



Canadian Pacific Pensioners Association of Calgary

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Message from the President

December 2025

Hello everyone! Our last meeting was held on November 10, and we had 56 people in attendance. A big thank you to Monique Kovacs, Don Northam, Lana Kovacs, and Helen Gale and Vlasta Ctvrtnik for preparing, serving and cleaning up the Irish Stew lunch. Congratulations to the winners of the 50/50 (\$100), the Wine draws, and the hockey game tickets. As always, we appreciate your continued support and participation!

For the Christmas luncheon on December 9th, we will be serving beef lasagna, sautéed sausage with pepper and onions and sliced desserts. December is also our fund raiser for the Veterans Association Food Bank, admission is a cash donation or any food to be donated to their food bank. As you may know, the Veterans Association Food Bank of Calgary is experiencing much less food and cash donations versus previous years and can use a lot of help in this regard.

Regarding member updates, we welcome new members Joe Szabo and Bernie Supinski. We are saddened to advise that long term member, Bud Weaver, a former Engineer and also non-member Machinist Ray Decoteau both passed in November.

The CPKC Remembrance Day Ceremony was held on November 11th at the CPKC Campus Cenotaph and started at 10:45. This event is open to the public and as usual was well attended. The weather was very nice and the temperature at the time was approximately 5 degrees. Wreaths were laid by several local civic and military dignitaries. I was given the honor of laying a wreath on behalf of our nearly 18,000 CP pensioners across the system. The presentations were done by 11:15 am.

The calculations for pension indexing (COLA) were issued on November 17th and is effective January 1, 2026. To qualify, a pensioner must be no less than 65 years of age and must be retired for at least 5 years. Indexing is calculated on the first \$1,500 of your pension. The calculations to consumer price index is based on Articles 16.03 (a)(i); 16.03 (a)(ii); and 16.03 (a)(iv) of the pension rules. To simplify the calculations, the adjustment is based on 50 percent of the consumer price index which works out to 1.0 percent. Therefore, 1.0 percent of \$1,500 is \$15.00. On this basis, pensioners that qualify can expect an increase of \$15.00 to their monthly pension amount starting on January 1, 2026. More details are posted on the bulletin board in the Club.

In addition, Blue Cross rates for Part II have been mailed by Blue Cross advising of the new rates for 2026 so hopefully you will receive it soon. Blue Cross pushing for Generic Drug alternatives whenever possible, which is cheaper. When you receive your letter from Blue Cross about the rate changes for the retirees you will have the option of withdrawing from it if you wish.



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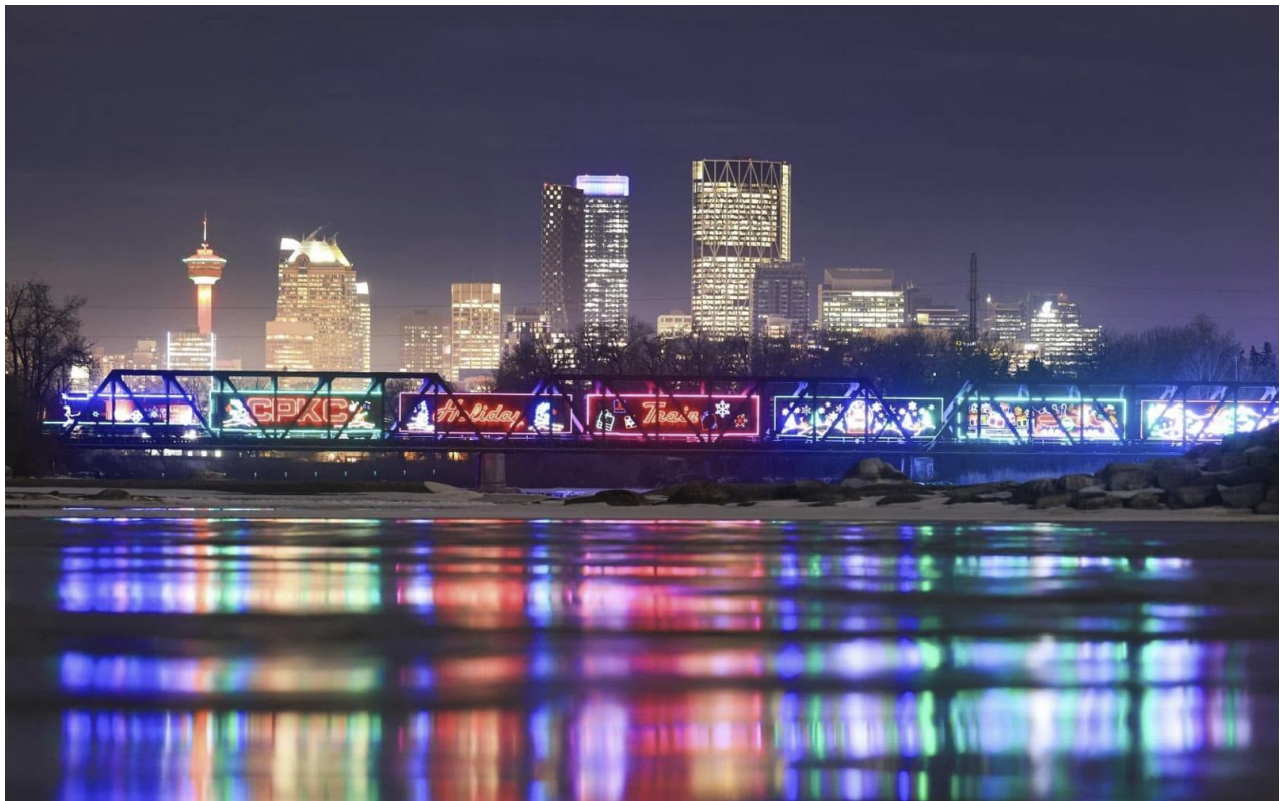
As of December 5th, there was no road construction on Ogden Dale Road and the 69th Avenue crossing will be open until sometime in the spring. The 78th Avenue tunnel is officially open and there is no change to the entrance on the east side of the Head Office Campus.

If you ordered a 2026 CPKC calendar, they have arrived, they are \$5.00 each again this year and will be available for pick up at the end of the luncheon on December 9th.

As a reminder, and for those interested, the Annual General Meeting will be held in the Club on Tuesday, January 13th starting at 10:30 AM and immediately ahead of the luncheon.

Lastly, the CP Holiday train is scheduled to be on display in Calgary on Friday, December 12 at the Anderson LRT Station. The event time for the performances is from 7:00 to 7:30 pm (19:00 to 19:30). The Bare-Naked Ladies will be performing. The performances are always very well attended so you may want to try and see the train from other vantage points earlier in the evening as it moves to Anderson Station or later in the evening when it heads down to Okotoks.

Picture taken in 2024 as the Holiday Train rolled into Calgary:



Warmest Regards, your President

Joseph Dragani



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November 10th Meeting



Hockey Night

