



Canadian Pacific Pensioners Association of Calgary

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Message from the President

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Hello everyone! Our last General meeting was held on February 10th, and we had 57 in attendance. As always, we would like to thank all our members who were involved in sourcing, preparing, organizing, serving and cleaning up lunch. Congratulations to the winners of the 50/50 (\$105), the Wine draws, and the door prizes. Don Caroline spoke briefly about Radon in the home and we look forward to more discussion on this topic. As always, we appreciate your continued support and participation!

In my February Presidents Message, we advised that January Pension cheques were less than the December cheques. We explained that this was due to a calculation error which was being rectified. My apologies to all as this was incorrect. The reason for the change in your cheque amount is from a change in your tax deductions, and the explanation is as follows. From January to July 2025 the tax rate used by the Alberta Government was 10 percent. In July, the Alberta Government announced they would change the tax rate to 8 percent for 2025. Since they had already taxed at a 10 percent rate from January to July, they then taxed at a 6 percent rate for the remainder of the year after the July 2025 tax exemption change to average out the year at 8 percent. The Alberta Government then taxed at the 8 percent rate starting in January 2026. So, in the end, your December 2025 pay cheque was taxed at 6 percent and your January 2026 pay cheque was taxed at 8 percent. This is why you saw a difference in the tax deduction and a slightly lower net amount on your cheque.

With respect to the 2026 Tax Forms, CRA is slowly eliminating paper forms. In addition, we understand the paper tax packages are no longer available at post offices (T1 Federal Income Tax and Benefit Return, AB428 for Alberta, Federal and Provincial Worksheets, Federal Schedules 1 through 15 and Alberta Schedules S2 and S11). Electronic forms can be downloaded from the CRA website. However, some pension members do not have an email address or a computer for the electronic Tax Forms. For these reasons, we will have printed copies of these forms available at the general meeting on March 10th. Please see Arthur if you require any of these forms. Alternatively, you can call CRA directly at 1-855-330-3305 and request a tax package to be mailed to your address. Have your SIN number ready.



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At the Annual General Meeting on January 13th, we filled two of three vacant board positions. Don Caroline was elected to the 2nd Vice President Position and Don Seymour was elected to a Director-at-Large position with responsibility for the Newsletter. However, the "Sick & Visiting" Director position remains vacant. Please contact me, Don Caroline or Arthur Wieckowski if you think you may be interested in this role and we can discuss it further.

Currently, we have 32 club members whose memberships have expired. Please see Arthur at the general meeting on March 10th or contact him by phone or by email to renew your membership if it has expired.

We continue to work with Heritage Park for the 2026 Annual Memberships and discounts. They tell me the forms should be ready sometime in April. Once ready, we will make them available to the members as quickly as possible thereafter. The deadline to submit application is usually mid-May, however they tell me they will extend this deadline if they do not have the forms ready in April.

The 2025 "In Memoriam" report was recently issued by CPKC and was posted on the CP Pensioners website. The following are some of our local pensioners and club members that departed last year (in alphabetical order) and worked in various departments in Calgary.

William Benner, William Christie, Martin Dias, Felix Evangalista, Ronald Ference, Donald Hamilton, Michael Hartney, Lloyd Hildebrandt, Orval Klein, Roy Linblad, Harold McAfee, William Miller, Robert Nadeau, Michael Nykolichuk, Kelvin Palmer, Stella Pankewitz, Rudolf Platz, James Quesnel, Amritlal Raithatha, Greg Rosval, Laurie Rupert, Kenneth Simpson, Donald Turner, Nico Van Vliet, Arnold Vornbrock, and Raymond Weaver.

We are saddened by the losses, and once again our thoughts and prayers go out to their families.

Finally, our next meeting will be on March 10th at 12:00 noon and we will be serving Chicken Salad and buns. Please wear **green** to help us celebrate St Patrick's day.

Kindest Regards, your President

Joseph Dragani

