

# BRANCH REPORT

## BC14 | Sidney and District

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Branch General Meetings

At the time of writing (October), all general meetings & events are on hold until further notice due to continuing restrictions on large gatherings during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The board are accomplishing some business via online meetings and email correspondence.

National Office is doing their best to keep members up to date via email messages and information on their website.

#### MINUTES

Draft minutes of previous meetings are available on our branch website.

#### FINANCIALS

Financials are available on our branch website.

#### WALKING GROUP



Due to physical distancing and/or face covering requirements etc., the branch walking group twice-monthly walks are on hold until further notice.

### President's Corner

Do you know about the recent survey that was sent out to our members? Over ten percent of the members responded to the survey. This is a great sample of the Federal Retirees from our own area. More subscribers read the Sage magazine from online sources for views and opinions than previously thought. It is important that we know your thoughts. The Branch Board and Volunteers List on the last page is a source of information for you. Therefore, we need your involvement and input, now and in the future. Keep us involved. Please be sure to send your emails and telephone requests.

At the time of reading this, the BC Election and many other important events have already happened. It is our intent to try to action and respond to your concerns as your branch team regarding the priorities and key points that matter to you as our members.

I am writing this before the Thanksgiving weekend, and you are not reading this until December. Our anniversary is still a milestone to celebrate after thirty-one years of being together. More when times allow, and BC Health deems us able to hold group functions. In the interval I hope you can know that the Branch is grateful for the past year, in all it had to do in this crisis.

Be safe and keep well, to you and your friends and family. Happy holidays 2020 here on the Saanich Peninsula & Gulf islands. Be aware that we, your Board, and friends, care. Wherever life and times take you, be safe as you can be and with hope the year ahead will provide us all with new insights.



In the Season of festivals and holidays where space and time is limited, we all know the gift of being able to connect is a social pleasure. I am grateful for the pleasure of being your President of this branch of the National Association of Federal Retirees, Sidney and District, in the year of 2020.

**Ron Weeks CD**  
*Branch President*

Not sure what to get for the federal retiree who has everything?



**GIVE THE GIFT of membership!**  
[federalretirees.ca/gift](http://federalretirees.ca/gift)



**MEMBERSHIP**

As of July 2020, our membership was 1230

IF YOUR SPOUSE IS NOT A MEMBER PLEASE INFORM THEM OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN THIS ASSOCIATION

Consider the notable benefits of a double membership for you and your spouse for a slight extra cost in your annual fees.

**2020 MEMBERSHIP FEES**

**Single \$51.36**  
**Double \$66.60**

**ARE YOU MOVING?**

Contact our Membership Director with your updated address information.

**MISSING MEMBERS**

If you know of any members that have recently moved or passed away, please take a moment to let us know.

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FEDERAL RETIREES  
Board and Volunteer Listings 2020-2021**

**Directors**

- President:** Ron Weeks  
250-857-5321
- Vice-President:** *Vacant Position*
- Secretary:** Lynn Stoddart  
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- Treasurer:** Vijay Vyas  
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- Members Welfare:** David Stinson  
250-654-0244
- Advocacy:** Joan Coyne  
250-586-6319
- Membership:** Erika Kanczula  
250-999-3761
- Communications:** Adam Kanczula  
250-999-3761
- Programs/Events:** Ron Weeks  
250-857-5321
- Past President:** Erika Kanczula  
250-999-3761

**Teams**

- Members Welfare...**
  - Estate Issues
  - Virginia Hambly 250-655-8823
  - John MacGowan 250-655-0713
  - Linda MacGowan 250-655-0713
- VAC Assistance...**
  - Peter Chance 250-655-3634
- Health Benefits...**
  - David Stinson 250-654-0244
- Advocacy...**
  - Joan Coyne 250-586-6319
  - Erika Kanczula 250-999-3761
  - David Stinson 250-654-0244
- Communications...**
  - Website & Newsletter
  - Adam Kanczula 250-999-3761
  - Public Relations
  - Ron Weeks 250-857-5321
  - Estate Documents
  - Connie Lougher-Goodey 250-656-7303

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- Canadian Armed Forces Pensions 1-800-267-0325
- OR 1-800-267-0350
- Judges Act Pensions 1-877-583-4266
- Public Service Pensions 1-800-561-7930
- RCMP Pensions 1-800-661-7595
- Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) 1-866-522-2122
- Sun Life for PSHCP & PDSP 1-888-757-7427
- FAX 1-613-996-9984
- PSHCP World Access 1-800-667-2883
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