

BC09 BOD MEETING MINUTES

January 6, 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: 9:40 a.m.

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

Regrets: Erika Kanczula, Patricia Francis

Quorum: Yes

Approval of Agenda:

M/ David S/ Ray Carried

Approval of Minutes:

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1. REPORTS

A. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

1. Libby advised that she had received a communication from the recently elected NO President who provided a summary of her first Board meeting. Libby provided a summary of the information provided.

Website Development

The national board received a preview of the new website. At this point, focus is on populating all the pages with content in both official languages. Branches will maintain the same webpage editing abilities they have today. Over the coming weeks, the website team will be consulting with branches on their website pages.

Governance Structure Review

The board discussed the governance and structure review work underway — informed by feedback received to date. After reviewing the input from both the consultants and the special committee on association structure, the board determined that additional clarity and detail are required.

Pensioner representatives

The national board received reports from the pensioner representatives including the Public Service Health Care Plan (PSHCP) partners committee pensioner representative, the pensioner representative on the Pensioners' Dental Services Plan (PDSP) board and the Public Service Pension Advisory Committee (PSPAC) representative. The board appointed the National Chair to serve as the new PSHCP partners committee pensioner representative.

Strategic Plan 2025-2028

The board received an update on the 2026 operational plan, including an overview of the key initiatives the association will focus on in the coming year such as increasing the quality and quantity of our federal advocacy work and increasing our capacity to advocate effectively and united as one voice.

Advocacy Committee

The advocacy committee recommended an updated veterans well-being position which was approved by the board as follows:

"Canada's veterans — including members of the Canadian Armed Forces and Royal Canadian Mounted Police — deserve more than gratitude. The National Association of Federal Retirees supports timely access to equitable benefits, high-quality care and systems that recognize the lifelong impact of service for veterans and their families. It is critical that proper investments are made to ensure the life of a service member is considered in a holistic way: from recruitment to becoming a veteran and beyond."

2026 AMM

The 2026 AMM theme will be — *Renewal in Action: Shaping a sustainable tomorrow, together*. It will be held in-person June 16 and 17, 2026 at the Hilton Lac Leamy in Gatineau. There are five three-year positions that will come up for election at the June 2026 AMM: BC/Yukon; Prairies/NET; Ottawa/Nunavut; Quebec and Atlantic districts.

2. District Meeting

May 12 to 14, 2026 in Abbotsford. Branch representatives will need to travel on Mon, May 11 and then return on Thur., May 14; three people usually attend.

3. 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.

President's Actions since last meeting:

- Answered and /or referred all e-mails addressed to the Branch/President
- Sent Branch Spring 2026 Sage to NO along with Branch listings Jan. 5
- Prepared e-blast for January 13, 2026, Branch General meeting to be sent by NO Dec.18, Dec. 31 and Jan. 12.
- Invited new Chair of Association, Gisèle Tassé-Goodman, to January 13 General meeting; received no response to date
- Branch Holiday Cards were sent by NO on Dec. 17, 2025

2. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Erika was not able to attend but advised that the revenue has not been received yet and, therefore, the bottom line is better than it appears on the statements. The anticipated amount is approximately \$11,000 and so we would have a loss this year when you factor

in the “pay back” we did for the excess surplus from last year. This will mean that we are spending more on our Branch and eventually it should work out that we won’t owe or will owe a great deal less.

In addition, she requested that we pay two invoices in advance.

It was moved that the Rogers phone invoice for one year totalling \$740.00 and Sentinel Storage invoice for one year totalling \$1570.00 be approved for payment.

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- 3. ADVOCACY:** Adele
Adele is gathering more information about the role and is looking forward to meeting the NO advocacy coordinator Renate at the general meeting in January.
- 4. HEALTH BENEFITS:** David
Nothing to report.
- 5. MEMBERSHIP:** Ray
Nothing to report.
- 6. RECRUITMENT:** All
Nothing to report.
- 7. SPEAKERS PROGRAM:** Patricia
Patricia advised that the speakers are confirmed for next week. She has asked David to look after the food.
- 8. WEBSITE:** Benny
Benny has sent required changes into NO for uploading but they have not been done as of today.
- 9. OLD BUSINESS**
 - A.** Locations for our General Meetings for September 9 and December 8 2026.
Collette will be our guest speaker for the September meeting. Adele will inquire if the Scottish Community Centre is available for both of those meetings.
 - B.** Budget
Jennifer will contact Erika to organize a zoom meeting in late January and will let everyone know day and time.
 - C.** Report on [Housing Supply Needs and Challenges for a Diverse Seniors Population](#)
This will be further discussed at ensuing meetings.
 - D.** January 13, 2026, General Meeting Update
All is organized for the meeting at Mary Winspear. As mentioned earlier, Patricia has asked David to handle the food.
 - E.** AGM March 10, 2026, Update
The documents must be on the website 30 days before the meeting. This will be confirmed with Erika. Both Ray and Erika have advised that they will be stepping down from the Board. Please talk to anyone you know about the Treasurer’s position.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Branch Finance Annual Review Report 2024

Last year's Branch report was sent to Libby and Erika. Evidently, we made an error on the date that we report our reserves for 2025. This will be further discussed at our zoom meeting.

B. Federal Retirees Year End Finance Steps - Webinar Feb 10, 2026, 01:00 PM ET

Both Erika and Libby have been automatically enrolled in the seminar. Jim has asked to be enrolled also. Libby will send the invitation to everyone.

C. Sentinel Storage

We were advised that the office for the storage centre has been relocated to 3934 Quadra Street.

D. Change in procedure for forwarding messages from:

victoriafredwhitehouse@federalretirees.ca

Evidently, due to security reasons there has been a change in the procedure with regard to the above website. In terms of what comes to the website, Libby has to forward them to the President's email address herself rather than them being automatically forwarded.

E. Young at Heart Seniors Expo Victoria - February 4, 2026

This runs from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Tillicum Centre. We will clarify the location before deciding if we will participate.

F. National Director from BC/YT

Scott has advised that he will be running for election to the position. Appreciation was expressed for the time and effort the volunteers expend.

ROUNDTABLE

Benny will attend some of meetings of other Branches to look at opportunities for presenters/activities at our meetings.. Adele will send out information she has received regarding AI and gmail.

UPCOMING BOD MEETINGS: February 3, 2026

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: January 13, 2026

ADJOURNMENT:

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