

BRANCH REPORT

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Message from the President

Dear members,

This report presents the main activities and developments underway in the Outaouais Branch since the summer of 2021.

Our 2021-2024 strategic plan developed last summer guides our work and allows the members of the Board of Directors to work together to achieve measurable results for the benefit of all our members. Like society in general, the pandemic is forcing major changes in the way we operate. Our Branch is undergoing a reorganization, and your Board of Directors and volunteers are committed to meeting these new challenges as you will see in the following pages.

Do you like challenges? Do you have some free time to devote to your association? There couldn't be a better time to get involved with Outaouais Federal Retirees. I invite interested members to contact us and we will be happy to discuss volunteer opportunities within our association.

More detailed news are presented in this insert.



Sincerely,

Donald Déry

President of the Outaouais Branch



Thank you

for protecting the health and safety of Canadians

— *from one generation to another*

NATIONAL PUBLIC SERVICE WEEK | JUNE 13 TO 19, 2021



National Association
of Federal Retirees

Association nationale
des retraités fédéraux

Lieutenant Governor's Award to Pierre Laflamme



Whether it is with his church, or with the Diocese of Gatineau and many regional seniors' organizations, such as the NAFR Outaouais Branch, the TCARO, Pierre Laflamme has left a committed and positive mark wherever he has been involved. He has shown leadership, expertise, accessibility and sensitivity in various projects. Mr. Laflamme is a person who loves his community and does everything in his power to make it shine.

In addition, as part of the National Association of Federal Retirees, Outaouais Branch, he has contributed positively to the dissolution of the incorporated Branch and to the development of its by-laws, as well as to improving financial strategies to facilitate the recruitment of volunteers for the position of Treasurer.

Congratulations, Pierre, on this well-deserved recognition.

Branch's Strategic Plan

The Board of Directors met on June 19, 2021 with Ms. Lyne Bouchard, consultant from Convergence, to develop our 2021-2024 strategic plan. At the end of a busy day, we identified our priorities for the coming years. The plan includes priorities, strategies or projects, results indicators, timetable, necessary resources, people in charge and a space dedicated to the follow-up of the plan. You can consult this plan by visiting our "Federal retirees - Outaouais Branch" Web page.

Finances

The main source of revenue for our Branch is the allocation that the National Office sends to branches. The Branch receives \$9.20 per individual member and \$13.12 for a couple. These amounts represent 18% of National membership dues. At the Special Membership Meeting held in September 2021, a motion was passed to increase the share for the branches to 20% as of January 2022. This is an interim measure while the Association more accurately determines Branches' financial needs to fulfill their responsibilities. Our Branch's financial situation is excellent, as virtual activities are replacing social activities thus reducing expenses. In addition, the Board of Directors has reduced its face-to-face meetings to once every other month, while other business meetings are primarily held online, thus further reducing expenses. We have also begun a shift to pay our bills online. We also plan to implement online payments for social event registration costs, once those events resume.

Videoconferences

We organize videoconferences of interest to our members of all ages, including future retirees from the federal public service. Philanthropy, hearing, wills, memory and aging, and Alzheimer's disease are some of the topics that have been addressed by speakers who are experts in their field. We are working with other branches in Quebec and Ottawa to provide you with a range of

interesting topics and invite you to subscribe to our Facebook page (ANRF Outaouais) to be informed of upcoming videoconferences and the latest news. We welcome your suggestions for topics. Through the ZOOM platform, we have kept valuable contacts with our members and we continue to follow public health guidelines when organizing in-person social events, for your protection.

Federal Elections

Federal Retirees Outaouais and the Association québécoise de défense des droits des personnes retraitées et préretraitées de l'Outaouais (AQDR Outaouais) organized a public debate in collaboration with the Table de concertation des aînés et retraités de l'Outaouais (TCARO) in the context of the 2021 federal election. The two-hour debate was held at the Log Cabin. Email invitations were sent to all our members as well as to members of the other five branches in Quebec. Just over 100 people registered by videoconference and 25 representatives from various seniors' associations attended the debate in person.



Candidates representing the five main political parties in the Outaouais addressed the themes of health, retirement income security, housing and home support programs. Each candidate had the opportunity to answer each question on behalf of their party. The candidates present were:

Mr. Yves Destroismaisons, Bloc Québécois, candidate in Argenteuil-La Petite-Nation;
Mr. Samuel Gendron, New Democratic Party, candidate in Hull-Aylmer;
Mr. Steven MacKinnon, Liberal Party of Canada, candidate in Gatineau;
Mr. Shaughn McArthur, Green Party of Canada, candidate in Pontiac;
Ms. Sandrine Perion, Conservative Party of Canada, candidate in Hull-Aylmer.

The video of the debate is available on the Internet: <https://fb.watch/83iMsOETmm/> as well as on the Facebook pages of the AQDR Outaouais and the ANRF Outaouais.

New employee



It is with great pleasure that we announce the arrival of a second employee in the administrative office of the Outaouais Branch. Ms. Liane Dussault joined us in August 2021 as a part-time Membership Services Assistant. Ms. Dussault will be devoting most of her time to the recruitment and retention of members as well as the maintenance and development of our Regional Preferred Rates Program.

Welcome Ms. Dussault.

UPCOMING EVENTS

No events scheduled at the time of printing this insert.

Stay tuned to our Facebook, newsletters and Web posts for more details or contact us at the contact information on the first page of this document for more information about upcoming Branch

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FEDERAL RETIREES

List of volunteers and board members 2021-2022

Board of Directors

President :	Donald Déry
Vice-president :	Andrée-Lise Provost
Secretary :	Jacques Lecompte
Treasurer :	René Caron
Director :	Michael MacNeil
Director :	Michelle Page

Volunteers

Photography :	Robert Dubois, Francine Frappier
Hosting site/CRM reports :	Guy Gaumont
Calls to members :	Hélène Brosseau, Christiane Babin,
Recruitment and	
Videoconferences :	André Thivierge
Translation :	Michael MacNeil