

Fredericton and District Branch Report

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From the President

You may recall that last fall the board set five priorities for branch attention:

- Recruitment
- Improved (effective) working relationship with National
- Communications
- Services to members and
- Be a well-managed branch.

The biggest challenge is recruitment. We want to increase membership from the current level of about 2150 to 2500. We are tackling this issue mainly through the recruitment committee chaired by Wayne Gunter. The committee is looking at ways to make the Retirees Association interesting to retirees who are not yet members and to people still working who will be retiring soon or otherwise would have an interest in the Association.

You can help by talking about the Association with potential members. Perhaps you can invite them to one of our dinners or other events.

Speaking of events, we are hoping to have a morning information session in February on River Cruises, a nice topic for those of us still in the Province but dreaming of escaping the snow and cold for a couple of weeks. Retirees and workers who have not yet joined but could be members will be welcome, as well as our regular members. More information will be coming by phone, email and will be on our web-site.

We also want to be more interesting to military personnel and retirees. Look for upcoming efforts on this front as well.

Elliott Keizer, President Fredericton and District Branch (NB 62)

Partners Program

We hope you are taking advantage of discounts available through our Partners Program:

Audiocorp, F'ton & Oromocto

Capital Home Watch

Griffins Pub & Eatery, Canex Mall Oromocto

Loyalist Law, Gagetown

The Schnitzel Parlour & Frackelman's Choc.

Wine Kitz, 2 F'ton Locations

Coast Tire – our newest participating partner, 2 F’ton locations

- **Refer to website for details and any new participating partners.**
- **Federal Retirees Association membership card may be required.**
- **Individual companies are responsible for product and service quality.**

Should you have any suggestions for the board on future partners or on any other matter, including speakers, content for daytime sessions, and our new branch priorities, please contact the branch by phone or e-mail at the contact points provided in this Branch Report.

Branch Annual Members Meeting

Will be held in conjunction with the Spring Dinner as outlined below. At the Fall General Meeting in October 2014, the members approved via resolution, the establishment of two reserve funds, one for equipment purchase or replacement and the other for board training.

Additionally another resolution was approved which reads:

“The Fredericton & District Branch Board be authorized to spend a max of \$2,000 annually from each allocated reserve fund to support its defined function.”

It’s the board’s intention, to present’ at the 2017 board annual members meeting in the spring 2017, a replacement resolution which will read as follows:

“The Fredericton and District Branch Board be authorized to spend, from the reserve funds, at their discretion, amounts annually to support the reserves’ described purposes.”

While the current resolution has provided no problems to date, it is felt that the board should have discretion as to how and when funds are spent. An accounting is always provided to the members.

In addition a number of board director positions will become vacant and renewals/replacements will be up for election by the members.

Spring Information Session

The board is currently arranging a spring information session with Robert Stoney of Loyalist Law, June 6, 2017, 9:30 for 10 am start. Location will be Day’s Inn, Black Watch Avenue, Oromocto. Topic – Estate Planning – Wills and Power of Attorney. As

usual we have no plans to implement a charge for info sessions, but your pre-registration is highly desirable.

NOTICE OF Branch Annual Members Meeting and Spring DINNER

**St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall, 2130 Route 102 Hwy Lincoln, N.B
Tuesday, May 2, 2017; 5:00 PM for 5:30 PM**
We will be serving roast beef.

Usual Door Prizes plus a **\$50.00 Gift Card** to **two members** who register **by
Tuesday April 11** (early registration is encouraged)

Cost: \$14.00 each for member and spouse/partner and \$19.00 for other guests.
At the door, fee is \$20 for both, should caterer agree there is room – **register
early!**

Members *must* pay for the dinner in advance when you register.

Make your cheque payable to: Fredericton & District Branch (NB62)

**To cancel, please phone the Branch Office at (506) 451-2111.
Sorry, no refunds after April 19.**

To register, mail your cheque with the form below. Please Note Mailing Address.

2017 Branch Annual Members Meeting and Spring Dinner

Payment enclosed for dinner:

- Member & spouse/partner (\$14.00 each): \$ ____ for ____ dinners.
- Additional guests (\$19.00 each): \$ __ for ____ dinners.

Please print:

Member's Name: _____

Spouse/Partner (if appl): _____

Guests' names: _____

Members e-mail address: _____

Mail this form with your cheque to:

**Fredericton & District Branch (NB 62)
PO Box 30068 Prospect Plaza, Fredericton, NB
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Spring BAMB Dinner Speaker – Simon Coakeley – Chief Executive Officer National Association of Federal Retirees

Simon Coakeley is a seasoned, fully bilingual lawyer and government executive with almost 30 years of operational and policy-oriented experience in the federal government - most recently serving as the Executive Director of the Immigration and Refugee Board. He has achieved success and earned great respect during his time in government thanks in large part to his experience in managing large organizations, working with central agencies, cooperating with parliamentary committees and conducting high-level negotiations.

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For those with computer access, don't forget that you can keep up to date on Branch happenings at <https://www.federalretirees.ca/en/Branches/New-Brunswick/Fredericton-and-District>. (Alternatively: <http://tinyurl.com/gl2otuh>)