

BCGREA Branch 2100 Surrey Langley Langley/Surrey Branch 2100	September 21, 2026 1-3 pm Royal Canadian Legion, 17567 57 Ave, Surrey
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Draft 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
 - o Definition of director – proposal to change ‘Table Officers’ into ‘Directors’. They would run the day to day
 - o Proposing Branch chairs and one other elected member of the Branch to be ‘Voting Members’
 - o proposing to hold two general Meetings a year; an AGM in person, in April and one general meeting, via Zoom in October.
 - o Re: resolutions for AGM – proposed that Branches pass resolutions at a Branch meeting, forward to Resolutions Committee, for preparation for the general meeting
 - o 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.
 - o 3/4 vote is required to pass these proposed changes to the Constitution; at the AGM in April
 - o 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

- o 707 members, 7 new, no transfers, 1 deceased, 0 resignations
- o 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
 - o Deadline for application to Provincial Treasurer was Sept 15
 - o In early August, Branch 2100 exec members declined Honoraria for 2027
 - o 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