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The latest News and Announcements for Council C7

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Meetings and Future Events

Meetings will be suspended until further notice due to Covid .

The next meetings will be held by Zoom video conferencing.
An invitation will be Emailed prior to the meeting .

June 16th/22
September 22nd/22

Starting at 13:00

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CN Pensions and Benefits Administration 1-800-361-0739

Pensioners' web portal:
cnbenefits.hroffice.com

It will allow you to access relevant pension information and update your address and banking information.

On your first visit, you will need to register. You will then be able to access the portal using your CN PIN (login ID) and the password you created.

If you require assistance with registering or logging in, please call the

Pensioners' Help Line at 1-800-361-0739.

National Website and National
Facebook Pages

For more information, for contact
names and numbers
please go to our national website.

**cnpensioners
[Facebook cn.pensioners.92](https://www.facebook.com/cn.pensioners.92)
[Facebook cnpa.french.3](https://www.facebook.com/cnpa.french.3)**

IMPORTANT

When a pensioner/surviving
spouse moves or dies,
CN Pension and Benefits
Administration must be advised
immediately by calling
1-800-361-0739
So that an accurate information
database can be maintained !

NEWS

PENSION CHANGES AT CN

Effective April 2024, non-unionized CN employees currently contributing into the CN Defined Benefit Pension Plan (DB Plan) will be required to transition to the Defined Contribution (DC) Plan. All management affected by this change will still get a DB CN pension at some future date. There will be no impact to the current CN Pensioners nor to the unionized members still working

Scholarship Program April 15th to August 15th, 2022

National Council

The National Council of the CN Pensioners Association will again be offering a Scholarship Program to the children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of supporting members. As in past years, twenty-five \$1,500 scholarships will be awarded – five per each of the five Canadian regions. This year's program opened April 15th.

Applications will be accepted by email only. We want to remind all new applicants as well as those who were **NOT** successful recipients in previous years, that as long as your application meets all of the Association criteria, you can re-apply for the current year.

Deadline for applications for the 2022 program will again be August 15th. For more information, and to download the Application, Terms and Conditions, visit www.cnpensioners.org and then click on the Scholarships tab. Children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of CN Pensioners who are members in good standing and in receipt of a CN Pension are eligible.



Johnson Insurance Scholarship

There are 50 scholarships valued at \$1000.00 each available to students entering post-secondary institutions in the fall. Vis-it: www.johnson.ca/scholarship for eligibility criteria.

Johnson Insurance will still be offering discounted rates to members of our Association. We still recommend that you shop around to find the right policy/provider that best suits your needs.

Ontario Trade Bursary

The CN Pensioners Association of Ontario are pleased to sponsor a CNPA Trades 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 Trades Bursary each year for \$1500.00. Please visit the website cnpensioners.org – CNPA Ontario Trades Bursary There are 144 Skill Trades in Ontario to choose from.

CN Announces Appointment of Tracy Robinson as President and Chief Executive Officer



CN is proud to announce that it has appointed Tracy Robinson as President and Chief Executive Officer, effective February 28th, 2022. This appointment follows the previously announced retirement of current CEO Jean-Jacques Ruest. Tracy joins CN from TC Energy, where she is currently the Executive Vice-President and President, Canadian Natural Gas Pipelines and President, Coastal GasLink. Prior to joining TC Energy, Ms. Robinson previously spent almost three decades at Canadian Pacific.

We are thrilled to have Ms. Robinson join CN as President and CEO and are confident that CN has the right person to lead the company into our next phase of growth.

CN is also pleased to announce changes to its Board of Directors with the appointment of the Hon. Jean Charest P.C, former Premier of Québec, as independent director and Shauneen Bruder as Vice Chair of the Board, effective immediately.

CN PENSION - INDEXATION - 2022

The Plan provides a guaranteed **minimum indexation of \$9.00 per month** for eligible retirees and \$4.50 per month for eligible surviving spouses every year. The Plan also provides eligible pensioners with indexation above this guaranteed minimum if there are sufficient funds in the Escalation Account. The Escalation Account is a notional account within the Plan whose primary, but not exclusive, purpose is to determine if indexation above the guaranteed minimum indexation is payable in any year. At the end of 2020, the balance in the Escalation Account was sufficient to provide eligible pensioners with an indexation of 60% of the change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI), beginning with the January 2022 pension payment. Basic monthly pensions will be increased by 0.30% in January 2022, **subject to a maximum monthly increase of \$9.75** and to the guaranteed minimum indexation described above. If the basic pension was \$3,000 or lower, then the eligible retiree would receive a \$9.00 / \$4.50 (survivor) increase on the January 2022 pension cheque. Between \$3,001 to \$3,250, an eligible retiree would receive 0.30%. If the pension was \$3,250 or higher, you would receive the maximum of \$9.75 per month increase in 2022.

DO I STILL NEED TO RENEW MY LICENCE PLATE?

Ontarians will still need to renew their licence plate, but it will be free of charge. Drivers can renew their licence plate at a Service Ontario location, online or by mail.

ServiceOntario

Quick Facts

- Eliminating renewal fees will save vehicle owners \$120 a year in southern Ontario and \$60 a year in Northern Ontario for passenger and light commercial vehicles.
- Vehicle owners should update their address before March 7, 2022 in order to receive a refund for fees previously paid by the end of April 2022.
- Physical licence plate stickers have been eliminated in other jurisdictions in Canada including Quebec, Saskatchewan, Northwest Territories, Manitoba and Alberta.
- Drivers must continue to [renew their driver's licence](#) every five years online or at a ServiceOntario centre and pay a \$90 fee.
- ALPR is tested technology already being used by a number of Ontario police services.

President's Message

I hope you are all doing well, I miss our face-to-face meetings and luncheons, and I hope we can get back to them this fall. We are having a zoom meeting for our next meeting on June 16th. If you do not know how to join a zoom meeting, the executive will help you, if you ask one of them. If you are not on the e-mail list and would like to participate in our zoom meetings, please contact Louise Bayer at ibayer2022@gmail.com and she will add you to the list.

April 15th was the start for this year's scholarship program and it will run until August 15th. If you have grandchildren that are applying this year, please have them read the application thoroughly and follow it completely.

You can always contact me at hewson@eastlink.ca or 519-671-3321

My mailing address is 49310 John Wise Line N5H 2R4.

Hope to see you at a meeting !

Thank you and stay safe,

Ron Hewson



CNPA C7 Centenarians



Louis Claxton April 13th 2022.
Birthday celebrations were here held at the
Victory Legion, London.
Louis worked track maintenance
London to Niagara Falls.
Presentation was made by Ron Hewson and
Ken Roberts.
President and Vice President
CNPA Council C7.



Kathleen Anderson March 19th 2022
Wife of the late Otto Anderson, who worked in
Accounting in Toronto and London.
Birthday celebrations were held at her son
David's home in London.
Presentation was made by Ken Roberts and
Rick Dixon, Vice President and Secretary
CNPA Council C7.

The CN Pensioner Watches

Will be available in gold or silver cases. The third version with both French and English script on the dial is still in development. The price for a CN Pensioner Association watch is \$115.00 which includes sales tax and shipping within Canada. A percentage of sales will be retained by the Barrie Council.

Those wishing to purchase a watch must provide their PIN/SRB, choice of dial: the CNPA green leaf logo or the leaf with CNPA in script under the logo. Also, whether a silver or a gold case. To order and arrange payment for a watch please contact me by email - rhag@rogers.com or by phone - **(416) 294-4676**.

Robert (Bob) Haggart
President
CN Pensioners
Association
[Barrie Council](mailto:rhag@rogers.com)



Current obituaries



Lakeman	Alan	May 6, 2020
Sedgewick	Irene	December 28, 2020
Hanson	Norman	January 29, 2021
Clark	John	November 30, 2021
Newton	Fred	December 2, 2021
Fowler	Leah	December 4, 2021
McCulloch	Ronald James	December 21, 2021
Pepper	Robert	January 4, 2022
Bothwell	Ruth	January 18, 2022
Jurman	Josephine	January 27, 2022
Smith	Bessie D	February 5, 2022
Binkle	Vernell	February 10, 2022
Bernardo	Mary	February 16, 2022
Roberts	Loretta May	February 22, 2022
Chenier	Brian Vincent	February 24, 2022
Billing	Kenneth S	March 5, 2022
Payne	Keith	March 19, 2022
Smith	Bruce Arthur	April 4, 2022
Aldrich	Garnet James	April 5, 2022

From the Desk of Louise Bayer, Membership

If you get a new phone number, new email address, or move and get a new mailing address. Please advise Louise Bayer, Membership of same.

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