



# Canadian Pacific Pensioners Association of Calgary

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## *Message from the President*

February 2026

Hello everyone. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held in the Club on Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> and commenced at 10:30 AM immediately ahead of the General Meeting. We reviewed the following Canadian Pacific Pensioners Association Calgary Club items at the AGM:

- 1) The 2025 Calgary Club financial details.
- 2) The 2025 Calgary Club membership details.
- 3) The Financial Audit will be held at the end of February, and it will be conducted by Doug Noakes, Garry Nichols and Ray Beirnes.
- 4) The Club Property Audit was held on January 20<sup>th</sup> and conducted by Arthur Wieckowski and Cathy Cowie. There are some wonderful additions of Railway Memorabilia from some generous Members! The Club's Insurance Policy was renewed for 2026 and went up by \$5.98 to \$83.98/month.
- 5) Reviewed and updated the current By-Laws with editorial changes, merged the Social and Travel committees, and added a new provision for the Club swipe card and door key access.
- 6) We provided some highlights for the current CPKC Defined Benefit Pension Fund membership details and financial status.
- 7) Elected new Board members Don Caroline (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President) and Don Seymour (Director).

Our last General meeting was also held on January 13<sup>th</sup>, and we had 62 in attendance. We would like to thank Monique Kovacs for organizing lunch as well as Don Northam, Helen Gale, Hayde Diell and Vlasta Ctvrtnik for serving and cleaning up. Congratulations to the winners of the 50/50 (\$145), the Wine draws, and the door prizes. As always, we appreciate your continued support and participation! Finally, we would like to thank John Skobiej and other members for bringing all the Titanic books and artifacts from their personal collections.

We are saddened by the loss of William (Bill) Miller (Conductor) on December 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Memorial Service for William was held on Monday, January 26, 2026. We are also saddened by the loss of Garry Gartner (Carman) on January 10<sup>th</sup>, and partner of Monique Kovacs. The celebration of life for Garry was held on January 30<sup>th</sup> and was well attended by Club Members.



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We are working with Heritage Park for the 2026 Annual passes and discounts. We hope to have the application forms available for anyone interested at the March General Meeting.

Also, we have been advised that the January pension cheques issued by CPKC went down slightly. This was due to a calculation error which is being rectified. Once done, the COLA adjustment, if you qualify, should be reflected on your cheque.

Finally, our next meeting will be on February 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon and we will be serving Chili and buns. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend. Don Caroline will be leading the meeting in my absence.

Warm wishes for a happy Valentine's Day on Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup> and have a wonderful Family Day long weekend. I hope your weekend is filled with family, friends, and happy moments.

Warmest Regards, your President

*Joseph Dragani*

