



National Association of Federal Retirees
Fraser Valley West Branch
Association nationale des retraités fédéraux

April 6th, 2016

Dear Ms. Bernhardt:

Re: Annual Report

In accordance with The Administrative Guidelines for Branches, Fraser Valley West Branch (BC04) submits the following documents for the fiscal year 2015:


- President's Branch report to the members
- Signed Reviewer's Report on our 2015 financial records
- Branch Balance Sheet as at December 31, 2015
- Branch Income and Expense Statement
- Branch 2016 budget
- Signed copy of our 2016 annual general meeting minutes
- Form 115 *Branch Representation Letter*.

Our financial institution is the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce located at 7188 King George Blvd., Surrey, B.C. V3W 5A3. The chequing account number is 006200108819718 and the savings account number is 15-03219. We have additional savings at the same Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce in the form of Guaranteed Investment Certificates as follows:

GIC NUMBER	PRINCIPAL AMOUNT	MATURITY DATE
00051	\$5,000	June 3, 2016
00094	\$5,048	June 6, 2016
00108	\$6,000	June 4, 2016
00035	\$5,000	June 3, 2016
00043	\$4,865	June 3, 2016

If you require any further information please contact me directly.

Yours Truly,


Bernd Hirsekorn
Branch President

2016

BRANCH REPORT 2015

On behalf of the Fraser Valley West Branch Board of Directors I am pleased to present this report highlighting branch activities for 2015. Most importantly, we wish to take this opportunity to thank all our branch members and volunteers for their contributions to the success of the branch. In 2015 the branch once again grew in membership. It was one of the busiest years for the branch and was filled with unparalleled events at the national level.

National Office and the National Board of Directors were beset with resignations in 2015. The National President, the National Vice President, The Chief Executive Officer, one of our BC directors and another National senior staff member all resigned in 2015. National Office and the Board are in process of filling the gaps and seemingly are coping well. At the National Annual All Members in June the Strategic Plan presented by the board failed to get adopted and is now being reworked, delaying it for a year.

The branch was successful in aligning itself to the Association's national endeavors in 2015. A new National website that will bring in more responsive and engaging information for our members and volunteers went live last year. In addition, the new national computer system, Client Records Management (CRM), became a more prominent tool and continues to evolve. The branch owes a great deal of thanks to Rocky Rockwell and Steve Sawchuk for their efforts in engaging the challenges of this program for the benefit of the branch. With the diligent efforts of our Communications Director and Vice President, Bernd Hirsekorn, our branch website is similarly an excellent resource for our members as well as a centre for preserving our branch documentation.

Nationally, in addition to developing technological advances, the organization was active on a number of fronts. To combat changes to the PSHCP made by Treasury Board without negotiation, a *Notice of Application* was filed on our behalf in the Supreme Court of Canada on February 27th, 2015. At time of writing, a hearing date is pending.

In 2015 our National Association, acting on recommendations from the membership, aligned itself with like-minded organizations on a variety of issues. These issues were mainly pensions through the Coalition for Retirement Security for All, the Seniors Vote campaign and the Canadian Medical Association's Demand a Plan. Our branch is fortunate to have Leslie Gaudette champion and pioneer parallel partnerships in British Columbia by representing all BC branches through her leadership in the Council of Senior Citizens' Organizations of BC (COSCO).

During the Federal Election campaign in October National Office, in addition to being proactive in advocating on our behalf, provided the branches with materials and advice on how to get our message out to the candidates. Fraser Valley West excelled at this thanks to Ilene Fika our Advocacy Chairperson, and her team members Thelma Graham and Leslie Gaudette. They communicated with the branch by holding a branch information session, by email updates and website postings. They made contact with all candidates in all eight ridings in our area and were instrumental in conducting two all candidates meetings. The issues of retirement income security, health care benefits and seniors' concerns of housing, transportation and a National medical strategy were promoted with support from the National Office, Canadian Medical Association, COSCO and other organizations. Many of these recommendations were publically accepted by the Party leaders. As these were campaign promises made by politicians, Ilene is initiating follow up meetings with our local MPs. Going the extra mile, the Advocacy team also

participated along with our Vancouver and Chilliwack branches in a National Health Accord seminar in Vancouver last September to advocate for better federal participation in health care for seniors.

In addition to aligning itself to national undertakings, the branch advanced with its distinct events and procedures. At our Annual All Members Meeting one year ago we passed our new branch by-laws. In addition, we adopted resolutions concerning keeping reserve funds and how our newsletter will be delivered to our members.

National Office unilaterally rejected our branch resolution to maintain our designated reserve funds and have demanded we remit \$9,700 back to them for the Defense of Benefits Fund. We applied to the National Board of Directors for a review of this action and our situation will be heard at the next National meeting in April. If our petition is not successful we will have to remit the \$9,700 to National Office. If this does happen, branch operating finances will not be jeopardized.

Our newsletters in hardcopy are now delivered only to those who request them and by email to everybody else. The result of this change is a savings of thousands of dollars annually. We use the national Sage Magazine as much as possible for announcements. Sage, however is not satisfactory because of timing issues to be used for most of our information announcements and newsletter articles.

The monthly informal Meet and Chats continued in 2015. In April we invited representatives from Johnson Insurance to an information session for our members. The room was filled to overcapacity. Our members seem to enjoy discussions by Johnsons and we are encouraged to plan a re-engagement.

On May 20th and 21st several board members attended the BC regional meeting in Chilliwack. There were training sessions and lectures on a variety of association related topics delivered by the CEO, the National President and guest speakers. A more in depth summary was furnished in the following branch newsletter. Bernd Hirsekorn received an award for his dedication to branch communications by the National President at the conference. In June it was The National All Members' Meeting in Ottawa attended by the branch President and Vice President as representatives. The meeting was, to say the least, eventful, and a synopsis of the events was delivered at our branch meeting in July. At the All Members' meeting, Leslie Gaudette was presented with the very prestigious Collaboration Award for her dedication to bringing together our association with like-minded organizations.

In September and again in December we hosted meetings with representatives of the other branches in the Lower Mainland/Fraser Valley to discuss common needs and explore areas where we could work together. The meetings were productive and will be repeated from time to time in future months. We had a successful speaker event on Personal Planning followed by a lunch organized by one of our newest board members, Sharon Riches, on September 17. In July following our Members' Meeting we enjoyed our annual barbeque at Peace Arch Park. It was a great success thanks to several volunteers and in particular Charles Louth and Heather Smith. Our Christmas meeting in December was just what a meeting during the Holiday season should be. Light on business, heavy on good food and door prizes. We also had a thank you lunch in December for all the branch volunteers and board members to commemorate their hard work and dedication. They waded through paper work, spent hours in meetings, planning sessions and on the telephone throughout the year.

It has been an honour for me to be part of this team in 2015.

Ian Blake

Branch Annual Review Form *

Form 115 Revised March 2008



To: Officers and members of BRANCH 04 - FRASER VALLEY WEST BC
(Branch name)

From: TREASURER
(Internal committee)

I/We have examined the records of the FRASER VALLEY WEST BRANCH 04 Branch of the Federal Superannuates National Association and found them to be in good order.

Receipts have been issued for all monies received and all such monies have been deposited in a branch bank account. All payments have been made by cheque. The balance in the branch bank accounts(s) as of 31-12-2015 is in agreement with the treasurer's bank records.

~~Cheque or cash-paying membership records show that dues for _____ single memberships, _____ double memberships, and _____ associate memberships were paid for the calendar year _____. Acknowledgements on file indicate that per capita fees for those members have been remitted to and received by the National Office. _____ single memberships, _____ double memberships, and _____ associate memberships carried on the branch roster in the year _____ have not responded to calls and notices from branch officers, or have not otherwise renewed their membership and were, therefore, dropped from active status for non-payment of dues.~~

Along with this form, the attached financial statement for the year 2015 correctly reflects all receipts and expenditures. Overall, the financial position of the _____ Branch is, at this time, considered _____
acceptable / marginal / unacceptable

Bank Name: C.I.B.C

Bank Address: 7188 King George Blvd Surrey BC V3W 5A3

Other Institutions: @1000473285975

Bank Account Numbers: che: 006208319718 SAV: 006201528734
(Attach additional page for financial institutions, if required)

Janet Mossman
Reviewed by: (Signature of Internal Reviewer)

JANET MOSSMAN
(Print Name of Reviewer)

G Rockwell
Reviewed by: (Signature of Internal Reviewer)

G Rockwell, Treasurer
(Print Name of Reviewer)

B. Hirssekorn
Accepted by: (Signature of branch executive)

BERND HIRSEKORN
(Print Name of Executive)

Date: 8 MAR 2016

* This information is collected pursuant to FSNA By-laws.



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Fraser Valley West Branch
 Summary of Statement of Financial Position
 December 31, 2015

ASSETS	
CURRENT	
*Cash:	
Operating funds	\$ 14,450.00
Non-allocated reserves	13,782.62
**Internally restricted reserves	<u>11,868.07</u>
Total current assets	\$40,100.69
Capital Assets	
Banner	\$ 897.79
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>179.56</u>
Total capital assets	718.23
Total assets	<u>\$40,818.92</u>
LIABILITIES	
	\$ 0 <u>\$00</u>
Net Assets	<u>\$40,818.92</u>

Notes to statement:

* Cash is deposited in the following account types:

Chequing account	\$9,230.29
Savings account	4,804.74
Guaranteed Investment certificates	<u>26,065.66</u>
	<u>\$40,100.69</u>

**Internally Restricted Reserves are allocated as:

- Funds to support the objectives of the Association for Capital Expenditures
- Branch Volunteer Training
- Equipment Replacement
- Defense of Benefits

\$11,868.07