



FUNDY SHORES Branch Report NB65

Hello Fundy Shores members! I hope you are having a great summer!

I would like to thank those who came to the April meeting to meet and greet our National President, Jean-Guy Souliere. He gave a very good overview of where the Association is headed. He was impressed with the turn out and thought we had a vibrant branch! The following day I played tour guide around our beautiful city. I had an awesome day! Maybe I should take it up as a new job! Not going to happen, I enjoy working right here! I love to help my members as does the other board members. We are always here for you.

We have two new volunteers on the board. Catherine O'Leary will be our new Membership coordinator. A big thank you for taking that on. Scott Russell is also on the board, as one of the directors. I am pleased with the additions, but I would love to have a few new directors from the shore area! Its not hard work, only about an hour or two every six weeks. If your interested, please contact me.

Mr. Souliere spoke of our future and the document *Moving Forward*. I am attaching the link to it, <https://www.federalretirees.ca/en/Advocacy/Moving-Forward-Have-Your-Say>, and would hope that you do take the time to read it and give us here at the board, your thoughts and concerns. In some form or another, the 6 main topics will be the cornerstone of where we go in the future as an organization.

On October 18, 2018 prime rib dinner will be at St Mark's Church, 171 Pettingill Road, Quispamsis. Dinner is \$20.00 person. Cheques can be made out to and sent to the National Association of Federal Retirees, PO Box 935, Saint John, N.B. E2L 4E3, no later than October 12, 2018. Dinner will be at 2 p.m. **Please note the time change.** We decided to move the dinner time to the afternoon, in hopes that more members from the former St. Stephen branch would be able to attend and still get home before night fall. The guest speaker is Tammy Gallant from Heath Partners. I am sorry to say I will not be in attendance, as I will be away, ticking off another item on my bucket list. The Panama Canal! Harold McInnis, V.P., will be hosting this event. Please give him a warm welcome.

Many of you had signed up for the workshop “You and Your Survivors”. We are still waiting for the new edition to be sent to us. We were told an electronic one would be sent to the branches, but to date I have not received it. As soon as it comes, we will start the process of getting times, dates, and a venue, so that we can work on this very important piece. We have not forgotten about it.

I have a concern that has appeared of the past few years in the form of calls, emails and letters, asking to speak or act as a third party for one reason or another. I have gone to National Office for guidance on this, more than once, with the same result. The branch will give you as much information as possible, but we can not intervene as a third party. It is had never been nor will be in our mandate as an association. I will give you guidance and as much help as possible but that is as far as I can go. The board and I have discussed this over the past few years and felt we did not want to be privy to personal information. This is to protect you and the board. I hope you will understand.

I hope that you all have a great fall and winter! The snow birds will be counting down the days until they head south. Safe travels to all where ever you may go. Please don't leave home with out your MEDOC card and information!

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