



Canadian Pacific Pensioners Association of Calgary

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Message from the President

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Greetings everyone. Our last General meeting was held on on May 12th, and we had 68 in attendance. As always, we would like to thank all our members involved in sourcing, preparing, organizing, serving and cleaning up lunch. Congratulations to the winners of the 50/50 (\$140), and the wine draws. As always, we appreciate your continued support and participation!



We had a very special event that happened at the meeting on May 12th. Anne Lesyk turned 100 years young, and we celebrated her birthday at the meeting. We had birthday cake, and Anne said a few words about her history coming to Canada, living in British Columbia and then her move to Calgary. CPKC will be doing an article on Anne soon that will appear in the Company's internal communications app called **Xchange**.

Dorothy Bewernick from Great West Radon made an excellent presentation on radon. She answered many questions, had free reading materials available from both Great West as well as Health Canada for anyone to take away; and she had Radon monitors for purchase.

If you ordered a T-shirt in April or May, it will be ready to pick up at the Club at the June 9th General Meeting. You will have to pay when you pick it up so bring your money, or you can pay in advance by e-transfer to:

cp.pensioners.association@gmail.com. For those of you that either missed out on this order, or wish to order more, we can look into a second order for T-shirts early next year.



CPKC completed their renegotiations with Heritage Park for the 2026 Annual Memberships and discounts. Arthur emailed the new forms to all members on May 27th. We will have printed forms available at the June 9th meeting. You will need to complete your form and take it to Heritage Park to pay for the annual membership. The deadline to submit the forms to Heritage Park is June 30th.



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We went to Toppler Bowl on Wednesday, May 20th and we had 18 people attend. Once again, it was a great day out and we had lots of fun. We plan to do this again in the fall. We are also looking into a day out for Mini Golf. We will have more details to come at our September 8th general meeting.

With respect to member updates, we have 159 active members. There are 118 paid members; 4 new members; 25 Gold; 1 returning member, and 12 are not paid. For those 12 unpaid members, to renew your membership you have a few options; you can see Arthur at the meeting on June 9th, or you can contact him by phone at 403-262-1238 or cell at 403-870-1897, or by email at cp.pensioners.association@gmail.com. Thank you to all of you that have renewed your membership recently.

We are saddened by the loss of Ken Poole who passed away on May 14th at the age of 79. Ken was a machinist that started at Angus, then went to the Canadian Atlantic Railway (CAR). Thereafter, he came to Ogden Shops. Our deepest condolences go out to the family.

Most of you should have received a letter from CPKC regarding Pensioner Representative Nomination and Election. The Letter is signed by Michael Olsen, the Secretary of the Pension Committee. The duties of the Pension Representative are listed in the letter. Our current Pension Representative is Robert Cameron from Revelstoke, and he has occupied this position for a few 3-year terms. If you are satisfied with Robert's performance, then please feel free to nominate Robert once again on the nomination form. If you have someone else in mind, then complete the nomination form with your desired nominee. The forms must be received by CPKCC at the Montreal address by no later than June 10th so please get them in the mail by June 5th.



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On June 20th, the Millican-Ogden Community Association is celebrating its 70th Anniversary. Events will include opening ceremonies at 10:30 am, a classic car parade at 10:50 am, from 11:10 am to 3:00 pm will be celebration events and from 7:00 pm to midnight is a dance. Our very own Billy Wynne will be participating in the events, providing railroad history and a display of artifacts.



If you are interested in attending, the events will take place at the Millican-Ogden Community Association located at #2110 69 Ave SE. Dance tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased in advance on their website at <https://www.millicanogden.com/upcoming-events/moca-70th-anniversary>

As a reminder to all members, we welcome all CPKC pensioners, spouses or survivors as guests to our monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of every month except July and August.

Our June 9th general meeting will be our last meeting before summer break. We will reconvene on Tuesday, September 8th. However, some members have expressed interest in doing a mid-summer get together for coffee. On this basis, we selected Tuesday, July 21st as the day for this event and it will be held at the Club from noon until 1:30 pm. We will have a sign-up sheet available on June 9th for anyone interested.

With warmest regards, your President

Joseph Dragani

