



Train Station Platform 1919 during the Spanish Flu Pandemic

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London CNPA

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Due to the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak all meetings have been cancelled for now. Video conferencing has replaced executive meetings at the National, Provincial and Local levels of CNPA.

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How the CN Railroaders in the Community program works

CN is proud of the hundreds of employees, their families, and pensioners who give generously of their time to local causes through our CN Railroaders in the Community program. They are part of the fabric of the many cities, towns and villages across our entire North American network, helping to make their communities better places to live and work.

CN supports their efforts by providing charitable donations to the organizations where CN railroaders volunteer.

Each hour of volunteer work earns a \$15 reward, up to a maximum of \$3,240 per employee per year (including volunteer hours completed by family members) and \$2,250 per pensioner per year (including volunteer hours completed by their spouse/surviving spouse).

There is no limit to the number of organizations an employee, their family members, CN pensioners and the spouses/surviving spouses of CN pensioners can volunteer with.

Thanks to our new digital platform, you can now easily track your volunteer hours and see when the donation to your charity was made.

Rewards are transferred electronically to the eligible organizations on a monthly basis.

Check out the exciting new features of the Railroaders in the Community program on the website at: <https://cn.benevity.org>

To login:

- Username: **your CN PIN number.**
- Password: **the first three letters of your first name + the first three letters of your last name + the 4 digits of the year you were hired at CN + !!**

Example: **The password for Jane Smith, hired in 1999, would be:** jansmi1999!!

Note: Once logged in, you may change your email address to a personal email and personalize your password. The surviving spouses of pensioners should contact railroadersinthecommunity@cn.ca for assistance with the login.

We are also happy to confirm that if you have already started volunteering in your community this year, any volunteer hours accumulated since January 1 for a recognized charity will qualify for a reward in 2020.

For all inquiries or to provide your feedback, please send an email.

Railroaders in The Community – Incentive Bonus

Incentive Bonus: if you are a current member of the CNPA (paying your \$1 per month membership), CN will give an additional reward of \$100 to one of the charities you volunteered for. This is another great reason to become a member of the CNPA, and to enter your 2020 volunteer hours into the new platform before Dec. 31.

How the Incentive Bonus Works: At the end of each calendar year, the CNPA will send a list to CN of all Pensioners who have paid their membership fee. CN will cross-reference this list with the Pensioners who applied for volunteer awards in RRITC in that calendar year. Through the Spark website, CN will send \$100 to a single charity that each member volunteered for. If a member volunteered for more than one charity, CN will contact the Pensioner in early January to ask them which charity should receive the bonus \$100. The bonus payments will be entered in January with the funds being transferred by mid-February. Please note that there is one (1) \$100 bonus per PIN and applies equally to surviving spouses.

As the RRITC program ends December 31st and restarts January 1st annually, all awards are reset. Therefore, any volunteer hours for the current year should be entered into Spark in that year in order for the bonus to be paid out in January/February. In order to qualify for the bonus \$100 for your charity, the minimum volunteer time is just one hour.

Should you have any questions about this incentive bonus, please write to:
railroadersinthecommunity@cn.ca

Message from your President

Welcome to 2021- starting this year we are all home in a further lockdown. The pandemic has changed so much of our lives. We have members that are home alone and would probably love to get a call from someone that they'd worked with in the past. If you need help with a phone number, we may have it for you. Your executive is meeting by video and will try to keep you up to date as to how your Health Care and Pension is doing. We are sending information out by e-mail, so if we do not have your e-mail address, please send it to Louise Bayer at lbayer@hotmail.com to be put on our list for all updates.

With the introduction of vaccines for Covid 19, we remain hopeful that by fall we may begin to get back to "normal." We are looking forward to getting back to having luncheons and meetings, until that time *please stay safe.*

Thank you and stay safe,



Ontario Making It Easier and Safer to Renew Driver's Licences

December 9, 2020

Province Expanding Online Renewal Options for Drivers TORONTO - The Ontario government is temporarily waiving multiple driver's licence renewal requirements so that all Class G and M drivers can now safely renew their licences online at [ServiceOntario.ca](https://www.serviceontario.ca). To ensure continued access to critical services, these changes will also help people travelling outside Ontario for essential travel to renew their licences.

"The unfortunate reality is that the COVID-19 pandemic has made routine tasks more challenging, including renewing a driver's licence," said Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation. "That is why we are temporarily waiving certain driver's licence renewal requirements to make it easier for people to renew their driver's licences online at [ServiceOntario.ca](https://www.serviceontario.ca)."

Starting today, senior drivers aged 80 and above may renew their driver's licences without completing a Group Education Session. In addition, drivers who would normally be required to visit a Service Ontario centre to update their driver's licence photo may now renew online using their current driver's licence photo. These changes mean that all Class G and M drivers are now eligible to renew their licences online at [ServiceOntario.ca](https://www.serviceontario.ca).

While Ontario has temporarily extended the validity of driver, vehicle and carrier products that would have expired on or after March 1, 2020 until further notice, it is strongly encouraged that everyone renew their driver's licence and licence plate stickers, especially those who need to travel outside Ontario this winter for essential purposes. Ontarians can renew their driver's licence and licence plate stickers online at [ServiceOntario.ca](https://www.serviceontario.ca) and have their products mailed directly to them.

For those who choose to renew their licence in person, appointments can be booked online in advance for services at 43 Service Ontario centres. Please visit [Ontario.ca/Appointment](https://www.ontario.ca/Appointment) for more information or to book an appointment.

BREAKING NEWS!

CNPA ONTARIO PROVINCIAL COUNCIL TRADE BURSARY:

The **CN Pensioners Association of Ontario** are pleased to sponsor a CNPA Trade Bursary. The purpose of the Bursary is to assist financially in the educational pursuit and career development of children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren of supporting members of the CN Pensioners Association belonging to the

Ontario Provincial Council.

There will be one Trade Bursary each year for \$1500.00

Please visit the website [cnpensioners.org](https://www.cn pensioners.org) – CNPA Ontario Trade Bursary

The Bursary will be open **ONLINE** to applicants April 15, 2021 and close August 15, 2021.



Current obituaries

<i>Styles</i>	<i>Gerald</i>	<i>September 13, 2020</i>
<i>Harris</i>	<i>Georgina</i>	<i>September 17, 2020</i>
<i>Landers</i>	<i>Dorothy E</i>	<i>September 24, 2020</i>
<i>Anthony</i>	<i>Vincent</i>	<i>October 1, 2020</i>
<i>Jurman</i>	<i>Frank</i>	<i>October 2, 2020</i>
<i>MacDonald</i>	<i>Owen</i>	<i>October 2, 2020</i>
<i>Landers</i>	<i>Wallace</i>	<i>October 12, 2020</i>
<i>Prentice</i>	<i>Ruth</i>	<i>October 13, 2020</i>
<i>Darley</i>	<i>Robert J</i>	<i>October 18, 2020</i>
<i>Sapezinskas</i>	<i>Anthony F</i>	<i>October 27, 2020</i>
<i>Bodnar</i>	<i>Kalman</i>	<i>November 7, 2020</i>
<i>Chwiecko</i>	<i>Anastazja</i>	<i>November 7, 2020</i>
<i>Flory</i>	<i>Lloyd J</i>	<i>November 15, 2020</i>
<i>Matuska</i>	<i>Janet</i>	<i>November 21, 2020</i>
<i>Driver</i>	<i>Douglas</i>	<i>November 21, 2020</i>
<i>Goncalves</i>	<i>Maria</i>	<i>November 23, 2020</i>
<i>Zacher</i>	<i>Robert</i>	<i>December 9, 2020</i>

From the Desk of Louise Bayer, Membership, 519-438-2433

It is imperative if you move, get a new phone # or a new email address you let Louise Bayer know at 519-438-2433, or email lbayer@hotmail.com

For all Local Paid members your 2021 Membership dues of \$12.00 are due Jan. 1, 2021. If you have not already sent your 2021 dues please mail them now to:

Louise Bayer, 693 Brant St., London, Ontario N5Y 3M9. The check must be made payable to the CN Pensioners Association. If you no longer want to be a member of the CN Pensioners Association, please telephone Louise and let her know. If you are not sure if you are a local paid member, please call Louise and enquire.

Stay Well, Stay Safe

Regards

Louise Bayer

Membership