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News from your Manitoba branches

Dear Alanna,

The four Manitoba Branches of the National Association of Federal Retirees have been working closely together to explore new approaches for long-term sustainability and identify opportunities to enhance services for members across the province. Through recent member surveys and updates from our national board chair, many of you will know that the association is undertaking a review of its overall structure. This work is aimed at ensuring members continue to receive strong support, that volunteer roles remain varied and meaningful, and that the organization is well-positioned to thrive for many years to come.

With this national review in mind, the four Manitoba branches (Western Manitoba, Central Manitoba, Winnipeg & District, and Eastern Manitoba) are exploring a possible amalgamation into a single, unified provincial branch which reduces leadership strain, creates a better-resourced branch, and improves administrative support and ties to our national office. This transition would ensure:

- **Local representation:** Representatives will remain in each of our four current main centres to serve local communities.
- **Expanded opportunities:** We will build better advocacy and volunteer opportunities across the entire province with flexibility for volunteers to be engaged with events, communications or recruitment events.
- **Service continuity:** Meetings, recruitment drives and social activities will continue as usual.

Ultimately, we hope this structure will allow our team to operate more efficiently, provide better support to you, and even offer new ways for members to get involved.

What's next? We want to hear from you!

We will be sending out a member survey in early September to gather information on what is important to you and ensure that any change we undertake meets your needs.

Next steps:

- Final revisions of concept design considering input from the member survey.
- Member updates at fall GMs.
- Member vote on amalgamation to one Manitoba branch.

Until then, please have a safe, healthy and happy rest of your summer.

Warm regards,

Your Manitoba branches

Western Manitoba
Winnipeg & District
Central Manitoba
Eastern Manitoba



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