



DON'T DELAY!

Dan Oldfield urges all pensioners to get their vote in **now for the latest stage of sharing the CBC pension fund surplus**

For the benefit of all CBC/Radio-Canada pensioners, CBC/Radio-Canada and the CBC Pensioners National Association (PNA) work in collaboration to navigate through the various steps required for surplus sharing.

This message comes from the CBC Pensioners National Association (PNA) which is the official voice for CBC pensioners. It should be noted the PNA has not been provided with any contact information for anyone who is not

a member of the Association. The PNA is solely responsible for the contents of this communiqué. However, its distribution is handled independently through the CBC Pension Plan Administration Team.

Voting to approve the distribution of about \$60 million of our pension surplus is fully underway.

Although online voting began in November, a work stoppage at Canada Post prevented delivery of paper cop-

ies of the detailed information and ballot. As of December 23, 2024, ballots have been mailed to more than 12,000 pension plan contributors.

About 4,500 pension plan contributors have already voted online to support the dis-

tribution, well short of the minimum 8,200 required for approval.

An earlier December deadline for submission is no longer in effect and no new deadline will be set. [**Dan - Page 2**](#)

Dan from Page 1:

If you haven't submitted your ballot yet, please vote "yes" and mail it as soon as possible. And if you know anyone who has yet to act, give them a nudge.

In order to receive the money that is owing to us, two-thirds of all CBC pensioners must vote in support, whether or not they are members of

the PNA. Included in the count are deferred pensioners, meaning those who are not yet collecting their pensions.

If you voted online and did not receive confirmation, please vote again by regular mail. Any duplication will be sorted out through the counting process.

About 6,000 CBC pensioners and spouses are members of

the Pensioners National Association, but more than 4,000 retirees who are not yet members may not be getting timely or complete information. If you know anyone who hasn't joined us yet, please remind them to vote for the surplus payment, and urge them to join the PNA.

<https://www.cbcpensioners.ca/join-us/>

Big questions for Dan

Question – If the Conservatives win the federal election this year, will the CBC pension plan survive?

Dan – The short answer is yes. But how it survives will depend on what happens to the future of the CBC. If, as the Conservative leader has claimed, French services will be preserved, there would be a smaller number of contributors. The CBC Pension Board likely would make changes to its investment strategy, but the plan would continue in its present form. If the CBC/SRC was shut down entirely, the plan would be wound down as there would be no more employee/employer contribu-

tions. It would be managed in a different way although the goal would still be to provide the pensions as promised. We would no longer enjoy the benefit of pension surplus payments because that money would be reinvested, but the plan would continue. Pensions will be paid until the last CBC pensioner dies. Pierre Poilievre has talked about getting rid of the defined benefit pension plan for public servants and moving to defined contribution. That's like declaring war.

Question – What can you tell us about how the CBC is planning for a Conservative government?

Dan – They're preparing some broad discussion papers, but I don't know what the plan is for distribution. The fact is that the CBC is fighting for its life, and it needs to start defending itself. I understand the concern about appearing self-interested, but who isn't? When Poilievre talks about killing the CBC, but saving SRC, that tells me he doesn't know how the Corporation works. He's grossly uninformed and should be educated. And we all need to be educating people and getting ready to put questions to politicians because there is not broad support for getting rid of the CBC.

We need your help

The PNA National Advocacy Committee will be launching a *“Make Our Voices Heard”* campaign in advance of the looming federal election. The committee has prepared a series of discussion papers on issues we believe are relevant to our members. These papers will be rolled out twice a week by email and on our website soon. Now we need your help to turn a passive exercise into action on the ground. We will be sending you the papers in advance of publication so you can be prepared. Here are a few ways you can help:

Create a Chapter or Region committee to take the lead on advocating for your members.

Post the discussion papers on your social media pages. Invite comment.

Reach out to your members for first person stories that support the discussion papers.

Find out who your local allies are and look for opportunities to work together. (retiree groups, issue driven groups, political allies, etc).

Set up coffee or zoom gatherings to talk about the issues. Invite local experts. Seed the ground with the discussion papers.

Look for ways to communicate how your local CBC has bettered your community. What stories did it break or investigate that brought about positive change? Toot the horn! Let people know the value of the CBC and what they'd lose if it were to be defunded.

Who are the prominent leaders in your neck of the woods who came out of the CBC? Promote their stories. Reach out and ask for their support for a strong public broadcaster.

Attend your local all-candidates' meetings and ask questions – either the ones we've suggested or your own. Encourage all your Chapter and Region members to do the same.

Take photos at events whenever you can. Publish them in your newsletters and social media. And send them to us so we can share with PNA members across the country. We need to let everyone know we're on the case.

How can we at the National level help? What do you need from us to put these and other ideas into action?

These are just a few ideas. We know you will come up with more and we hope you will share them with us. We are creating a closed Facebook page for just that purpose. Watch for it. Sign on. Share your ideas. And let's make our voices heard!

You can reach us at advocacy@cbcpensioners.ca or contact committee members individually.

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SPRING THING

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Thurs., May. 22, 2025 <> 11 am - 2 pm <> RBG Centre

680 Plains Rd. W., Burlington, Ont. L7T 4K7

Accessible. Lots of free parking

Tickets \$25 each

Open to all CBC PNA members and a guest, regardless of chapter. Admission tickets must be bought in advance by a CBC PNA member. (You can also buy 50/50 raffle tickets at the same time: 1 ticket \$2 - 3 tickets \$5 - 7 tickets \$10)

Collect *all* your tickets when you arrive at Registration.

>—————> Cut-off date: Thurs., May 8 <—————<

Easy pay - e-transfer to payghchapter@gmail.com. Mail - Cindy Beaty, 2716 Birch Cres., Mississauga, Ont. L5J 4H1. Make cheques out to Golden Horseshoe Chapter CBC PNA.

Advise Cindy of the name of your guest (for name tags).

11 am Reception: coffee, tea, pop, juices

11:30 am Cash Bar

12 noon Buffet Lunch:

Chef's Soup of the Day

Garden Salad with Balsamic Dressing

Grilled Vegetable and Pasta Salad

Deli Sandwiches (turkey, beef, ham, veg wraps)

Assorted Dessert Squares

12:55 pm door prizes

1 pm guest speaker with Q & A



Diana Barbosa has years of experience helping diverse audiences navigate the digital world safely. She has delivered sessions on topics such as common cyber scams, reducing online risks, and staying secure in today's digital age. Diana specializes in making cybersecurity accessible and practical for non-technical audiences, including seniors and community groups.

As part of the **KnowledgeFlow Cybersafety Foundation** team, Diana promotes digital literacy, cybersafety, and community resilience. For this session, Diana will provide valuable insights and strategies to help seniors protect themselves online and enhance their confidence in navigating the digital world.

1:50 pm 50/50 Raffle draw

2 pm event ends

Don't get scammed: protecting yourself from financial fraud



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Unfortunately, as we age, we can become targets for financial fraudsters. However, the good news is that you can significantly reduce your risk by being aware and taking a few precautions. This blog post will arm you with the knowledge you need to stay safe and protect your hard-earned money.

Common scams targeting older adults:

The grandparent scam: A scammer poses as a distressed grandchild urgently needing money for bail, hospital bills, or car repairs. They'll plead with you not to tell their parents.

The romance scam: Scammers create fake profiles on dating sites or social media to build relationships and then ask for money for emergencies or investments.

The lottery scam: You receive a notification that you've won a lottery or prize but must pay a fee upfront to claim it.

The government imposter scam: Someone claiming to be from the CRA, Service Canada, or another government agency demands immediate payment for taxes or fines.

The tech support scam: You receive a call or pop-up message claiming your computer has a virus and must pay for remote tech support.

Ways to protect yourself:

Never give out personal information over the phone, email, or online unless you initiate the contact.

Don't get scammed from Page 5:

Be suspicious of unsolicited calls, emails, or mail.

Don't be pressured to make quick decisions. Take your time and consult with someone you trust.

Verify the identity of anyone who contacts you claiming to be from a government agency, bank, or other organization.

Don't click on links or attachments in emails from unknown senders.

Keep your computer and software up to date with security patches. Shred documents containing personal information before discarding them. Monitor your bank accounts and credit card statements regularly.

What to do if you think you have been scammed:

Contact your bank or credit card company immediately.

Report the scam to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC) at 1-888-495-8501 or online at antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca.

Contact your local police.

Key things to remember:

You are not alone. Many people fall victim to scams.

Reporting scams is important, even if you don't lose money. This helps authorities track down scammers and prevent others from being victimized.

If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

<https://www.mcmasteroptimalaging.org/hitting-the-headlines/detail/hitting-the-headlines/2025/01/14/don-t-get-scammed--protecting-yourself-from-financial-fraud>

Golden Horseshoe Chapter ⁷

Nov. 27, 2024 Holiday Luncheon



Clockwise from top: Wanda Punga (red top) Mark Punga (took most of the photographs but not this one), Jacinda Simpson, Brenda Simpson, Scott Sones, Rose Maycock, Lorri Interisano, Joe Interisano *(Photo by Bob Waller)*

**Right: Nigel Hunt and Charlyn Krahn attended their first GHC Holiday Luncheon. Charlyn went home with the grand prize, a pair of platinum tickets to a Maple Leafs game donated by Pater Mansbridge, a chapter member. Peter also donated signed copies of three of his books.
(Photo by Simon Hunt)**



Photo by Mark Punga

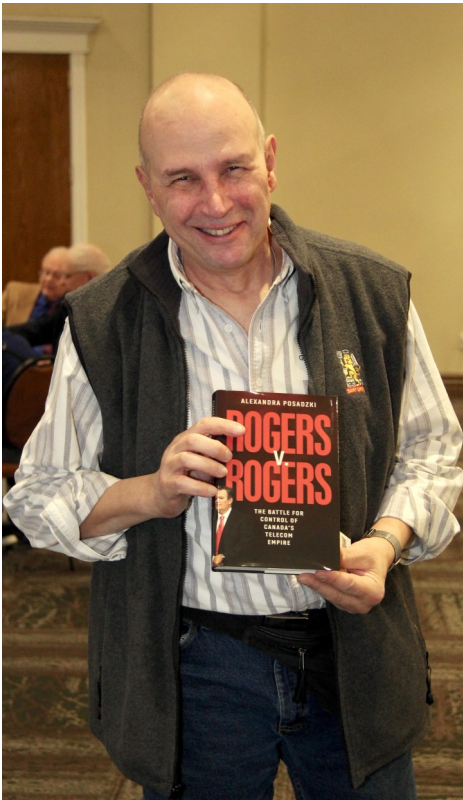
**Left: Bridgit O'Toole presents Neil Avey with a table setting donated by Carolyn Simpson and Charline Durant of Champagne Floral Designs.
(Below) Website: champagnefloraldesigns.ca
Phone: 416-570-1739**



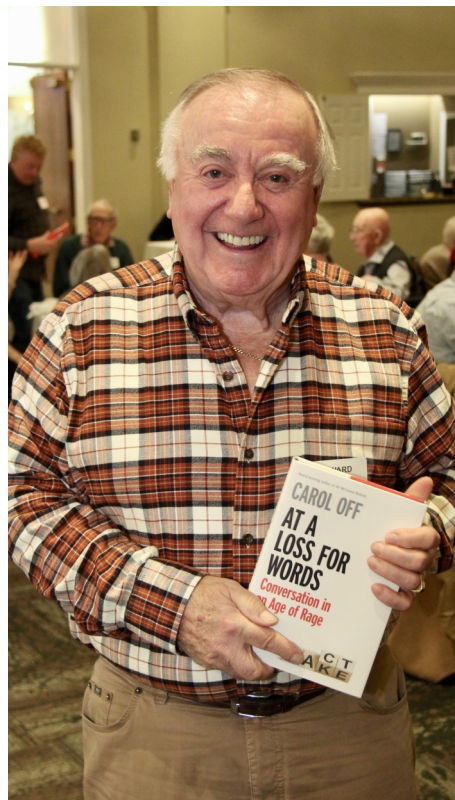
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Books for winter reading 9

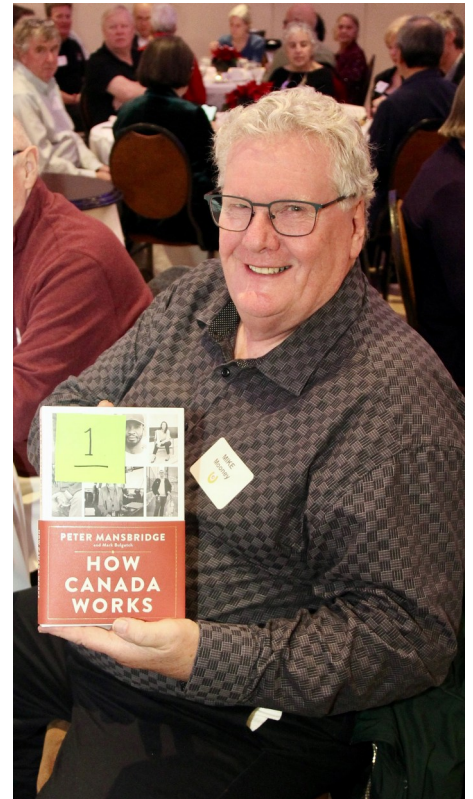
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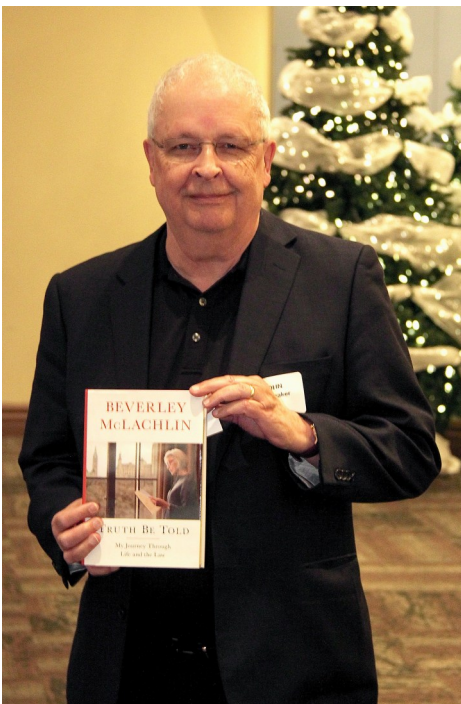
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Howard Simpson



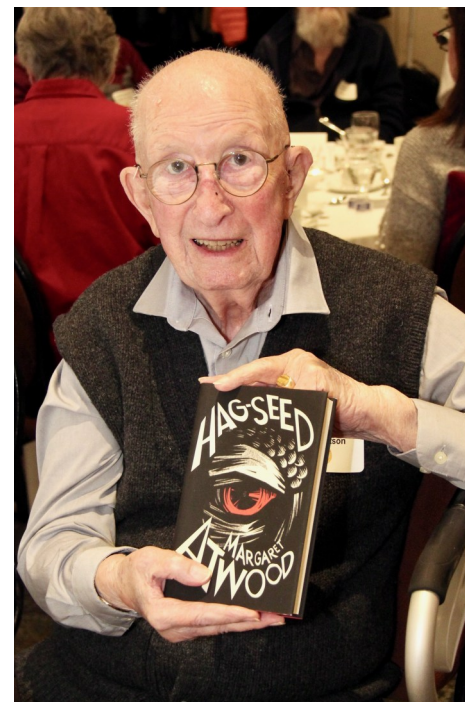
Mike Mooney



John McQuaker



Sharon Easby



Peter Robertson

Photos by Mark Punga



Clockwise from bottom left: Barrie & Marie Andree Bowes, Judy & David Knapp



From left: Nicole Kirouac, Jim Eady, Gerry Zandbergen

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From left: Gail Carducci, PNA National V-P Anglophone; Sue Heddle, former GHC Director who donated a pair of \$50 LCBO gift cards as door prizes.



Kris Konczy

Photos by Mark Punga



Phil Kawasoe with maple syrup donated by Jay Mowat and Clare Booker.



From left: Cathy Patton, Janet Payne, Anna Caton



From left: Charles Davies, Michael Burke, Tom Mulvany Photos by Mark Punga



From left: Jennie Schultz, Bridget Hoffer, Jjim Schultz. (Bridget and Havoc Franklin donated a \$50 Indigo gift card as a door prize.) Photos by Mark & Bob



John Bainbridge won \$237.50 in the 50/50 Raffle



From left: Cindy Beatty, Marie Clarke-Davies, Toni Tosti, Bridget O'Toole



Charles Davies won a giant bottle of vodka from an anonymous donor



Thank you!

The Stratford Festival has been a faithful supporter of the CBC PNA Golden Horseshoe Chapter. Every year it has provided a pair of free tickets to be

drawn as door prizes at our annual Holiday Luncheon. This year the Festival provided a voucher for two tickets to an eligible performance in the 2025 season (Value: \$175). This season features *As You Like It*, *Annie*, *Sense and Sensibility*, *Dangerous Liaisons*, *Macbeth*, *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*, *Anne of Green Gables*, *The Winter's Tale*, *Forgiveness*, *Ran-sacking Troy*, and *The Art of War*, plus 150 events in the Meighen Forum.



Thanks also to...

...the First Ontario Performing Arts Centre in St. Catharines for donating tickets to two productions: *A Celtic Family Christmas* with Nat-alie MacMaster, Donnell Leahy & their seven children and *Choir!Choir!Choir!* presents: *Un-Silent Night*.



And finally, thanks to...

...the Niagara IceDogs for donating four tickets to a game at the Meridian Centre in St. Catharines.





**The CBC Pensioners
National Association**

Preserving our Future, Sharing our Past

**L'Association nationale
des retraités de la SRC**

Assurer notre avenir, partager notre passé

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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.
Membership dues are 0.32% of a member's gross pension payment. For every \$1,000 of monthly pension, a member would contribute \$3.20.

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"/> Widower <input type="radio"/> Divorced <input type="radio"/> Separated <input type="radio"/> Common-Law		
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Spousal information

Name			
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Signature Required

Date

This form can be mailed to:
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 or press the submit button to send via
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