



**MINUTES:** Membership Meeting

**DATE:** February 13, 2024 at 1:30 pm.

**LOCATION:** Unitarian Fellowship of Nanaimo, 595 Townsite Road, Nanaimo

1. **Call to Order:** Lawrence called the meeting to order at 1:30. There were 27 in attendance.

**Acknowledgement**

**I would like to acknowledge that we are gathered here today on the traditional territory of the Snuneymuxw First Nation.**

**Guest Speaker:** Rowena Narayan from ICBC. Print materials were given out. (Enhanced Road Assessments for Seniors. Information and tips for senior drivers. Driver self-assessment. Drivers self-assessment: Answer key, A Guide to Roundabouts. Learn to Drive Smart.) Rowena reviewed each of the handouts. At 80 all drivers must have a medical assessment by their physician. The results of the medical assessment determine if an Enhanced Road Assessment is required. Lawrence thanked Rowena and presented her with a BCGREA mug and pen.

√ Lawrence Johnson - Chairperson	AB Lea Campbell -1st Vice
√ Kathy Torhjelm - Secretary	√ Gloria Johnson - Treasurer
AB Maria Noel – Director	AB Warren McCormick - Mbrshp Direct
√ Chris Crabtree – Director/Phoning	√ Roz Kennedy - Director/Programs

2. **Adoption of the agenda** M/S Roz Kennedy/Gail Moore that the agenda be accepted as presented. Carried.

3. **Adoption of the Previous Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2023** – M/S/C Gail Moore/Brenda Jones that the minutes be accepted as presented.

**4. Correspondence:**

- January 10, e-mail from B.C. Pension Corporation informing that Tax slips are now available on line in “My Account” ([myaccount.pensionsbc.ca](http://myaccount.pensionsbc.ca))
- January 10, issue of Nanaimo News Bulletin article “Elder College rebrands as new non-profit society.
- January 10, issue of Nanaimo News Bulletin article “Prof recognized for medical assistance in dying research” (possible guest speaker -Caroline Varlath.
- January 15, e-mail update from the BC Poverty Reduction Coalition ([www.bcpovertyreduction.ca](http://www.bcpovertyreduction.ca))
- January 16, e-mail from C.O.S.C.O. with minutes of C.O.S.C.O. delegates meeting ([www.cosco.org](http://www.cosco.org))
- January 17, e-mail from B.C.G.R.E.A. announcing the Winter 2023 issue of the association newsletter “The Pen” ([www.bcgrea.ca](http://www.bcgrea.ca))
- January 18, e-mail update from B.C. Health Coalition including, “Primary care out for corporate bid, and Community voice for long-term care funding reform cannot be ignored in favour of for-profit players” ([www.bchealthcoalition.ca](http://www.bchealthcoalition.ca))

- January 19, Seniors Communications <EDSC.COMMUNICATIONSAINES-SENIORSCOMMUNICATIONS.ESDC@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca> latest update from Canada's Minister for Seniors
- January 22, e-mail from B.C. Pension Corporation informing of availability of "Annual Statements", the latest issue of "Pension Life" and "New Security is coming to My Account"
- January 22, e-mail from B.C.G.R.E.A. with regular "Travel Newsletter" from Trip Merchant ([www.tripmerchant.com](http://www.tripmerchant.com)) B.C.G.R.E.A. member password (**BC-GREATM18**)
- January 24 e-mail from C.O.S.C.O. forwarding news item from B.C. Government announcing the appointment of a new B.C. Seniors Advocate Dan Levitt who will succeed Isobel MacKenzie on April 1st, 2024.
- February 2, e-mail from Patrick Harkness B.C.G.R.E.A. 2nd Vice President announcing "safety series" workshops open for attendance (<https://seniorshelpingse-niors.ca>)
- February 5, email from COSCO re newsletter from the Office of the Seniors Advocate highlighting Seniors Advocate activities.
- February 7 – email from the NPF regarding their podcast on the importance of pensions <https://financialfreedompensionsandretirement.podbean.com>
- February 10 – email from COSCO announcing workshop "Stay on the Road" workshop, February 21, 2024 at 1 pm. This will be with the participation of ICBC. To be held via Zoom on Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> from 1 to 3 pm. Use this link to register <https://forms.gle/K5wYDbD625vEbkuY7>
- Announcement that the Federal government that significant \$\$ have been given to assist seniors to be able to live independently.

## 5. **Committee Reports**

- Treasurer's Report (Gloria Johnson) – see attached.
- Special Events – The Legion Branch 256 has been reserved for our luncheon on June 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Membership (Warren McCormick) – DCO's are being taken off February pension cheque. Membership dues of \$20 are now due for those not on DCO.
- Newsletter (Lea Campbell) – no report.
- Telephone – Chris Crabtree – thank you Chris for taking on this role.
- Guest Speaker (Lea Campbell) – Speakers all lined up for the rest of the year.
- C.O.S.C.O. (Lawrence Johnson) – no report
- AGM/Directors' meeting report (Lawrence Johnson) – no report.

MOTION TO ADOPT ALL COMMITTEE REPORTS –  
M/S/C Roz Kennedy/Brenda Jones that the reports be accepted as presented.

## 6. **Unfinished Business:**

- None

## 8. **New Business:**

- Branch Executive has approved the renewal of our membership in COSCO at the cost of \$70 for one year

- Lawrence informed the membership that his last meeting as branch chair will be in June 2024

9. **Good and Welfare**

- Gail Moore and John Kirkhope each won a \$30 Thrifty Foods gift card.

**Next Meeting:**

Tuesday, March 12, 2024, Unitarian Fellowship of Nanaimo,  
595 Townsite Road

11. **Adjournment:** Moved by Peter Kanagan at 2.55 p.m.

<b>#600 NANAIMO/MID ISLAND BRANCH</b>			

REPORT FOR: JANUARY 2024			
<b>OPENING BALANCE</b>		<b>\$7,524.54</b>	
<b>CREDITS</b>			
Dues	\$140.00		
50/50			
Interest			
Social			
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>		<b>\$140.00</b>	
<b>DEBITS</b>			
Hall Rental - Jan/Feb/Mar 2024	\$150.00		
Gift Cards - 2 x \$30.00	\$60.00		
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>		<b>\$210.00</b>	
<b>CLOSING BALANCE</b>		<b>\$7,454.54</b>	
Affiliation Dues Payable			
Jan 2024	\$140.00	July	\$0.00
Feb	\$0.00	Aug	\$0.00
Mar	\$0.00	Sept	\$0.00
Apr	\$0.00	Oct	\$0.00
May	\$0.00	Nov	\$0.00
June	\$0.00	Dec	\$0.00

Sub Total	\$140.00		\$0.00
<b>TOTAL AFFIL DUES OWED</b>	<b>\$140.00</b>		