tours of the Royal Canadian Pacific Pavillion which may include the business cars, the 2816 steam locomotive and possibly a "Green" hydrogen powered locomotive. There will be tours of the Training Center including play time on the Locomotive and S&C simulators. We are trying to finalize tours of the Head Office and Public Services Communications Centre Building (CP Police Headquarters). We are still finalizing details so we will have more to share in the coming weeks. Tickets are limited to 55 spots and are \$5.00 per person. Ticket proceeds will go towards prizes. You can purchase your tickets at the May 13th General Meeting from Monique Kovacs.



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The deadline for tickets is May 20th and are sold first come first serve. If you cannot attend the May 13th meeting, please call and leave me a message or text me at **(403) 669-4959** to arrange tickets. We are all very grateful for CPKCR's hospitality and generosity to sponsor this event at the Ogden Head Office Campus.

As a result of the June 7th event, we are moving the June 10th general meeting and luncheon back one week to June 17th. As a reminder, this will be the last general meeting and luncheon before the summer break.

With respect to member updates, I am saddened to say that Laurie Rupert was back in hospital and is now in a hospice.

Kelvin Palmer's daughter Elyse will attend our May 13 meeting to deliver a celebration of life for her father. The service for Rudy Platz was held on April 19th. We will miss them both. And I am also sad to advise the passing of Doreen Gruszecki on April 27th (wife of Walter).

I am hoping to see all of you on Tuesday May 13, 2025 for our May General Meeting.

Your President

*Joe Dragani*



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