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Message from the President

November 2026

Greetings everyone. Our last General meeting was held on October 13th, and we had 75 people 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 ($130.00), and the wine draws. As always, we appreciate your continued support and participation! A big thank you to Greg Orme for donating two large mugs monogramed with the Pensioners Association logo that we gave away as door prizes. Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 10th. Lunch will include chicken salad.



We had our first ever Show & Shine on October 13th right before our last luncheon. We had 11 cars on display, and we would like to thank everyone for bringing out their vehicles. It was a cool start to the day, but it warmed up nicely by afternoon. Apparently, word got out about the show & shine as several engineering staff came out from Building 10 to take part in the event. We also had a great turnout for the general meeting. We had several requests to do this again so we will look for a 2nd show & shine event in May or June 2027.



We had our bowling event at Toppler Bowl on Wednesday, October 28th from 12:00 noon to 2:30 pm. We had 20 people in attendance and as usual we had a lot of fun and there was lots of laughter. We've been running this event every spring and fall for the past number of years with approximately 20 to 25 participants. It's always a great time with a lot of laughs so we hope you can join us next time in the spring.

As mentioned in the October message and at the October luncheon, the Fall 2026 semi-annual newsletter will be available to everyone shortly. The

newsletter will recap previous meetings from this year as well as some feature articles. A big thank you goes out to Don and Monica Seymour for their hard work. The feature article in this edition is Anne Lesyk's 100 birthday event from last May. This same article has been posted on CP Pensioners Website. Type or copy this address in your internet browser to view this article. *https://cp-pensioners.com/news-events/*

Unfortunately, we are shy of achieving the required minimum numbers on the orders for the ball caps and the leather jackets. Both sign-up sheets will be out for one last time at the November meeting to see if we can get enough interest to proceed with the orders. If you are interested but can't attend the meeting, please contact Arthur at 403-870-1897, or email at *cp.pensioners.association@gmail.com*.



Remembrance Day celebrations will be held at the CPKC Cenotaph on Ogden Dale Road on Wednesday, November 11th commencing at 10:40 AM. We are honoured to have nominated member Darrel Sundholm to lay a wreath on behalf of the Canadian Pacific Pensioners Association on November 11th at the CPKC Cenotaph. Sergeant (Retired) Darrel Sundholm is a Veteran of the Canadian Armed Forces. He was nominated for his service with the King's Own Regiment Veterans' Association and his work with the Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR). Darrel is very active in the veteran's community, and he's been presented with several commendations for the work he has and continues to perform. Let us never forget the contributions made by so many Canadians and CPKC employees both at home and abroad and by the operations and assets of CPKC over more than 125 years.

As a reminder, CPKC will be hosting the annual Western Canada hockey tournament in Calgary, from April 7th to April 10th, 2027. The cost to play is $175.00, which includes approximately 5 games and a banquet ticket. Of special note, there will be a 60+ Division this year! Games will be played at Cardel Rec South on Thursday, Friday and Saturday from approximately 8 AM to 4 PM. The Banquet and a Hospitality Room will be at the Carriage House Inn. The Hospitality Room will run Thursday and Friday from approximately 4 PM till 12 midnight but is subject to change. If you are interested in playing

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or in volunteering, please email Steve Buchanan (***ihave3kids63@gmail.com***) or Kathy White (***kathy_white@shaw.ca***).

CPKC recently released information on the financial status of the Defined Benefit Pension Plans as well as statistics on active (working) and non-active (retired) members effective January 1, 2026. I will provide some summary information at our next general meeting.

With respect to member updates, we have 158 members. There are 125 paid; 3 new; 25 Gold; and 10 not paid. To renew, please see Arthur at the General Meeting on November 10th, or contact him by phone at 403-262-1238 or cell at 403-870-1897, or by email at cp.pensioners.association@gmail.com. Once again, thank you to all of you that have renewed your membership recently.

As a reminder, we will have representatives from the City of Calgary at our meeting on November 10th to make a 25-minute presentation on the entire Green Line LRT project with a focus on Ogden-Millican. I am sure they will be happy to answer any questions you may have. On that note, the 78 Avenue tunnel under the CPKC main line is now closed because of construction of a new Green Line bridge.

The 2027 CPKC Calendars should be available to be ordered soon. We will have a sign-up sheet at our November 10th General Meeting. The price in recent years has been $5 each, we will let everyone know this year's price as soon as it available.

Finally, Grey Cup festivities commence throughout the city starting on November 11th with street festivals, pancake breakfasts, tailgate parties and even rodeos. For more information on event times and locations go to the following internet address: *https://www.greycupfestival.ca*

As always, we welcome all CPKC pensioners, spouses or survivors as guests to our monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of every month. See you there!

With warmest regards, your President

Joseph Dragani

