

BRANCH REPORT

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President's message

Dear Members of the Fundy Shores Branch,

Our branch had a successful annual meeting with the Hon. Lyne Chantal Boudreau, Minister responsible for Seniors and Minister responsible for Women's Equality, in attendance. She mingled with those in attendance, taking questions and then gave a brief speech outlining the provincial priorities for seniors: most of which align with our concerns—improved long-term care for those unable to stay in their homes, reducing the wait times for those needing a family physician, and reducing the wait times at our hospitals.

Also in attendance were two national directors who represent Atlantic Canada.

I am pleased to advise that one of our Fundy Shores Branch board members, Richard Bale, was elected as a national board member at the national Annual Meeting of Members. He replaced Roland Wells, who had been on the national board for the past three years.

Richard lives in St Andrews, having retired to New Brunswick after a distinguished career in the Department of Global Affairs. He will be a valuable member of the national committee of our organization.

Our branch board is now down to eight members, which means we have four vacancies. I am asking if any of you reading this report would consider offering yourselves to be part of the local branch board of directors. We are a diverse and gifted board, trying our best to be a support to all of you and to assist you in any way possible. We are also advocates for issues that are a priority of the national association and in the local area.

At our last meeting held on June 25, the board recognized the importance of fellowship and community gatherings for all of us in this branch. The board has decided to hold at least two fellowship dinners in our geographical area. Please stay tuned! If any of you would consider assisting in organizing such events, please do contact the board.

An important outreach that the board has undertaken is to lay a wreath at the various Remembrance Day services held across our branch. It is important that we remember our veterans and those who made the



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ultimate sacrifice for our country. If you are interested in laying a wreath on behalf of the Federal Retirees Association, please contact any members of our board.

Please go to the national website of the National Association of Federal Retirees to access information about your local board. Here is the link: federalretirees.ca/fundy

All the very best and looking forward to hearing from you.

Geoffrey Howson

President, Fundy Shores Branch