

BRANCH REPORT

BC08 | Vancouver Branch

President's message

I want to congratulate our Vancouver Branch board and all of our volunteers for our successes over the summer/fall period. It is a privilege to be the president of such an outstanding group of dedicated volunteers. Unfortunately, we do not have enough volunteers considering we have a membership of approximately 5,200 members. So, please consider assisting with a minimal amount of your time. We could particularly use the services of a member with accounting knowledge to assist our Treasurer.

Since late April 2024, I have been quite active participating on the Special Committee for Association Structure. I represent the B.C. & Yukon District on the committee.

On Sept. 19, 2024, our branch combined with the other three Lower Mainland branches and organized an event with preferred partner, Arbor Memorial. It was an information event that included a luncheon, hosted by Arbor and their Valley View location in Surrey.

Our branch vice-president, Murray Bryck and Yukon director, Paul Davis, participated in an advocacy/recruitment event on Sept. 26-27 in Whitehorse. They hosted an Federal Retirees booth at a Yukon Teachers Association meeting.

Our 2025 annual general meeting (AGM) will be held on April 8, 2025, at the Italian Cultural Center. We will also be holding branch elections at that time. Branch director Deborah Turner volunteered to be chair of the Nominations Committee.

Sincerely,

George Scott

President, Vancouver Branch

Not sure what to get for the federal retiree who has everything?



Give the gift of membership
until Dec. 31 for a chance to
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In memoriam

The Vancouver Branch extends its sincere condolences to the family and friends of the following members:

James H. Charles, John Philip Cheevers, Maureen deMontezuma, Ricardo deMontezuma, Shirley Duff, Frank Forbes, Amos Hennan, William R. Hickman, Mary Margaret Holland, Margaret Howarth, William Little, Tomas Malapitan, John Martin Nowik, Jacob Rempel, Sylvia Spain and Dez Verma.

Upcoming events

Dec. 12, 2024: Holiday Meeting and Luncheon at the Italian Cultural Centre.

Details and EventBrite registration link to be confirmed by email.

April 8, 2025: Annual meeting of members and election of officers at the Italian Cultural Centre.

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Advocacy volunteer wanted

The Vancouver Branch is looking for volunteers for its advocacy work promoting the Association's four priorities: Retirement income security, a national seniors strategy, veteran well-being and pharmacare. This will primarily involve contacting MPs to set up meetings at which we can introduce them to our Association, present our concerns and ask for action on them. The role could involve other activities as well. Ideally, we would like volunteers from each of the 19 Federal ridings in our branch's area. If you are willing to spend a few hours a month helping out, we would appreciate it. **Please contact Ian Sanderson at vancouverbranch@federalretirees.ca or call (604) 681-4742 for more info or if you would like to volunteer.**



Yukon director Paul Davis and Vancouver Branch director Murray Bryck at the Federal Retirees booth at the Yukon Association of Education Professionals in Whitehorse



Yukon director Paul Davis and Whitehorse MP Brendan Hanley at his Whitehorse, Yukon, office

Vancouver Branch information

As of September 2024

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Branch Report: Published quarterly with *Sage* magazine; four-page branch report included with the fall and winter edition.

General meetings: April (AGM), June, September and December

Board of director meetings: Held the week before general meetings

Board of directors

President	George Scott
Vice-president	Murray Bryck
Secretary	Danielle Rehm
Treasurer	Tom Chang
Director	Ian Sanderson
Director	Beverly Segal
Director	Deborah Turner
Director (Yukon)	Paul Davis

Volunteers

Office manager	Jocelan Caldwell
Recruitment	Helio Da Costa
Membership	Sylvia Mechler
Membership	Ed Tam
Health and benefits	Connie Cameron

Arbor Memorial Valley View Funeral Home event



Steven Scaglione (Arbor manager), Murray Bryck (Vancouver Branch director) and Brigitte McNamara (Arbor director) at Arbor Memorial Valley View Funeral Home's Sept. 19 open house event.

