BCGREA Branch 2100 Surrey Langley Langley/Surrey Branch 2100	September 21, 2026 1-3 pm Royal Canadian Legion, 17567 57 Ave, Surrey

MINUTES

SPEAKERS: Representatives of service clubs share their history, mission and meaningful projects.

- **Lions Club - John Moralek,** Linda Deroche**,** President Surrey Central 2026-2027, and Robin Woolmer
  - Support for childhood cancer, environment. Leo clubs for youth.
  - Responds to international disasters
  - 40,000 clubs, 1.4 million members
  - Advisory committee was an original signatory on the UN charter
  - Lions Foundation funds projects upon application.

- **Rotary- Isabelle Martinez Hayer,** Immediate Past District 5050 Governor
  - The volunteer community is important to communities
  - Rotary has 1.2 million members; 36,000 clubs, in 200 countries.
  - Purpose : support lasting change across the globe, in communities, in ourselves.
  - Focusses: water, community, maternal health, environment

- **Soroptimist International Western Canada Region - Governor Shirley Stewart** (SI of the Langleys)
  - Established 1921, in California. 120 countries. First one in Canada 1926 in Vancouver.
  - Local service and global advocacy
  - Focusses: human rights, education, economic, violence against women
  - 'Dream it; Be it' program
  - 'Live your Dream' awards.
  - 'Uplift' program – remove obstacles (violence, trafficking, single parents, period poverty)

Specific donations that are part of ongoing initiatives have been requested by:
Soroptimist International - sanitary products (pads, tampons and incontinence pads for seniors)
Lions Clubs – unused prescription eye glasses

Call to Order: 2:15 pm

1. **New items/Adoption of Agenda: M/S/C**
2. **Adoption/Correction of Minutes:** June 15, 2026 **M/S/C**
3. **Reports:**

   President: Wilf Brodrick
   -expect a survey looking for topic ideas and speakers for Branch meetings; as well as an invitation to present to us yourself e.g. travel, hobbies, expertise
   - reminder that Branch elections will be held at the November meeting for:
     a. President
     b. Secretary
     c. Director at Large

d. Director at Large

- Provincial Constitution and Bylaws
    - Definition of director – proposal to change 'Table Officers' into 'Directors'. They would run the day to day
    - Proposing Branch chairs and one other elected member of the Branch to be 'Voting Members'
    - proposing to hold two general Meetings a year; an AGM in person, in April and one general meeting, via Zoom in October.
    - Re: resolutions for AGM – proposed that Branches pass resolutions at a Branch meeting, forward to Resolutions Committee, for preparation for the general meeting
    - The Society Act requires Notice for AGM up to 60 days ahead of the AGM. Proposing that a preliminary notice of meeting will be circulated 120 days ahead of the AGM, with instructions to submit resolutions within 45 days.
    - ¾ vote is required to pass these proposed changes to the Constitution; at the AGM in April
    - Branch chairs will continue to meet via Zoom
- -"Public Sector Pension Group Working". 4 pension plans (BCGREA, Teachers, Municipal, College Pension Plan Retirees) are working together for better communication with the Pension Corp, including improving pensions and benefits.
- - Table Officers meeting – modest improvements to extended health are coming
- -Joanna Morrow has been appointed to the Pension Corp communications task group
- - The Pension Fund is 121% funded. CRA rules don't allow the plan to go above 125%. An option to direct excess funds is to establish programs that benefit future and current pensioners.
- - Financing for Branches. An adhoc committee for financing the Branches has been struck, with lots of volunteers
- - Directors meeting October 14.

Vice President: Renee Poley N/A

Secretary: Carol Paulson - No report

Treasurer: Gerry Nelson

- account
  Opening Balance: **$3,505.21**
  Revenue: **$59.50** Member donation for M.O.W.
  Expenses: **$1114.58** Meeting: room rental & food; bank charges; meeting supplies-printing
  Closing Balance: **$2450.13**

- Wilf has booked the 2027 dates at the Legion. The price is staying the same for 2027.
- **M/S/C**

Membership: Janice Leonard

- 707 members, 7 new, no transfers, 1 deceased, 0 resignations
- KPU TALK

Merchandising: Janice Leonard

Nothing new

Newsletter: Janice Leonard

End of November. Need articles, photos

Phoning: Chris Roberts - No report

Good and Welfare: Surrindar Angl N/A

Outdoor Ramblers: Benita Antonio

- October 22 Thursday Tynhead
- The last walk at Brae Island had 13 people attending. One was a BCGREA member of 35 years, who said the walk was the first event he has ever attended.

Convenors: Catherine Pritchard, Diane Felgate, Lynn Schneider, Sheila Zeiner - No report

Guest Speaker Committee: Benita Antonio, Darlene Jamieson

- The committee needs a few more people in order to spread the load. Please contact either Benita or Darlene
- Dates:

  October 19 – tai chi
  November 16
  December 7 social – on the first Monday to avoid being too close to Christmas
  January 18, 2027.

COSCO: Wilf Brodrick, Renee Poley, Margaret Mubanda – no report

Motion to accept all reports: M/S/C

4. **Old Business:** Nil

5. **New Business:**
   a. Honoraria for Branch executive
      - Deadline for application to Provincial Treasurer was Sept 15
      - In early August, Branch 2100 exec members declined Honoraria for 2027
      - Add to spring 2027 Leadership agenda for the 2028 application

6. **2027 MEETING DATES**
   i. January 18.
   ii. February 22. (Feb 15 is Family Day in BC)
   iii. March 15 (Easter Monday is March 29)
   iv. April 19
   v. May 17 (Victoria Day is May 24)
   vi. June 21 – summer event
   vii. September 20
   viii. October 18 (Thanksgiving is Oct 11)
   ix. November 15
   x. December 13 (second Monday)

7. **Registration:** Marina Stevens
   48 members, 7 Guests

8. **Member Donation:** Marina Stevens
   $48.00

9. **Adjournment:** 3:05 pm

ADOPTED: 2026.10.19