

## BC09 BOD MEETING MINUTES

February 3, 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:** 9:30 a.m.

**In Attendance:** Jim Dallimore, Patricia Francis, Jennifer Furry, Elizabeth (Libby) MacRae, Adele McIntosh, J. Ray Webber, Benny Wong

**Regrets:** Erika Kanczula, David Stinson

**Quorum:** Yes

Approval of Agenda:

**M/** Libby      **S/** Ray      **Carried**

Approval of Minutes: January 6, 2026

**M/** Libby      **S/** Ray      **Carried**

Approval of Minutes: January 29, 2026

**M/** Libby      **S/** Patricia

### 1. REPORTS

#### A. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

1. January 14 NAFR Bulletin re: new website coming soon. Short content freeze Jan. 16-Feb. 9. Instructions and training materials will be provided once the new site is live.
2. January 20 e-mail from Renate Sutherland; Leave Behind Advocacy document attached.
3. January 20 e-mail from Elections BC recruiting local leaders for District Electoral Officer and Deputy District Electoral Officer Positions. See website if interested.
4. January 28 message from the national board chair asking for volunteers to serve on the national board
5. January 30 NAFR January News
  - Pension surplus scooped again
  - References an article that looks at key terms in aging and care e.g. "aging in place" and "person-centred care"
  - Interview with Stephanie McLean Canada's secretary of state for seniors - discusses pensions, fraud prevention and health care
  - 2026 Voluntary Recognition Rewards: Nominations will be accepted from any branch or any volunteer of the Association in good standing and must be received at the national office no later than 4 p.m. EST on Friday, Feb. 20, 2026.
6. Libby advised that she has been advised via e-mail dated January 30 that Collette has a new point of contact – Ken Doran. Felix Drake has agreed to speak at our September event.

## **President's Actions since last meeting:**

- Answered and/or referred all e-mails addressed to both the Branch and the Branch President
- Forwarded the e-mail dated January 27 sent to the Branch Website from Employment and Social Development Canada about their Retirement Hub to BODs; Libby will mention at the General Meetings and the AGM
- Referred January 28 e-mail from Renate Sutherland concerning partnering with both COSCO and CARP to the member who asked the question at the September General Meeting
- Prepared three e-blasts for March 10, 2026, AGM; sent first one to NO for distribution January 29; second to be sent Feb. 9-17 and third March 2/3 with AGM agenda and 2025 financial statements
- Confirmed with NO that any volunteer can attend the Finance webinar February 10 and forwarded that e-mail to BODs January 14

### **2. TREASURER'S REPORT: Erika**

The revised budget has not been forwarded by Erika yet. She is meeting with Dorothy Harrower who is reviewing the financial documents for the AGM sometime this week.

### **3. ADVOCACY: Adele**

Adele is planning to get an appointment with the Esquimalt-Colwood MLA, Darlene Rotchfort. She will be talking to Renate Sutherland before the meeting to ensure she is covering all of the salient points.

### **4. HEALTH BENEFITS: David**

No report.

### **5. MEMBERSHIP: Ray**

Ray advised we have 5163 members.

### **6. SPEAKERS PROGRAM: Patricia**

Patricia has paid for the Cedar Hill Golf Course rental. She is also working with a caterer for a light lunch. Patricia has arranged for two microphones so that questions may be asked from throughout the audience.

### **7. WEBSITE: Benny**

Computers – Benny has 3 computers. One is the advocacy computer that is to be given to Adele. The Webmaster computer does not have a microphone, so its use is limited. The other one is ok for meetings. Would everyone please bring their computers in at first meeting after the AGM – April 7 - to determine what is needed for the future.

## **8. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Finance meeting held on January 29, 2026**

As discussed previously.

### **B. AGM March 10, 2026**

- Reviewed AGM draft agenda – Agenda was reviewed and agreed upon.
- Confirm 2025 financial statements – Not yet received updates from January 29<sup>th</sup> meeting. Will review as soon as received.
- Second and third e-blasts with AGM Documents – will go out as scheduled.
- Items for annual President's Report – Libby asked if there was anything we would like her to mention in her Report. One suggestion is to ask about what the

members thing about moving from venue to venue for meetings. Another suggestion is to ask what speakers members would like.

**C. District Meeting on May 12 to 14, 2026, in Abbotsford**

Branch representatives will need to travel on Monday, May 11 and then return on Thursday, May 14. The District will pay for a third person as long as one of them is the Treasurer. Usually, the President goes and the third spot is paid for by the Branch. For now, Libby and Adele will go and the third spot will be for the Treasurer. If the Treasurer is unable to go, then we will pay for the third person.

**D. +55 Lifestyle Expo, May 13**

The Expo is the same date as the District meeting so we will have to decline.

**A. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. General meeting September 8, 2026**

We will have Colette coming to the meeting as our speaker. As mentioned previously, Felix Drake, who is located in Vancouver, will be the speaker on behalf of Colette.

**B. Additional events April-September 2026**

September 8 – Adele will inquire if the Craigflower Community Centre is available. The schedule for our four General Meetings in 2027 was discussed. It was proposed that we have our General Meetings in March, May, September and December. Libby will also raise this issue during her President's Report at the AGM.

**C. Solo Retirees Study**

NO is looking for input. We could ask NO to send out an eblast to our member. Ray pointed out that it has to be put into the Sage in order to reach everyone as we only have around 275 email addresses and have over 5,000 members. Libby will add to the next Sage if it still open.

**ROUNDTABLE**

Even though Ray is stepping down from the Board after 20 years, he will stay on the telephone detail. Shirley has also said she will stay on the phone. Patricia and David also cover the phone. Libby advised she will be away for the March 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting – Benny will chair (agenda items to include confirmation of meeting locations, discuss May meeting). Adele inquired if we should order more goodies for distribution/door prizes at the general meetings. It was agreed that she would look into the cost of purchasing some folding umbrellas.

**UPCOMING BOD MEETINGS:** March 3, 2026

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING:** AGM March 10, 2026

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**M/ Libby      S/ Patricia      Carried**