



MINUTES: Membership Meeting

DATE: April 14, 2025

Location: Unitarian Fellowship Hall, 595 Townsite Road, Nanaimo

1. Call to Order, 1:30 pm

Roz Kennedy Chaired.

There were 24 members and guests presentz

2. Guest Speaker – Dan Levitt - BC Seniors Advocate - He spoke on the role of office. It is an independent office of government and advocates for the rights of seniors. A real person answers the phone when seniors call.

They monitor seniors' issues and trends. The good news is that BC seniors are aging (as opposed to the alternative). 95% of seniors over 85 live independently. The not so good news is that 13% applied for subsidized rent and 7% were granted. The other big issue is home support -1 hour per day costs \$30,000 per year – Alberta and Ontario do not charge.

Dan presented many other statistics and answered many questions. He agreed he will come again in two years, so we will arrange that. Roz presented him with a gift bag that included Nanaimo bars.

3. Executive Roll Call

√ *Lea Campbell* – Chairperson

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

√ *Kathy Torhjelm* – Secretary

√ *Warren McCormick* - Membership/Treasurer

√ *Chris Crabtree* – Phoning Committee

√ *Judy Lynk* - Director

As the meeting focused on the speaker, we did not have a business meeting.

4. The member are encouraged to purchase tickets for the Spring Luncheon at the Legion on June 9th. Tickets are \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members.

5. The speaker for our next meeting on May 12th will be Lana Cuddeford and Brannan Janaszak from Hearing Life.. Please attend and bring books to trade for our exchange table.

16. Adjournment – On a motion of Pat McCue at 2:49

Dear NPF Affiliates, Members and Friends,

This House of Commons petition aims to make funerals more affordable by increasing the CPP Death Benefit, which has been stuck at \$2,500 since 1998 even though funeral costs have more than doubled.

The petition will close March 17. It will be tabled in the House of Commons and requires a government response. The greater the number the signatures, the stronger the message to parliament.

Please consider signing the petition and sharing it with your family, friends and colleagues. Your help in signing this petition helps send a strong message that dying with dignity is an affordability issue for all Canadians.

Don't forget to reply to the House of Commons confirmation email you will receive to authenticate your signature.

Please also consider contacting local MPs about this issue since more than petition alone will be needed to accomplish this change.

Thank you for your consideration,

See the petition link here:

<https://www.ourcommons.ca/petitions/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-6959>

Best regards,

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I acknowledge, with gratitude, that I present to you from the unceded traditional territory of the Three Fires confederacy of First Nations, comprising of the Ojibway, the Odawa, and the Potawatomi.

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