

## **MINUTES**

**SPEAKER:** The Canadian Dental Plan. Aileen Mittoni is a Citizen Services Specialist with Community Outreach and Liaison Services at Service Canada providing general information regarding Service Canada's programs and services and helping facilitate access to these programs and services.

- Plan was conceived in 2023
- Available only to those who have no access to any other dental plans
- However, if you turned down participation in a dental plan when you retired but opted out before Dec 11, 2023, you MIGHT be eligible
- Available to those with a maximum \$90,000 annual income; income taxes filing must be up-to-date
- Look at Canada.ca for the most updated information
- Apply online
- Look on the Canada Benefits Finder to search the benefits you may qualify for

- 1. Call to Order:** 1:03 pm
- 2. New items/Adoption of Agenda:** M/S/C
- 3. Adoption/Correction of Minutes:** from December 8, 2025 M/S/C
- 4. Reports:**

**President:** Wilf Brodrick

- BCGREA annual meeting April 23, 2026. Will be available via Zoom
  - o Workshops on April 22 for treasurers, membership, merchandising, etc.
  - o The Branch can send 2 delegates, which will be elected at our February 9<sup>th</sup> meeting
- Branch funding – will not be increasing
- If our Branch, which is very active, needs a bit more funding to cover our programs, we can submit a budget to the board
- Johanna Morrow, BCGREA treasurer and a director on the BCPA, has told the BCGREA that the pensions is at 125%
- Defined pensions (like ours) have to have 110% in them to cover all the pensioners forever

**Vice President:** Renee Poley

**Secretary:** Carol Paulson – not present

**Treasurer:** Gerry Nelson  
\$2577.82 in the VanCity account

**Membership:** Janice Leonard

- 702 members; 3 new members; 1 deceased
- 38 members pay directly; 10 still to collect

**Merchandising:** Janice Leonard

- check it out on the table or online
- ordering small batches of merchandising
- reviewing the logo

**Newsletter:** Janice Leonard

- next letter to be circulated at the end of January/early February
- editor is looking for your stories
- the Pen is also looking for your stories

**Phoning:** Chris Roberts – no report

**Good and Welfare:** Surrindar Angl – 2 get well cards sent

**Outdoor Ramblers:** Benita Antonio – next walk is at the end of March

**Convenor:** Catherine Pritchard, Diane Felgate, Lynn Schneider, Sheila Zeiner – no report

**Guest Speaker Committee:** Darryl Walker, Judy Gill, Margaret Mubanda, Benita Antonio  
Feb 9 – second Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday is Family Day – reverse mortgage

**COSCO:** Wilf Brodrick, Renee Poley, Margaret Mubanda

- o Cosco is celebrating 70 years in business

**Motion to accept all reports: M/S/C**

**5. Old Business:** nil

**6. New Business:**

- Moved that the branch nominate Lou Gaudet at the BCGREA AGM to be designated as an 'honoured member' in acknowledgement of Branch leadership, including 14 years as Branch treasurer.

**M/S/C**

**7. Registration:** Marina Stevens

- 46 members and 1 guest

**8. Member Donation:** Marina Stevens

- \$41.55

**9. Adjournment:** 2:47 pm

**2026 meeting schedule:**

**2026:**

Feb 9 – second Monday. 3rd Monday is Family Day

March 16

April 20 - Easter is the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday

May 11 – second Monday. 3rd Monday is Victoria Day

June 15 – summer social

September 21

October 19

November 16

December 7 – first Monday to avoid being too close to Christmas

**ADOPTED: 2026.02.09**

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