



AFFILIATE OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CN PENSIONERS' ASSOCIATION INC.

APRIL 2023 NEWSLETTER

1. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I want to bring you up to date on a number of changes within the Council and to update you on our plans for 2023.

There are changes with regard to the makeup of the council's executive committee positions. Dave Bradshaw and I have traded positions. I am now President and Membership Chair while Dave is Past President and Treasurer. Wayne MacFarlane has taken on the position of Vice President.

Dave has been the mainstay as President of the Toronto Council. He has led it for many years, including the difficult pandemic years and kept it on a steady course. His contribution to the Council has been important and that will continue in his role as Treasurer. Thank you, Dave.

Thank you also Wayne for stepping up as Vice President. Wayne has already provided great leadership in organizing the golf tournament and with our plans for 2023.

You should also know that Nancy Zajacz has taken on another CNPA role as National Membership Co-Chair. This involves working with the other Co-Chair setting up new members and helping to maintain the data base of the 30,000 plus CN pensioners.

Your Toronto Council executive committee has been busy working on activities that are intended to bring our members together socially. For 2023, we have 5 social activities planned. These include, 5 pin bowling, the golf tournament, a Blue Jays game, curling and a Christmas luncheon, the details and applications for these events can be found in this and future newsletters.

We also plan to hold four meetings, one of which will be our Annual General Meeting. They will be held in April, June, August and November. Details on dates and locations will appear in the newsletters. Although we would like members to attend as many meetings as possible, we will hold them in various locations around the GTA to allow members to attend one nearest to where they live. Their intent is to inform members, exchange ideas and provide a chance to meet socially. Because we plan to include a light lunch for those attending in person, we need people tell us of their intentions to attend.

We will also attempt to make these hybrid meetings using ZOOM for those who would prefer to attend online so to do this, the Council will be purchasing a ZOOM subscription. Either way we look forward to seeing and hearing from you.

Ron Charles

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2. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday April 19 – 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm (light lunch included)

Location: Whitby Curling Club

Address: 815 Brock Street North, Whitby Ontario

Please send an email or call if you will be attending this meeting.

Contact: Ron Charles

Email: charlesron.cnpa@gmail.com

Phone: 905-884-5470

Please indicate how you intend to attend.

- A) If in person, so we can provide enough food for the light lunch
- B) If by ZOOM, we will need your email address to send you the link

3. TORONTO COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – CONTACT INFORMATION

President	Ron Charles	Tel: (905) 884-5470
Secretary	Nancy Zajacz	Tel: (905) 836-2266
Vice President	Wayne MacFarlane	Tel: (416) 846-8169
Past President	Dave Bradshaw	Tel: (905) 763-8754
Treasurer	Dave Bradshaw	Tel: (905) 763-8754
Membership Chairperson	Ron Charles	Tel: (905) 884-5470
Newsletter Editor	Mark Hallman	Tel. (416) 686-6192
Director	Gunn Lee	Tel: (416) 588-2901
Director	Aubrey Gill	Tel. (416) 574-3445
Director	Lou J. Lisi	Tel: (647) 284-9646
Director	Vacant	

The committee has a director vacancy. If you are interested in joining us, we would be more than happy to have you. Please give this some consideration.

4. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

The following is a list of what we have planned for 2023. We are trying to make it easier for people to attend by holding the meetings and events in various locations around the GTA. We have details on some of them and as we finalize the plans for the others, they will appear in upcoming newsletter editions. If you know of a location that would be ideal for us to hold a meeting or event activity you would like to be involved in, please feel free to contact a member of the executive committee.

Spouses are always welcome to attend the meetings and events.

MEETING - Wednesday April 19 – 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm (light lunch included)

Location: Whitby Curling Club

Address: 815 Brock Street North, Whitby Ontario

Contact: Ron Charles

Email: charlesron.cnpa@gmail.com

BOWLING – Thursday May 18 – 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm (pizza lunch included) – see page 6 for sign-up form

Centre Bowling Lanes

John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre

4300 Cawthra Road, Mississauga, Ontario

Contact: Aubrey Gill

Email: 1943aubrey@gmail.com

MEETING – Wednesday June 7 – 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm (light lunch included)

Location: To be determined

Address:

Contact: Ron Charles

Email: charlesron.cnpa@gmail.com

GOLF – Tuesday June 20 – Tee times starting at 11:00 am (lunch included) – see page 7 for sign-up form

Rolling Hills Golf Club

12808 Warden Avenue, Stouffville, Ontario

Contact: Wayne MacFarlane

Email: wmacfa8169@rogers.com

MEETING – Wednesday August 30 – 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm (light lunch included)

Location: To be determined

Address:

Contact: Ron Charles

Email: charlesron.cnpa@gmail.com

BLUE JAYS GAME – Sunday September 10 -

Rogers Centre Toronto

Details to follow in future newsletter.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – Wednesday November 1 – 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Location: To be determined

Address

Contact: Ron Charles

Email: charlesron.cnpa@gmail.com

CURLING – Thursday November 16 – 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Richmond Hill Curling Club

121 Elgin Mills Road, Richmond Hill, Ontario

Contact: Ron Charles

Email: charlesron.cnpa@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON - Date and location to be determined

5. CNPA COMMUNICATION

We have several methods to communicate with our members. No matter how you want us to stay in touch with you, we will endeavor to serve you as best we can.

Council Contacts

	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>
President & Membership Ron Charles	905 884-5470	charlesron.cnpa@gmail.com
Secretary Nancy Zajacz	905 836-2266	nzajacz@hotmail.com
Vice President Wayne MacFarlane	416 846-8169	wmacfa8169@rogers.com
PP & Treasurer Dave Bradshaw	905-763-8754	davidbradshaw5050@gmail.com

Newsletters

Our planned schedule for publishing newsletters this year will consist of four editions. The newsletter is distributed, to each member, through Canada Post or by email. The content of the newsletter, is to inform members of meetings, events but, also to provide updates on things relative to the CNPA in general. Issues that are of interest to our pensioners and or insight on what our members did while working at CN.

Our planned schedule, for distribution of the 2023 newsletters is April 5, June 7, August 16 and October 18. These are the dates, the newsletter will be emailed as an attachment, to those who have agreed to get them by email. Two attachments will be sent. One is an MS Word document and the other is a PDF file. This is because we do not always the same computer software and sometimes opening the files may not work. We send the newsletter by email to approximately 400 members.

For distribution using Canada Post our process is, Editor Mark Hallman puts together the newsletter using MS Word. It is then sent to an outside source along with mailing addresses for members receiving the printed version. They then print and mail it out. This method of distribution to approximately 930 members, costs approximately \$1,400/Edition. *We encourage those of you with email to contact us in order that these mailing costs can be reduced and the monies used in other ways to absorb cost of functions.*

As you know, CN is a large company with many departments. Most of us, spent our entire career working in one or two of these departments, but have little knowledge of what went on in others. In previous newsletters we had profiles of members. We would like to be able to spotlight someone with their stories and experience in each edition, so please consider getting in touch with one of the council's directors about telling your story.

Email

Timely communication is important. Plans can change making it necessary to inform you of them to ensure you have not missed something or turn up at something for which we have had to re-schedule or cancel.

We recognize that with the diversity in age of our members, not everyone is comfortable with computers and may not even own one. Others may prefer not to give out their email address to others. If you do provide your email address, we will keep it confidential and not give it out to anyone else, or use it for commercial business.

Change of Address

It is very important that, you inform CN Pensions and Benefits Administration by calling them at 1-800-361-0739. They will ask for your PIN/SRB number to make necessary changes as per your request.

You should also advise the CNPA Toronto Council's Membership Chair, Ron Charles, at 905-884-5470, of any changes to your home address, email address or your phone number to ensure we can stay in touch with you.

Facebook Group Page

You will need a Facebook account to join the group. You can join the group by doing the following:

- Login to your Facebook account and then navigate to the bottom and choose menu on the bottom right then choose Groups and choose CN Pensioners Association – Toronto group to join.
- Click the "Join Group" button in the main menu to send a request to join the group. The "Join Group" button will say "pending" until the Administrator admits you to the group.
- Check your notifications to confirm that you now belong to the group.

Website – cnpensioners.org.

The National Council of the CNPA is launching a brand-new look website. As of this printing, the previous website may still be active, or the new version may have replaced it. Either way the website access is unchanged. The website will contain information of interest to CN pensioners in general. We hope to be able to post our social events on it as well, in the near future. Upon completion of the Website, we will advise you of its completion.

**CN PENSIONERS' ASSOCIATION
TORONTO COUNCIL – C14
BOWLING / PIZZA DAY**

Date: Thursday May 18, 2023

Time: Bowling and pizza from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Location: Centre Bowling Lanes
4300 Cawthra Road
Basement level of John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre (elevator and stair access)
Mississauga, Ontario

The price for CNPA Toronto Council C14 members and spouses is \$12.00 each that includes,

Five pin bowling
Pizza lunch with soft drink
FREE shoe rental

Sign-up is required as space is limited

Please fill in the form and return it by April 20, 2023.

By Mail: Send the form with your cheque made payable to CN Pensioners' Association to:
Aubrey Gill, 39 King Edward Avenue, East York, On, M4C 5J5

If you wish to pay by E-Transfer send the E-Transfer to our Treasurer, Dave Bradshaw at email address david.bradshaw5050@gmail.com with a follow up email containing your security question and security answer BOWLING all in capitals.

**If you miss the deadline date or want more information call
Aubrey Gill at (416) 574-3445 or Ron Charles at 905-884-5470**



**CN PENSIONERS' ASSOCIATION
TORONTO COUNCIL – C14
BOWLING / PIZZA DAY
(Please Print)**

Member's Name _____

PIN/SRB Number _____

Spouse's Name _____

Email _____ **Telephone** _____

Signature _____

Cheque for \$ _____ (enclosed) **OR** E-Transfer \$ _____ (sent)

REGISTRATION FOR THE 31st ANNUAL CN PENSIONERS' GOLF DAY TUESDAY JUNE 20th 2023

Tuesday, June 20, 2023, has been reserved for our "Golf and Bar B-Q" day at the CLUBLINK CORP., Rolling Hills Challenge Course, located on Warden Avenue, just 1.7 km north of Stouffville Road, Gormley. **The cost is \$70.00 per person**, which includes green fees, golf cart and Bar-B-Q – still a good price for this quality of course. In addition, there is personalized scorecards and cart cards, and prizes. Cost for the **Bar-B-Q only is \$23.00**.

TEE OFF TIMES AND DIRECTIONS TO THE GOLF COURSE WILL BE MAILED OUT JUNE 06th, 2023.

Assistance will be given in making up foursomes, but members may prefer to arrange their own two, three or foursomes. In such cases, one cheque or E Transfer will do, together with the name and telephone number or email address of each member of the party. **TEE OFFS STARTS AT 9:30am.**

There will be prizes for "CLOSEST TO THE PIN FEMALE & MALE" on hole #9, "LONGEST DRIVE FEMALE & MALE " on hole #17 and "WINNING TEAM". Please ensure that scorecards are turned in to Wayne MacFarlane or Mike Jennings at the end of the round. Anyone wishing to donate prizes (which would be most appreciated), is asked to contact Wayne MacFarlane at 416-846-8169 or Mike Jennings 905-466-4631.

As a substantial non-refundable deposit is required well in advance of the event, cheques or E Transfers should be sent no later than May 30th, 2023.

To ensure this golf outing is a success, circle Tuesday, June 20th, 2023 on your calendar and please reply as soon as possible.

If further information is required, please contact **Wayne MacFarlane at 416-846-8169 or Mike Jennings 905-466-4631.**

Please send cheques, made payable to CN Pensioners' Association, together with this application form to:
Wayne MacFarlane, 1680 Portland Court, Pickering, On, L1V 5L4

If you wish to pay by E-Transfer send the E-Transfer to our Treasurer, Dave Bradshaw at email address david.bradshaw5050@gmail.com with a follow up email containing your security question and security answer GOLF all in capitals.

We welcome any new golfers - Remember, we are just out to enjoy the day and have fun with fellow pensioners and friends - You do not have to be an expert golfer to join in!! Bring a friend and have some fun.

Wayne MacFarlane Cell: 416-846-8169 Email: wmacfa8169@rogers.com
Mike Jennings Cell: 905-466-4631 Email: mjennings5@cogeco.ca

APPLICATION FOR 2023 GOLF DAY - TUESDAY, JUNE 20th

Enclosed cheque or E Transfer in the amount of \$ _____ dated _____ 2023

MEMBERS OF PARTY:

<u>NAME</u> (please print)	<u>PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL ADDRESS</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Please indicate if an early/mid/late tee off is preferred _____

8. MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The purpose of the CN Pensioners' Association (CNPA) is to represent the needs of all retired CN employees. Our objective is to protect your interests, financial and otherwise, regarding your pension, your benefits and support and enhance your social interests and activities.

Membership consists of retired CN employees, surviving spouses and honorary members as well as retirees and their spouses from groups formerly connected with CN (i.e. VIA Rail and Marine Atlantic). Active employees can be admitted as social members without voice or vote. "Bridged" employees are also eligible for membership to the CN Pensioners' Association.

Although we advocate on behalf of all CN Pensioners and surviving spouses as volunteers, operating expenses are a reality. If you are not already a contributing member, by becoming one for only \$1.00 a month, you can help defray such expenses. Your \$1 per month will entitle you to several membership benefits and as information, approximately \$0.83 of your \$1 per month is returned to your local council of choice for their use.

Programs & Benefits the CNPA Manages and Provides

- **Health Care** - On your behalf, and with the assistance of key partners, we manage one of the better retirement Health Care plans in Canada. The CNPA Health Care Plan for CN Pensioners from Blue Cross (#93115) provides you and your spouse coverage for some of those extra costs you might incur that are not covered by your province. Support for the plan comes from the CNPA Health Care Committee, a dedicated group of volunteer pensioners who help make sure we have a plan that fits our needs at a reasonable price.
- **Pensions** - The CNPA acts as an equal partner on the CN Pension Committee which approves your pension increases. Our Pension Committee makes sure that our voices are heard.
- **Scholarships & Bursaries** - Contributing Member's children, grandchildren and even great-grandchildren get access to our Annual CNPA Scholarship Program which offers 25 scholarships across the 5 Canadian regions. In addition, the Quebec, Ontario and Manitoba councils also offer trade bursaries for the families of those members residing in these regions.
- **National Newsletter** - The newsletter is issued three times per year with relevant and interesting information. Some regional and local councils also offer regular newsletters to provide update and information closer to home.
- **CNPA Government Liaison Officer** - This role who advocates with various Federal Agencies on behalf of the National Council and pensioner membership on matters that may impact the objectives of our organization as well as the quality of life of our pensioners.
- **CNPA National Website** <https://www.cnpensioners.org> - managed by CNPA volunteers to provide you with an online resource for relevant and important information, keeping you up to date on what is happening across the country or to provide you with the latest information on your pension, health care offerings to the membership, CNPA news, members discounts, etc. Some regional and local councils have their own websites to keep their members up to date on specific topics in their area.
- **CNPA Facebook Pages** - Offered in both English and French, these pages provide another convenient method of keeping you informed on relevant information. As well, some regional and local councils offer their own Facebook pages.
- **Member Discounts** - CNPA members who subscribe to the CNPA Health Plan are also eligible for additional savings through Blue Cross.
- **CN Communications** - Only contributing CNPA Members will annually receive the CN Calendar and the "CN in the Community" brochure.
- **Meetings & Events** - CNPA members are invited to attend various events coordinated by the local councils across the country. Most hold regular meetings where guest speakers are invited to speak on current or special issues affecting

seniors. Some hold BBQ's or picnics, others sporting events, dinners, or group travel adventures. By being a member, you can attend what you want, when you want. Our National Newsletter and Local communications with Members keep you up to date on what is happening, like family days, special events, or changes to legislations, policies or programs.

The following are the names of new members and of those who have passed in the last few months.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to the Toronto Council of the CNPA.

Brad	Aitken	Oshawa
Rigel	Alzate	Mississauga
Cathy	Beaulieu	Mississauga
Marie	Brown	Bowmanville
Maureen	Cahill	Mississauga
Robert	Davis	Toronto
Anita	Ernesaks	Toronto
Shelley	Garbutt	Port Colborne
Robert	Hamer	Mississauga
Marcus	Henry	Brampton
Bau	Ho	Etobicoke
Charles	Larmondin	Brampton
Cynthia	Offen	Etobicoke
Mark	Poullos	Georgetown
Margaret	Sammut	Alliston
Arcelina	Santos	Bradford
Gena	Santos	Brampton
Ken	Schmidt	Oakville
James	Sturgeon	Ajax
Irma	Wilson	Cambridge

IN MEMORY OF

Our heartfelt sympathies go out to the families and friends of our members and former CN work colleagues who have passed.

			<u>Passed Away</u>
Carol	Anderson	Oakville	2022 10 09
Edwin	Ashton	Ottawa	2022 09 28
Muriel	Bennett	St. Catherines	2022 11 14
Angela	Boggis	Guelph	2022 11 08
Dennis	Brown	East York	2022 11 05
Dorothy	Christian	Windsor	2022 08 21
Ernest	Chichelly	Markham	2022 10 30
Bruno	Corrizzato	Mississauga	2022 10 23
Stan	Corkum	Barrie	2022 12 19

Olga	Dobis	Etobicoke	2022 10 06
Earl	Ellis	Cambridge	2022 11 05
Barbara	Freitag	Toronto	2022 08 06
Wayne	Knoblauch	Stouffville	2022 08 10
Jenny	Londry	Brampton	2022 08 28
Arthur	Lowe	Toronto	2022 10 28
Wendy	Mather	Scarborough	2023 01 11
George	McConnell	Oakville	2022 09 18
Donald	Offen	Etobicoke	2022 11 12
Esterina	Palombo	Mississauga	2022 11 21
Remo	Palumbo	Woodbridge	2022 09 24
Clinton	Pereira	Scarborough	2022 12 29
Frederick	Quinn	Edmonton	2022 11 20
Phyllis	Raines	Whitby	2022 09 25
Joe	Rusek	Whitby	2022 08 02
Sam	Sammut	Alliston	2022 09 20
Betty	Smith	North York	2022 04 28
Mary	Smith	Port McNichol	2022 07 29
Shirley	Sobil	Courtice	2022 11 10
Thomas	Stremble	Etobicoke	2022 12 30
Bruce	Taylor	Trenton	2023 01 02
Harry	Tytler	Etobicoke	2023 01 12
John	Walsh	Toronto	2022 12 24
Shirley	Whitcombe	Oakville	2023 01 02
Peter	Wiebe	Morden	2022 12 10
Marija	Wilson	Richmond Hill	2022 12 30
William	Wilson	Cambridge	2022 12 26