



National Association of Federal Retirees
Association nationale des retraités fédéraux

April 30, 2015

Ms. Sylvia Ceacero
Chief Executive Officer
National Association of Federal Retirees
1052 St. Laurent Blvd.
Ottawa, ON K1K 3B4

Dear Ms. Ceacero:

Re: Annual Report

In accordance with The Administrative Guidelines for Branches, Fraser Valley West Branch (BC04) submits the following for the fiscal year 2014:

- Annual General Meeting Report from the Branch President and three directors submitted to the branch membership on March 19, 2015
- Signed Branch Annual Review Form
- Representation Letter signed by the Branch President and Branch Treasurer
- Branch Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2014
- Branch Income and Expense Statement for 2014
- Branch 2014 budget
- Copy of our 2014 annual general meeting minutes
- The Annual General Meeting minutes dated March 19, 2015 signed by the Branch President and Branch secretary
- Copies of the resolutions (2) approved by the branch members
- Copy of the Branch By-laws approved by the branch members

Our financial institution is the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce located at 7188 King George Blvd., Surrey B.C. V3W 5A3. Details of the chequing and savings accounts and guaranteed income certificates appear on the balance sheet.

Please feel free to direct any questions to me at (604) 589-1545 or email iansblake1@gmail.com.

Yours truly,

Ian Blake
Branch President

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FRASER VALLEY WEST

2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

March 19, 2015

Newlands Golf and Country Club, Langley, BC

AGENDA

Call to order	Ian Blake
Moment of Silence for Departed Members	
Approval of Agenda	
Approval of Minutes of 2014 AGM	
Branch President's report	Ian Blake
2014 Financial Report	Glen Rockwell
Proposed 2015 Budget	Glen Rockwell
Authority to Appoint a Reviewer for 2015	Ian Blake
Authority to Appoint Bank Signing Officers	Ian Blake
Resolutions:	Ian Blake
Branch 04 By-Laws	
Designated Funds	
Mailing of Branch Newsletter	
Election of 2015 Branch Executive and Board of Directors	Ed Evancio
Closing	



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FRASER VALLEY WEST

BRANCH REPORT

Annual General Meeting 2015

Fraser Valley West Branch Directors are pleased to take the opportunity at this Annual General Meeting to thank all of our Branch Members and Volunteers for their contributions to the success of the branch.

Fraser Valley West was chartered as a branch by the Federal Superannuates National Association in 1978 with 17 members. The attached Membership Report by our Director Steve Sawchuk shows that we are now almost 2,100 strong and growing every year. We have a huge geographical jurisdiction covering several communities in the Surrey, Langley, White Rock, Delta and Maple Ridge areas including six federal and fifteen provincial political constituencies.

During 2014 the branch participated in a number of initiatives both locally and in support of the National Association. While we were disappointed the government chose not to listen to the many voices of our *Honour Your Promise* campaign, expressing opposition to changes in the PSHCP, there were some positive aspects. A four-year phase-in of the premium increases was negotiated as were exceptions for people at or below the Guaranteed Income Supplement threshold. Also, membership increased during the campaign by about six times the rate of the previous year.

The National magazine, *On Guard*, was replaced last year by the more modern and comprehensive Sage magazine, published quarterly. Branch advertisements noting meeting dates and special events are published in the magazine as well as one of our branch newsletters, in the fall. Along with attempts at improving communications, National Office also embarked on improving our membership data system which, when completed, will create a new records management system with several user friendly aspects for all branch members. Through information sessions and communications the branch is continually being updated on the conversion progress and when completed we can expect little difficulty in transition.

To continue operating as a not-for-profit corporation under the new *Canada-Not-For-Profit Corporations Act*, the Association had to apply to the federal government for a certificate of continuance in 2014. This was done on time in October after a four year process of focus groups, information and planning sessions directed by an ad-hoc committee encompassing changing the Association's articles and by-laws.

Concurrently with filing its certificate of continuance the Association changed its name to The National Association of Federal Retirees. As well, we got an entirely new brand, changing our logo colours to be more modern and more representative of our vast country.

Our Branch had a fulfilling year. In addition to our Annual General Meeting last March, at our General Members meeting in July we held a barbeque, at our December meeting we enjoyed

a holiday celebration and in September we met for a Ukrainian style lunch and a presentation about the RCMP supply ship St. Roch. We also had a presentation in April by our affinity partner, Collette Vacations on various travel opportunities available to our members. In 2014 The Association contracted with a new affinity partner, Chartwell Residences. They invited us to a barbeque in the summer and a chef's cooking display in October. Our monthly meet and chat sessions held on the first Thursday of each month continued to be an enjoyable time throughout the year for all those who participate.

The Branch Board of Directors met 7 times over the year for about 200 person hours. Along with General Members Meetings, this necessitated hours of preparation by our Branch Secretary, Heather Smith and our Treasurer, Rocky Rockwell. The branch was also represented at a British Columbia Regional meeting in October held in Chilliwack and at the National AGM in Montreal last June. Concurrently and in conjunction with new National By-laws, we embarked on rewriting our own local by-laws which are now completed and are being presented for adoption by the branch membership.

Our branch communications are unparalleled thanks to a dedicated communications team of volunteers and initiatives led by our Director, Bernd Hirsekorn. A quarterly newsletter is delivered to all member households along with monthly news updates sent to all who have supplied email addresses. A branch website was developed, and with a lot of perseverance is now up and running. It is informative, contains current information and is an archive for branch documents and directories.

In recent months the Association of Federal Retirees in British Columbia joined the Council of Senior Citizens Organizations (COSCO) as a member organization. The membership offers us a chance to be in partnership in some areas of advocacy with like-minded groups adding to our strength in numbers. We are represented at COSCO by our director, Leslie Gaudette who is a COSCO vice president and strong voice on their executive. As a result of her involvement in issues pertinent to us, Leslie has now been invited to sit on the Advisory Council of the Seniors Advocate of British Columbia, led by Isobel Mackenzie.

We are looking forward to the upcoming year which once again promises to be exciting. Already plans are underway for social events and branch meetings. We will continue with the monthly Meet and Chat sessions and branch members will continue being informed by branch newsletters, monthly updates and by accessing the branch website. The branch will participate fully in BC Regional and National initiatives. 2015 however is an election year, and we want to be vigorous in making our voices heard. As cited many times is 2014 our pensions and benefits are under attack and this is our chance, perhaps our last chance in some instances, to fight back. The branch will have an Advocacy Chairperson. Information and help for running activities during the campaign will be provided by the experts at National Office but success depends on us. We can only rise to the challenge if branch members support efforts at the branch level.

Respectfully submitted,

Ian Blake
Branch President

2014 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	2014 BUDGET	2014 ACTUAL
INCOME		
Membership dues	\$13,500.00	\$16,365.52
Interest from savings	\$800.00	\$204.00
Transfer from savings for web construction	\$500.00	\$0.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$14,800.00	\$16,569.52
 EXPENSES		
<i>Remittance to NHQ re dues</i>		\$4,626.68
Committees		
Communication/newsletter	\$5,600.00	\$2,613.16
Membership recruitment	\$300.00	\$0.00
Health Benefits	\$100.00	\$0.00
Speaker series	\$200.00	\$0.00
Branch WMS	\$900.00	\$222.49
<i>Sub-total Committee Expenses</i>	<i>\$7,100.00</i>	<i>\$2,835.65</i>
Meetings		
Meet & Chats	\$500.00	\$412.10
Board/Executive Meetings	\$1,000.00	\$872.01
Branch General Meetings (3 events)	\$2,610.00	\$2,142.23
Workshops/Training (including web training)	\$800.00	\$497.76
National AGM	\$450.00	\$532.29
Regional Meetings	\$200.00	\$410.71
Volunteer recognition luncheon	\$700.00	\$899.50
<i>Sub-total Meeting Expenses</i>	<i>\$6,260.00</i>	<i>\$5,766.60</i>
Branch Administration		
Bank Fees	\$150.00	\$124.01
Supplies	\$500.00	\$813.62
Website construction, hosting, tech fixes	\$790.00	\$524.31
<i>Sub-total Branch Administration</i>	<i>\$1,440.00</i>	<i>\$1,461.94</i>
 TOTAL EXPENSES	 \$14,800.00	 \$14,690.87



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Fraser Valley West Branch
BALANCE SHEET
 as at
 December 31, 2014

CURRENT ASSETS		
*Cash:		
Total cash	<u>\$38,746.88</u>	
Total assets		<u>\$38,746.88</u>
Liabilities	\$00	<u>00</u>
Net Assets	<u>\$38,746.88</u>	

*All branch funds are deposited in the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce 7188 King George Boulevard Surrey, BC:

All accounts start with transit # 006020

Checking account number 88-19718 in the amount of \$7,961.04

Savings account number 15-28734 in the amount of \$4,761.68

All GICs act 0047-3285975- combined as of 25-Feb-2015 26024.16

051 matures 2015-Jun-03 on maturity \$5804.55 principle \$5000.00

116 matures 2015-Jun-03 on maturity \$5041.10 principle \$5000.00

124 matures 2015-Jun-23 on maturity \$4904.99 principle \$4865.00

132 matures 2015-Jun-04 on maturity \$6048.00 principle \$6000.00

159 matures 2015-Jun-08 on maturity \$5200.66 principle \$5159.16

Total \$38,746.88