

BCGREA Branch 2100 Surrey Langley Langley/Surrey Branch 2100	January 19, 2026 1-3 pm Royal Canadian Legion, 17567 57 Ave, Surrey
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Draft 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 9th 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
- About 10 members pay directly

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: Surrendar 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. 3rd 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 1st 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