



Cariboo Branch 1700 Summer 2025 Newsletter

(Honoured to live in the lands of the Tsilhqot'in, Secwepemc, St'at'imc and Dakelh First Nations)

Spring turns to summer and we are glad to see those leafy trees and beautiful Cariboo lakes!

Branch News: Branch 1700 continues to evolve. Our Branch Treasurer Pat Egan stepped away and Arnold Jenner stepped into the Treasurer position. Big thanks to Pat for his work and welcome to Arnold to the Branch Executive. We are still looking for a secretary - light duty!

Branch Meetings:

Quesnel: The Branch held a meeting in Quesnel & District Seniors Centre **February 18**, where we discussed Pension/benefits and the 2.6% adjustment in January. Speakers from the North Cariboo Agricultural Marketing Assoc. gave a presentation on their incredible local food providers, food sustainability and their impact on the Cariboo economy. Attendees received vegetable seeds, candy and BCGREA pens in their swag bags.

100 Mile House: The Branch held a meeting on **June 24** at the Creekside Seniors Centre in 100 Mile House where we covered the AGM and shared our motion to allow employed pension contributors to become a member of the BCGREA prior to collecting a Public Service pension. The motion was forwarded to the BCGREA Recruitment and Retention committee for further review. Currently only about 10% of retirees belong to BCGREA and it is important to grow the BCGREA membership in order to support the Trustees and general health of the pension plan and benefits. Attendees received swag bags with notepads, candy, CRD emergency handouts and CRD emergency bags. The Cariboo Regional District (Jessica Kozuki, Ilene Israel and Leanne Rivet) presented information on Cariboo Emergency Planning. See below!

Next Meeting in Williams Lake Fall 2025

Cariboo Floods, Fires, Landslides and other Emergencies!

Visit the CRD offices for **Emergency Guides** and a **free ziplock Document Bag**.

Register for the Cariboo Emergency Voyent alert system by calling 1-800-665-1636 or <https://ca.voyent-alert.com/vras/client.html#!/registration>

Update your **Emergency Plan** for yourself, family, pets and disabled folks.

FireSmart your home and register for a **free** CRD FireSmart home assessment with Travis Flanagan 250-855-4067 or

<https://firesmartbcplatform.ca/request-home-inspection?agency=RD%20Cariboo>

AGM - April 30, Tsawwassen : Branch 1700 executives George Foisy, co-chair, Michelle Schilling Membership Director attended as voting representatives and Arnold Jenner, new Treasurer attended for the training. Harlan Ens, BC Investment (BCI) representative explained how their non-profit organization invests our pension funds to provide a solid return for the long term with paying the pension as the first priority. The Green Shield representative explained they are also non-profit and continue to shop for better medical and dental benefits for retirees.

Dr Rich Brown, Collegiate Digital discussed the results of the BCGREA 2025 Membership Survey. Many retirees participated at the survey and they indicated positively on the Branch meetings, newsletters and the whole BCGREA organization.

Summer Travels

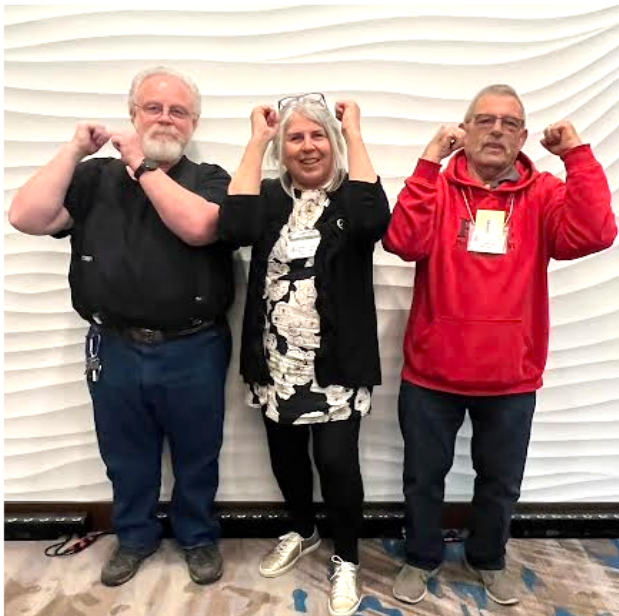
Summer Travels are a wonderful way to recharge and see unique places. Hwy 26 was repaved last year to provide a smooth and scenic drive to Wells and Barkerville. Hwy 20 is a long and stunning drive through the vast Chilcotin to Bella Coola. So many friendly and beautiful places such as the new Northern Secwepemc Cultural Centre at the 108 Mile Heritage site. Check out the local Information Centres, Parks, Farmers Markets and Festivals for the best eats, and adventures. Keep your auto roadworthy, check Drive BC for road conditions and keep an emergency kit with extra water and food. Have a great summer everyone!!!



CRD Emergency Reps with
Rose Mills BCGREA winner
Emergency 72 hr bag on
June 24



BCGREA Members and reps from the North Cariboo Agricultural Marketing braved a snowstorm on Feb 18!



Elbows Up! Arnold, Michelle, George at the AGM in Tsawwassen April 30