

BC09 BOD MEETING MINUTES

April 7, 2026

We acknowledge that this meeting is taking place on the Traditional Lands of the Lekwungen-speaking Peoples, the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations.

Location: Royal Canadian Legion Branch 292,
411 Gorge Road East, Victoria, B.C.

Time: 9:43 a.m.

In Attendance: Maxine Clarke, Fiann Crane, Jim Dallimore, Patricia Francis, Jennifer Furry, Libby Macrae, David Stinson and Benny Wong

Regrets: Adele McIntosh, Jennifer Furry

Quorum: Yes

Approval of Agenda:

M/ Libby S/ Maxine **Carried**

Approval of Minutes: 03 March 2026

M/ David S/ Patricia **Carried**

1. REPORTS

A. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

1. Association Priorities/Goals and Current Activities – from February-March 2026 Bulletin to Branches
 - a. Review of governance structure – governance effectiveness and branch structure review
 - i. Virtual town hall on the Federal Retirees governance review – March 26
 - ii. Members interested in different kinds of volunteer roles
 - iii. National consultation across all districts
 - b. Three strategic goals:
 - i. Enhance capacity to influence decision makers and inform stakeholders in Canada
 - ii. Increase the Association's recognition and visibility
 - iii. Enhance the sustainability of the Association
 - c. Website Redevelopment
 - d. Public Service Pension Fund Surplus Scooped Again
 - e. Pension Indexation Rate for 2026 is 2%
 - f. AMM June 16-17; President; one observer at the branch's expense; another branch observer on a first come, first-served basis after April 20, 2026
2. March 30 NAFR March News
 - a. 2026 PSHCP monthly contribution rates
 - b. Preferred Partner Program, including Upper Canada Wills & Estates
 - c. Virtual pre-retirement courses

3. District Meeting: May 12 to 14, 2026 in Abbotsford. Branch representatives will need to travel on Mon, May 11 and then return on Thur., three branch reps have registered
4. President's Actions since last meeting:
 - i. Answered and /or referred all e-mails addressed to both the Branch and the Branch President
 - ii. Drafted, finalized and submitted the Branch summer sage insert and Branch listing to NO March 22, 2026; Patricia submitted the In Memoriam listing separately
 - iii. Submitted Branch Annual Report to NO Finance March 30, 2026
 - iv. Submitted Ray Webber's final expense form March 14, 2026 after AGM
 - v. Re: Wellbeing of Solo Retirees Study – In March 19 e-mail confirmed with Wayne Corneil at the Life Research Institute at the University of Ottawa that the survey closed at the end of February. They had over 4400 respondents, many of whom are NAFR members. They are just getting the data ready for analysis and will be sharing results with NAFR national office. They are not producing a single report but rather a series of reports dealing with different aspects of the findings. I have asked that our Branch be on the distribution list for the reports.
 - vi. Forwarded Employment and Social Development Canada e-mails dated March 12 and 31 to branch.

B. TREASURER'S REPORT:

No Report – will meet with Erika for turnover of Treasurer duties. Maxine is looking forward to upcoming training at District meeting.
All members to cc Maxine with our Expense Claims when sending them in.
Maxine will obtain access to CRM as time permits.

C. ADVOCACY: Adele unable to attend meeting. No Report.

D. HEALTH BENEFITS: David

Premiums have gone up as they do each year. No complaints re Canada Life.
National Office has a rep on the Government Committee.
David mentioned that he is picking up mail from our Sidney post box each month.

E. MEMBERSHIP: Patricia

Patricia is having difficulty obtaining the Multi-factor authentication. IT at National Office is helping Patricia to successfully work through this. In the meantime, she has access to CRM to process the Welcome Letters, the Sympathy Cards with Instructions on the Death of a Spouse, updating the Excel Spreadsheet and the Membership Data Base when members change their address, move out of province and pass away.

F. RECRUITMENT: All

Nothing new to report.

G. SPEAKERS PROGRAM: Fiann

List of Speakers over the past six years received by Fiann.

H. WEBSITE: Benny

National website not changed. No point in updating our information until National revises theirs.

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. Laptop Strategy

- Benny spent considerable time updating all computers. However, most directors are content using their own personal computer. Patricia has taken a computer for use as Membership Director.

B. Venues for September and December and speakers

- Benny will confirm rental of the Presbyterian Church in Sidney for the September 8 general meeting.
- Felix Drake from Collette confirmed as speaker. Fiann will find second speaker.
- Patricia received an email from Janet Rendell (jrendell920@gmail.com) that the Victoria Police Chorus will be happy to entertain us at the December 8 meeting
- The Craigflower Community Centre has been booked for December 8

C. District meeting

- Suggest Libby as President, Maxine as Treasurer and Adele attend the meeting in May in Abbotsford.

D. Annual meeting of members in June 2026

- Libby has not received any information re the President's Forum. Three members will attend from our Branch – Libby, Benny and Fiann

NEW BUSINESS

A. Director's Portfolios – positions confirmed. David to coordinate CRM access. Five members per branch can have access to CRM.

B. Storage Locker – Sentinel Storage is where our supplies are kept. You must have a key to access the locker. Benny coordinates access to locker.

C. New Swag to be ordered later in the year.

D. Zoom – National Office pays for this service. Patricia will attend meeting in May via Zoom.

E. Libby submitted the branch's Annual Report to National office.

ROUNDTABLE

- The Vancouver Branch invited us to their Collette Travel presentation. However, we are having our own presentation on September 8, 2026.
- Insurance for Venues – An Insurance Certificate for the church will have to be obtained from National. The Treasurer normally requests this once the Speaker Program Director provides the exact address of the venue. The address should be provided as soon as possible.
- Cookies for Meetings – Jim has agreed to purchase these for all meetings. One package for Board Meetings and six (6) packages for General Meetings.
- Start Time of Board Meetings – The Board Meetings will start at 10:00am henceforth.

UPCOMING BOD MEETING: May 5, 2026

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: September 8, 2026

ADJOURNMENT @ 12:15 pm

M/ Patricia S/ David Carried