



MINUTES: Membership Meeting

DATE: November 18, 2025

Location: Unitarian Fellowship Hall, 595 Townsite Road, Nanaimo

1. **Call to Order, 1:30 pm**

Roz Kennedy chaired.

"I would like to acknowledge that we gather here today on the traditional territory of the Snuneymuxw First Nation."

There were 28 members present.

2. **Stuart Morgan-** Executive Director of the BC Public Service Plan. Goal of the plan is to provide life long income to those retired from the public service. The board of trustees has a joint trusteeship comprising both the employer and the employees. COLA – a valuable feature of our plan. The first priority is to make sure everyone gets their monthly pension on time and the second priority is COLA which becomes part of your monthly pension going forward. The third priority is to invest funds in a manner that will sustain the pension, and fourth is to provide health benefits. The majority of pension received each month comes from investments (BCI).

Your pension is safe – It is a very healthy plan.

Extended Health – While working the employer pays. After retirement you pay. There will never be enough to cover everything. The plan's philosophy is to prevent your having a catastrophic financial event because of a health issue. Prescription drugs are the highest cost. Greenshield is the administrator of the extended health plan.

There were many thoughtful questions which Stuart answered.

Contact information: please see attached at the end of the minutes.

3. Executive Roll Call

✓ *Lea Campbell* – Chairperson

✓ *Roz Kennedy* – 1st Vice-Chair/Programs

✓ *Kathy Torhjelm* – Secretary

✓ *Warren McCormick* - Membership/Treasurer

✓ *Chris Crabtree* – Phoning Committee

AB *Maria Noel* – Director, Special Events

4. Adoption of the Agenda: M/S Lawrence Johnson and Barry Zacharias. Carried.

5. **Adoption of the Minutes of the last meeting:** October 14, 2025. M/S Judy Lynk/ Pat McCue. Carried.

6. **Correspondence:** Invoice from the BCGEU for the mailing of the latest newsletter for \$61.50. Paid.

7. **Treasurer Report** – Current balance is \$ 3649

8. **Membership Report** - . Warren reported our membership at 530

9. **Telephone Co-Ordinator Report** – *Chris Crabtree* – all is good.

10. **Merchandising** – See Roz if you wish to purchase items

11. **Special Events** –

Christmas Luncheon – December 9th at Rickys (Nicol Street) at 12:30 with lunch served at 1:00 pm. Tickets are available - \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members. E transfer to Warren at warrenmcc@shaw.ca

Motion to accept reports – M/C Barry Zacharias/ Peter Kanigan. Carried.

12. **Guest Speaker** – Lea Campbell – Our speaker in January is Rowena Narayan from ICBC

13 **Unfinished Business:** None

14. **New Business:** We will discuss at our January meeting the possibility in providing the executive with complimentary meals in lieu of honoraria.

15. **Good and Welfare Door prizes** - Patricia Dumond won a \$30 grocery card; and Penny Smidts a BCGREA bag

16. **Next Meeting**

Next Membership meeting date will be **January 13, 2026**

Location: Unitarian Fellowship Hall, 595 Townsite Road, Nanaimo

The speaker will be Rowena Narayan from ICBC

Reminder that the previous month's minutes can be found on the BCGREA.ca website.

Today's minutes will also be added.

17 **Adjournment** – On a motion of Barry Zacharias at 3:00 p.m.

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Web: www.olhi.ca

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