

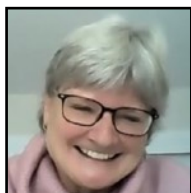
National Capital Region & Nunavut **Communiqué** The CBC Pensioners' National Association



EDITOR'S NOTE: Well, we made it through another winter even though Covid is still around! But the birds are singing and the flowers are sprouting. We have a new regional president in Suzanne Cunningham. We have two new directors on the board in Lyne Marcil and Louise Petitclerc, so we are now 8. Vacant positions include Vice-President, Secretary and 2 directors at large. We're going to do a Lunch & Learn event IN PERSON and look forward to seeing everyone there, finally!



NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hello everyone!

Isn't it nice to see spring arrive?! People are out and about, taking walks, working in their gardens, neighbours chatting with each other, and seeing other people out and about...which is always nice, particularly after these last two winters with covid restrictions.

Although there are different thoughts on whether more or less restrictions should exist with regards to covid, people are going out to restaurants more, and travelling...both within Canada and abroad. Your Board had a good discussion on whether the timing is right for an "in person" event this spring. **We decided to re-introduce an event we had hoped to have a couple of years ago but had to cancel. The event will be one of our "lunch and learn" events at a restaurant. We have guest speakers from one of Ottawa's best-known groups, Merit Travel,** to chat with us about travel. Denise Genge, Director on our Regional Board, has been hard at work getting all of this organized. Look for your invitation soon. We look forward to seeing you at the luncheon.

One other event we are hoping to have **this fall is an in-person pre-retirement information session.** We have asked our good friend Micheline Provost from the Quebec Region to come and deliver this session with us. Several of you have had the pleasure of attending a virtual session with Micheline prior to retiring, so you know how beneficial these sessions are. If you know of any previous CBC colleagues that are contemplating retiring in the near future, please let them know and tell them to get in touch with us. We intend to have the session open to francophone and anglophone participants. We have good news too from our Pension Fund. I would invite each of you to read the March 2022 Communiqué at: <https://cbc-radio-canada-pension.ca> We have a well-managed fund that despite paying more out in pension payments than taking in pension contributions, continues to grow and show a surplus.

I recently retired as Interim Chair of the Recruitment Standing Committee. It was my pleasure to lead a wonderful team of fellow CBC pensioners from across the country. We analyzed and developed recommendations on actions to address membership recruitment. Our recommendations/work plans were submitted to the National Board and approved last June. The Committee will now be Co-Chaired by Debbie Hussey of Newfoundland and Phil Peck from the Ontario Region.

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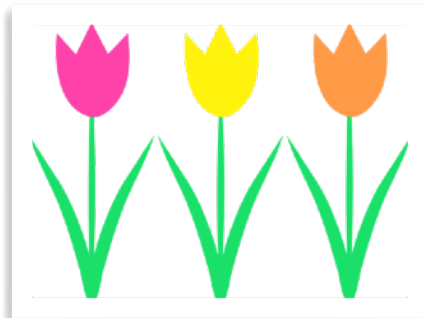
Our Region still needs a representative on this Committee. If membership recruitment is something you might be interested in, please let me know.

This is a good time to remind everyone...our Association runs thanks to the volunteers who step forward and serve on Chapter and Regional Boards, sign up to help out with events, serve on Committees, or help with special projects. Your participation in the success of the Association is needed always! If you are interested in contributing some of your time and your expertise, please let us know.

Finally, we need your help to reach out to fellow CBC pensioners who may not be members and may not understand what the PNA is about. I think our Mission statement says it all: ***"The CBC Pensioners National Association is the sole voice for all CBC pensioners, an active advocate and defender of pensioners' rights, benefits, and a reliable source of information on matters of interest to its membership"***.

Until the next time...have a wonderful summer and stay safe!

Suzanne Cunningham



PNA SPOUSAL MEMBERSHIP

Individuals who receive pension survivor benefits are eligible to become members of the PNA and access all PNA member benefits including the Special Assistance Fund, loyalty programs, discounts and social activities.

They are also eligible to hold office in the PNA and serve on committees. We hope you will join us.

See the form in this package

SPECIAL ASSISTANCE FUND

The Special Assistance Fund (SAF) helps CBC retirees, their spouses and dependents with health care expenses not covered by OHIP or the SHCP. It also offsets the cost of hearing aids and mobility devices. (There are some restrictions)

Contact the CBC PNA staff in Ottawa for eligibility requirements and help in applying. More information and application forms are on the PNA website. www.cbcpensioners.ca



This information was sent to all members recently but in case you missed it...

PNA/CBC NEWS.

Distribution of pension surplus.....what's new

CBC officials have advised the Pensioners National Association (PNA) and the unions that as Sponsor of the plan, the Corporation refuses to distribute any portion of the surplus to employees and pensioners. As reported in the latest communiqué of the Pension Plan, the going-concern funding ratio at the end of 2021 was 167.9%, and the solvency funding ratio was 113.1%, \$700 million.

Does that mean we should get half of \$700 million?

Technically, that would be the case however the agreement only permits retirees and employees to get **an amount equal to the amount CBC would be required to contribute to the plan for the rest of the year. In this case, the amount would be somewhere between \$40 to \$50 million**, i.e. the equivalent of the contribution holiday the CBC is forced to take by law. The CBC also confirmed that it will take a contribution holiday as required by law when the surplus is greater than 105%, according to both the going-concern principle and the solvency principle (i.e. if the CBC were to stop its operations altogether). CBC's annual contribution averages more than \$50 million. As mentioned in the communiqué it sent to employees, the contribution holiday has taken effect on April 21 and will amount to close to \$ 40 million for the rest of 2022.

The confirmation of this surplus gives new urgency to the arbitration begun in February to determine whether the agreement on pension sharing between the CBC, its unions and the PNA is still valid. The PNA and its union partners are challenging the position taken by the CBC that the MOA has expired.

The CBC Pensioners National Association (PNA) and its union partners have asked an arbitrator to take steps to protect our share of the current pension plan surplus. We have asked the arbitrator Dennis O'Connor to instruct the CBC to set aside an amount of money equal to pensioners' and employees' pension surplus entitlement. The interim order referred to as a "preservation order" is being sought to ensure there are funds available in the event the arbitrator ruled in our favour. It's expected a hearing on the interim order will be held within the next several weeks

USEFUL TO KNOW The pension plan provides pensions to approximately 10,000 retirees and surviving spouses. Over these past two years, its assets have grown from \$7 to 9 billion.

The main reason invoked by the CBC for refusing to share the surplus as agreed to in 2009 is that it considers the MOA expired at the end of December 2019.

According to the 2009 MOA, when the CBC has had to make a special contribution to the plan, it has first call on any surplus of the Pension Plan to recover the amounts contributed by covering the solvency funding deficit. This has happened nine times between 2009 and 2021. Given CBC's position on not touching the surplus, it is not clear if the Corporation intends to prevail itself of that possibility.

Last time we got a refund on contributions it was considerably more, around \$134 million, why is it so much less now?

In 2000, when the last sharing occurred, pension valuations of the plan took place every three years. Now they happen every year. Additionally, in 2000 the CBC's contribution amount was higher (60% vs 50 % now). So, the amount paid out in 2000 was basically equal to the amount of CBC contribution holiday over a three-year period.

Why is the PNA not taking the matter to court as it did before?

At the time of the last surplus, the PNA did not have an agreement with the CBC covering surplus sharing so it only had a civil court process available to it. In this case, we have an agreement on how these matters are to be resolved and we are availing ourselves of it. In fact, the arbitration has already begun and is scheduled to continue in September. Of course, if the arbitrator deems the agreement invalid, we will have access to the courts and the unions could grieve.

Why is the arbitration process taking so long?

There is no single answer to that question but basically, it took considerable time to find an arbitrator who met the qualifications demanded by the Memorandum of Agreement. After that, it was a case of finding hearing dates suitable for all parties – the arbitrator, legal counsel, witnesses, and advisors (more than 20 different individuals). It is also not uncommon for arbitration proceedings and for a decision to be provided to take many months. The PNA has advised the arbitrator it will accept any dates proposed in order to expedite the process as much as possible. We are confident the arbitrator appreciates the need for a timely decision.

Is my pension secure?

The dispute over the sharing of pension surplus has no bearing on the overall financial status of the plan and its ability to meet its pension obligations. The plan has assets of more than \$9-billion and is in excellent shape.



A LUNCH AND LEARN EVENT

JUNE 7, 2022

After two years, we are back with an event!

Join us for *lunch and learn* more on TRAVEL

Come and visit with past co-workers!

Also meet with Jackie Moir & Darren Prashad of Merit Travel

Their presentation will include: Group Travel, Travel Tips for Seniors, Long-Stay Holidays, Individual Vacations and so much more. Q&A session will follow.

When: Tuesday **June 7th, 2022** at 11:30

Where: CoBrie International Restaurant, Carlingwood Shopping Centre
2121 Carling Avenue, Ottawa Tel: (613) 680-5040

Cost: \$20.00 per person

Menu: Choice of

Appetizer: Roasted butternut squash soup **or** Carlingwood mixed greens salad

Main Course:

Grilled Atlantic salmon with roasted potatoes, mixed vegetables and citrus beurre blanc

or Chicken breast stuffed with spinach and mushroom, served with mashed potatoes and mushroom velouté

or Penne with fresh tomato fondue and grilled vegetables

Dessert: Vanilla crème brûlée **or** Tiramisu drizzled with chocolate sauce

Coffee, tea or soft drink included

*Arrangements can be made for those who have food allergies or special diets.

Please notify us in advance.

Reservations and meal selection must be received by Wednesday, June 1, 2022

For reservations and/or more information, contact Ann Vachon at 613-820-6500 or by email at anvachon@gmail.com.

The luncheon is open to both PNA members and non-members.

This note has been sent to all members with details on payment options included





In our series on life after the CBC, this time, meet **Louise Petitclerc**. You might know her as the wonderfully personable archivist who lived in the dungeons of the CBC on Queen Street. Louise has always been a very active person on top of a fairly demanding job so on leaving the CBC she just couldn't go from all to nothing.....



Hello, I'm Louise Petitclerc. I worked for 40 years and one month at CBC/Radio-Canada in Ottawa and recently retired April 1, 2021. I have volunteered in my community for 40 years, but am doing more since my retirement. I work for the neighbourhood community organization in Old Gatineau, the soup kitchen Soupière de l'Amitié, the local food bank, Maison de quartier Notre Dame (drop-in shelter). I help out my daughter who owns the Bistro Boutique Multi Vert, an environmentally responsible shop offering local products from Quebec and Canada, located at 865 Maloney Blvd, East. I also help out with my 6 year-old grandson Antoine.

Why do I get involved in these things even more since I retired? I feel that it is very important to be associated with others in improving the quality of life of the people in my community. I have met some wonderful people and made new friends. When I went to my first PNA meeting, the association was looking for people to join the board. Total silence in the room. After giving it some thought, I decided to get involved because to me, it was the same as being involved in my community; its purpose is to improve services to members and to make sure our rights as pensioners are respected.

Retirement hasn't changed much for me; I was a busy person before and still am. Personally, it was an easy transition even though I loved my job, but I was ready to leave. As I see it, I think one has to have a plan because without one, how will you fill your days? Some people have hobbies that they can expand on or different commitments they can devote more time to, see friends, do things they love, look after grand-children, plan trips, outings. Take classes.

Retirement should be a happy, stimulating time, the beginning of a new life. As for me, I'm very happy and I hope you feel the same.



On a Saturday afternoon, a group of boys learned about the importance of being socially active and helping others.

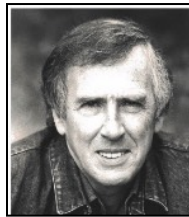
REMEMBERED FRIENDS



Bélanger, Nicole

1939 - 2022, CBC network TV producer, Ottawa

- passed away in Montreal, on April 17, 2022. Nicole is survived by her children Zoë and Eric Sakellaropoulos, her grandchildren Olivier and Alexei Clarke, her brother Richard and Paule Bélanger, her nephew Stéphan Bélanger (Sarah Maneval) and their children Lauren and Samuel Bélanger as well as many relatives and friends.



Parker, Ian

1937 - 2022 Veteran broadcast journalist,

-died in Ottawa on Monday, January 10, 2022. He died peacefully at home with his wife Wendy by his side and just after their son Nick had said good-bye from Tasmania.

Ian MacGillvary Parker was born on November 28, 1937, in Sydney, Cape Breton, the son of Dr. Hardy Parker and Nancy Parker. The loving husband of Wendy Baldwin for nearly 44 years, Ian was the proud father of Nicholas and father-in-law of Philippa, and the doting grandfather of Maxwell and Isabelle, all of Hobart, Tasmania, Australia.

He also leaves behind many relatives and friends who will miss his intelligence, his dry sense of humour, and his perpetually positive disposition.

Ian had a long and varied career as a broadcast journalist. Starting at age 20 reading station breaks at the CBC radio station in Gander, Newfoundland, he worked his way across Canada in a variety of news and current affairs television roles. These included executive producer of CBLT-TV News in Toronto, West Coast correspondent for CTV News in Vancouver, news anchor of CBC Ottawa's Newsday, correspondent with The Journal, host reporter of the CBC program, the fifth estate, and host of the Academy Award-winning documentary, Just Another Missing Kid.

After retiring from broadcast journalism, he earned a Master of Journalism at Carleton University and developed and delivered communications courses to a wide range of clients.



Trépanier, Jean-Marc, réalisateur CBOFT,

-January 23, 2022, age 87. Jean-Marc's professional life was devoted to journalism, from he began at Le Droit, and then as journalist and producer for CBOFT in Ottawa. He is predeceased by his loving wife, Hélène Trépanier, née Germain. He is survived by his three daughters, Julie, Josée (Einell) et Ginette, his grand-children Katrine (Vincent), Mina (Julien), Roxanne (Josh), Maxime, Ryan and Antoine, as well as his great grand-children Maikol, Adeline and Elena. Survived also by his brother Luc (Shirley) and his sister Danielle (Bill), his brothers and sisters-in-law, Jean-Pierre (Suzanne), Marc (Denise), Louis (Gaëtane) and Lise (Bernard). He was predeceased by his sisters Josette (feu Guy) and Suzanne (Ken).



Waddell, Maurice

December 22, 2021 at the age of 86. He was the beloved son of the late Georgette Dion and the late Désiré Waddell and predeceased by his sisters Carole Waddell and Irène Waddell.

Survived by his beloved wife, Lorraine Léger-Waddell, his sisters Thérèse Waddell (Dr Robert Bachand), Marie-Line Waddell and his brother Charles Waddell (Lucie Deneault), many nephews and nieces. Maurice was part of a large group of in-laws; some of which have already passed: late Jeannine Léger (late Guy de Niverville), late Normand Léger (Lorraine Filion), Noella Léger (Dr. Marcel Bissonnette), late Jean-Paul Léger (Pauline Forgues), late Lionel Léger (Claire La Madeleine), Claudette Léger (the late Raymond Dunn, Frank Szabadka), Jean-

Claude Léger (Marie Kennington) and Lise Léger.

If you know of a CBC pensioner who is *not* a member of the PNA please encourage them to join and give them a copy of this enrolment form. Membership dues are 0.32% of a member's gross pension payment. For every \$1,000 of monthly pension, a member would pay \$3.20.



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ENROLMENT FORM – RETIREE

Please print

Name			
Street	City	Prov.	Postal Code
Telephone	Email		

☐ **I wish to join now** (please fill in the remaining sections of this form).

☐ *I am uncertain about joining at this time. I understand that, with the information given above, a representative of Association may contact me and, upon request, provide assistance with the enrolment process.*

I, _____, wish to join the CBC Pensioners National Association and hereby authorize the CBC to deduct monthly membership dues from my pension cheque and remit them to the Association. I also authorize the CBC to provide the Association with such personal information relating to me as the Association may require to facilitate the administration of dues and other services related to the welfare of pensioners.

All personal information provided to the Association by you or by the CBC is held in strict confidence.

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CBC ID (See Notification of deposit, above your name)	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Gender (optional)
Civil Status <input type="radio"/> Single <input type="radio"/> Married <input type="radio"/> Widow/er <input type="radio"/> Divorced <input type="radio"/> Separated <input type="radio"/> Common-Law		
Preferred language <input type="radio"/> English <input type="radio"/> French	Date of retirement (dd/mm/yyyy)	

Spousal information

Name			
Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Gender	CBC Employee <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	CBC Retiree <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

Signature Required _____

Date _____

This form can be mailed to:
The CBC Pensioners National Association
 P.O. Box 8570
 Ottawa, ON K1G 3H9

or press the submit button to send via
 email to info@cbcpcensioners.ca

Submit

...and for surviving spouses who wish to join



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ENROLMENT FORM - SURVIVING SPOUSE

I, _____, hereby authorize the CBC Pensioners National Association to have the CBC deduct monthly membership dues from my pension cheque and remit them to the Association. I also authorize CBC to provide the Association with personal information relating to me that the Association may require in relation to the payment of dues and other purposes related to the welfare of pensioners.

I understand that the monthly membership dues might be modified from time to time by a resolution of the National Convention of the Association.

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Name <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms.	
CBC ID Number	Date of Death Day / Month / Year

Signature

Date

This form to be mailed to: The CBC
Pensioners National Association P.O. Box
8570 Ottawa, ON K1G 3H9 or scan and email
to: info@cbcpensioners.ca

CONTACT US:

Would you like to comment on this or anything else in the **Communiqué**?

We welcome letters to the editor. and content ideas.

Perhaps you have a story to tell – something from your days at CBC , some photos or something interesting you're doing now? Maybe you know of a CBC retiree with a skill to share? Or a retiree we should profile...let us know ...**cbcna.ott.nun@gmail.com** should profile?

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Know any ex-CBC'ers who aren't members of the PNA yet?

Please send this newsletter on to them and their spouses and encourage them to join.



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