



BRANCH REPORT

BC08 | Vancouver and Yukon Branch

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President's message

A big warm hello to all Vancouver and Yukon members of our Association.

I am sending you greetings as your newly elected Branch President.

I am a retiree from the CRA (Canada Revenue Agency). Since retirement, I have been a volunteer of the Vancouver Branch. In 2018, I became the Treasurer, serving until I was elected President this year.

At this time, I would also like to thank our outgoing director, Beverly Segal, for her input and assistance. We also welcomed a new director, Randall Fox. At a subsequent board meeting, a new Treasurer was appointed, Teresa Lei.

I recently attended the District Annual Meeting, held in Abbotsford May 13th—15th, where all of the Branch Presidents met, along with the two BC District Directors, the BSCs (Branch Service Coordinators), and the APOs (Advocacy Program Officers).

I had the privilege of addressing the district participants on our Branch's advocacy activities during the April 28th federal election. We have an amazing group of executive board members who engaged with MP's and nominees, as well as attending events held by the various political parties.

Our National President, Roy Goodall, along with Anthony Pizzino, our CEO, were in attendance. They provided updates on our advocacy work, the status of our Strategic Plan, and the current work of our Special Committee on Association Structure (SCAS). *con't*



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Rick and Julie, along with Steve Sawchuk, did a stellar job in organizing and hosting the District Meeting. Kudos to our BSC for hosting the District Meeting.

On June 16th to 19th, I attended the Association's Annual Meeting of Members held in Gatineau, Quebec. There will be a report on the outcome and activities in our next Branch Report.

This is an election year both federally and for our Association. For the BC Yukon District, there was one opening for District Director; the position was filled by election at the AMM in Gatineau. Congratulations to our past President, George Scott, on his election to District Director.

For the National President position, there were two candidates. Unfortunately, at the date of this writing, our current president resigned. Therefore, nominations were reopened to close on October 1, 2025, and to re-schedule the president's election during a virtual Special Meeting of Members (SMM), to be held on November 19, 2025.

The Association is a non-profit organization focused on advocacy, relying heavily on its volunteers and members to spread the word. Every one of our meetings addressed Recruitment and Volunteering as being very important to our strength as an advocacy association operating at the branch and national level.

In addition to Board meetings, BC08 holds a number of recruitment events throughout the year. Our members value the social aspect of these events and enjoy reconnecting with old friends while enjoying a good meal. On June 23rd, 80+ members and their guests attended a recruitment luncheon, which included a guest speaker from the Better Business Bureau.

Mark your calendar

Our Preferred Partner, Tradex, will be hosting a luncheon on September 16th.

Our holiday recruitment luncheon on December 11th will include a Volunteer Recognition Event.

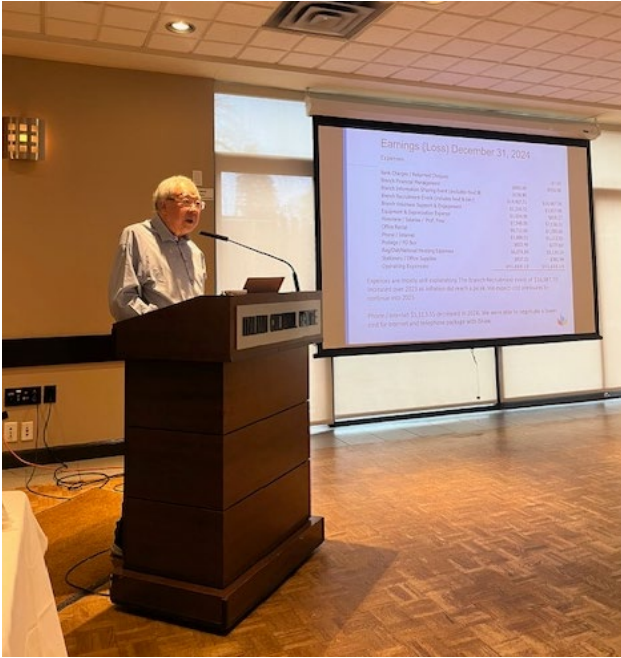
Both events will be held at the Italian Cultural Centre in Vancouver. If you know of recent retirees or ones who may have been retired for some time, please approach them and encourage them to join us.

Enjoy the wonderful summer weather and have a wonderful fall.



Sincerely,
Tom Chang
Branch President

Photo Gallery



Tom Chang delivering his final report as Treasurer prior to his election to Branch President



BC08 members enjoying lunch and camaraderie at the 2025 AGM



New and outgoing Board Members – April 2025



Directors Paul Davis (Yukon) and Danielle Rehm (Secretary) on a rainy-day walk along the Fraser River during Paul's trip to attend the 2025 District Annual Meeting



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sponsored lunch with Tradex

September 16, 10 AM to 2 PM,
Italian Cultural Centre, 3075
Slocan St, Vancouver

Holiday Luncheon and Volunteer Recognition Event

December 11, 10 AM to 2 PM,
Italian Cultural Centre, 3075
Slocan St, Vancouver

Volunteers Needed

Office Assistants - Volunteers are needed to staff our office- one day a month from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Duties include: answering phone calls, providing telephone and address information for pension and insurance offices, making photocopies, sorting mail, checking e-mail, and registering members for meetings and social events. Training is provided.

Event Photographer - Are you an amateur photographer seeking a chance to showcase your skills? We're looking for someone to help document our recruitment events and other activities.

Webmaster - Are you tech-savvy and interested in advancing our online presence? We're looking for a webmaster to help manage and maintain our website.

If you're interested in any of these positions, please call our office at 604-681-4742 or send an email to vancouverbranch@federalretirees.ca.

Vancouver and Yukon Branch Board of Directors

Our Board of Directors consists of seven dedicated volunteers who play a vital role in promoting the association's advocacy and recruitment priorities.

We are excited to welcome two new members to our Board this year.



Teresa Lei



Randall Jason Fox

President: Tom Chang

Vice President: Murray Bryck

Secretary: Danielle Rehm

Treasurer: Teresa Lei

Director: Ian Sanderson

Director: Randall Jason Fox

Director: Deborah Turner

Director (Yukon): Paul Davis

In Memoriam – Jocelan Caldwell

We are saddened to share the news of the sudden and unexpected passing of our colleague, Jocelan Caldwell.

Jocelan was a valued member of our team. She served as a past board president and branch office manager, and she was a familiar face at our luncheons and events. She will be missed and fondly remembered.

