

BRANCH REPORT

BC14 | Sidney & District

UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual General Meeting

February 22nd, 2020
9:30 a.m.

ANAF Veterans Unit 302
9831 Fourth Street, Sidney
Coffee: 9:30 a.m.
(Bring your own cup)
Meeting: 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Agenda

Welcome
Additions/Amendments/
Approval of Agenda
Approval of Minutes February
23, 2019
Board Reports
Volunteer Awards
Election of Directors
Meeting Adjournment
Seniors' Fair in conjunction
with ANAVETS 302

MINUTES & FINANCIALS

Minutes of the previous
Meetings and draft Financials
will be available on our
branch website on February
1, 2020.

If you don't have access to a
computer or printer, hard
copies will be available at the
meeting.

President's Corner

Wow, it is hard to believe we are on the cusp of 2020. It has been a great year for our association.

The focus moving forward remains strong. With the end of the election, so ended the outstanding Bill C27. However, we must be diligent in our fight against any hint of change to pensions in the future.

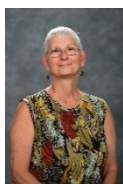
At the time of preparing my report, our membership had dropped by 25 this year. We lost 45 members and we have had 20 individuals join our branch. If you know anyone that is going to retire soon or recently retired, please don't keep our great secret to yourself. Let them know about the benefits of speaking with one voice to the government about the real issues that affect us all.

I am nearing the end of my third year as president and it is time for me to step down. During that time, I have met and worked with many wonderful people in this branch. You are very lucky to have such a great group of individuals to carry out the day to day operations and reflect your feelings and opinions for the greater good. Our Vice-President Ron Weeks has stated he is ready to take the helm and we are ready to welcome him. We are losing our Secretary & Director of Advocacy, Paul Mannion and our long-time Membership Director Patricia Stevens.

So, as you can see there will be a few very key positions that will need to be filled at the next AGM, February 22, 2019.

If you would like to join the board of directors, please let one of the board members know. As you know, if we are unable to have enough people to carry on, we will need to close our branch and amalgamate with the other branches nearest where you live. Please consider joining so that we may offer local support to our members.

I have enjoyed my time as your President and look forward to one more year as the Past President. To all Committee members, Board of Directors, and volunteers, I appreciate your hard work and dedication to this incredible association.



Best of the holiday season and all the best in 2020!

Erika Kanczula
Branch President



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Left to Right: David Stinson, Elizabeth May (G), Sabina Singh (NDP), Ryan Windsor (L), David Busch (C), Paul Mannion, Erika Kanczula
Missing: Ron Broda (PP)



Patricia Stevens and Erika Kanczula travelled to Pender Island and shared advocacy information with residents prior to the election

Branch Activities Leading up to the Federal Election

Our Advocacy Director, Paul Mannion, organised a federal election all candidates forum held at our September 28th General Meeting. The forum was well attended. All parties were represented and given twenty minutes to state their party's manifestos in addition to answering several predetermined questions from our moderator, David Stinson. The questions posed to all the candidates were specific to our association's priorities, namely, Retirement Income Security, Veterans' Welfare, National Seniors Strategy and Pharmacare.

The members that attended were pleased with the information they received.

Visits were made to both Pender Island (Erika & Patricia) and Mayne Island (Ron Weeks, who lives there, Paul Mannion, Erika Kanczula) leading up to the election. This was the first time we have included a couple of our outer islands in our activities. It was well received by our members and the general public that live there and we hope to do that again in the future. Information was shared with some of our seniors' residences and care homes as well in our branch area.

A big thanks to our Advocacy Director, Paul Mannion and his team, David Stinson and Denny Gelinis for all their hard work and putting on such a great event.

Do you have a Pensioners' Dental Service Plan (PDSP) card? I didn't!

Recently, I needed to have a denture repaired and my regular dentist was closed, so I visited a local repair clinic. As I had never been there before the receptionist asked for my dental plan card. I showed her my Sun Life medical card, but she informed me that was only for medical! I didn't own such a card but a quick call to Sun Life remedied that. Before you find yourself in a similar circumstance, contact Sun life for a PDSP card.

Adam

DO YOU NEED A MEMBERSHIP CARD?
If so, contact National Office from the information on Page 4 of this report.

2020 Pension Indexation Rate
Unknown at this time, watch this space.

We no longer use the term "NAFR."
We use the term **"Federal Retirees."**



Looking forward to 2020!

With the election finished the government will start working on their promises. Some of these may benefit us, while others we will need to watch out for. Our role in this association plays a very important part of how the government views us. We must never become lackadaisical. To that end, in order that we keep our ability to contribute at a local level, we will need a few new people to join the board of directors for our branch.

Our Secretary & Advocacy Director, Paul Mannion and long time Membership Director, Patricia Stevens are stepping down at the end of this term. With the change in the Presidency, there will be a few other vacancies as well. Please consider giving some time to the branch in one of these roles. There is support for each position, both at branch level and from our great staff at the national office.

Positions on the Board:

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

President

Vice President – Vacant

Treasurer

Secretary – Vacant

DIRECTORS

Advocacy – Vacant

Members' Welfare

Membership & Recruitment – Vacant

Communications

Programs & Events - Vacant

The Sidney and District Federal Retirees walking group walks will continue this fall/winter season until the weather makes it unpleasant.

Twice monthly walks in and around Sidney will be organised on Tuesday afternoons.



If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Paul Mannion at pmannion@shaw.ca

Or call 250-580-7285

To all the individuals that made 2019 a great success!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!

Peter Chance
Denny Gelinis
Virginia (Jinny) Hambly
Dale Henning
Carolyn Hole
Adam Kanczula
Erika Kanczula
Connie Lougher-Goodey
John MacGowan
Linda MacGowan
Paul Mannion
Paul Peacey
Dick Stevens
Patricia Stevens
David Stinson
Vijay Vyas
Ron Weeks
Bernie Wiebe
Ruth Wiren

Whether your contribution was one time or all year, we cannot accomplish what we do without you! And finally, a very special thank you to the spouses who value the work we do and understand the time that is needed to support all the members within our branch.

The following tables show the breakdown of the contribution rates for the Extended Health Provision (EHP) and the Hospital Provision (HP) with a total amount paid by the retired member each month

PSHCP RETIRED MEMBER MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION RATES AS OF APRIL 1, 2019 RATES: SUPPLEMENTARY COVERAGE

TYPE OF COVERAGE			
SINGLE RATE	EHP	HP	Total
Hospital Level I	\$60.33	\$0.00	\$60.33
Hospital Level II	\$60.33	\$16.56	\$76.89
Hospital Level III	\$60.33	\$45.41	\$105.74
FAMILY RATE	EHP	HP	Total
Hospital Level I	\$119.57	\$0.00	\$119.57
Hospital Level II	\$119.57	\$16.56	\$136.13
Hospital Level III	\$119.57	\$45.41	\$164.98





MEMBERSHIP

As of October 2019, our membership was 1251

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 2019-2020

Directors

President: Erika Kanczula
250-999-3761

Vice-President: Ron Weeks
250-857-5321

Secretary: Paul Mannion
250-580-7285

Treasurer: Vijay Vyas
778-440-1355

Members Welfare: David Stinson
250-654-0244

Advocacy: Paul Mannion
250-580-7285

Membership: Patricia Stevens
250-708-0519

Communications: Adam Kanczula
250-999-3761

Programs/Events: Ron Weeks
250-857-5321

Past President: David Stinson
250-654-0244

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...

Paul Mannion 250-580-7285
Erika Kanczula 250-999-3761
David Stinson 250-654-0244

Communications...

Website & Newsletter
Adam Kanczula 250-999-3761
Public Relations
Erika Kanczula 250-999-3761
Estate Documents
Connie Lougher-Goodey
250-656-7303

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IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS & INFORMATION

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
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