

MINUTES
Coalition of Seniors, Pensioners and Retirees Association/Groups
Monday, November 28@ 9:30 AM via ZOOM

1. Welcome/Regrets: Sharron welcomed the members. In attendance were: Sharron Callahan, Ann-Marie Cleary, Elaine Hutchings, Ralph Morris, Albert Legge, Mike Siscoe, Roland Wells, Joanne Morrissey (who joined 9:45 AM) and Maurice Brewster (who joined via phone at 10:05 AM). Regrets were received from Robert Howard and Jon Soper. Sharron welcomed Albert Legge who would be replacing Sharon Penney and Patricia Parsons from the RTANL due to internal changes within that association.
2. Upcoming Changes with NLPSPA/Coalition: Sharron explained that she is now the permanent executive director of the NLPSPA and the infrastructure and coordination of the Coalition will remain the same.
3. Approval of Agenda: Moved by Ann-Marie Cleary. Seconded by Ralph Morris. Carried.
4. Minutes, August 17, 2022: Moved by Ann-Marie Cleary, Seconded by Mike Siscoe. Carried.
5. Meeting Notes, Minister Osborne, September 14, 2022: Accepted by Agreement.
6. Meeting Notes, Canadian Health Coalition, September 14, 2022: Sharon Penney did the notes. Accepted by Agreement.
7. Public Engagement, Seniors' Advocate. December 5, 2022, 9:30-11:30 AM: Not online, in person only, approximately 70 people registered so far.
8. Public Engagement, Social and Economic Well-Being Engagement Plan (Poverty Reduction): Meeting set for December 7, 2022 from 9-11AM. Sharron has to submit names to government. Government will communicate with the attendees directly with virtual link and reading material to have read before the meeting. There are 12 spaces.
9. Status of Dental Bill: Things are happening, legislation is proceeding but not proclaimed yet.
10. Meeting with Federal MP's: Sharron will request a meeting with the Federal MPs between Jan.16-25th of 2023, before they head back to Ottawa.
11. Next Advocacy Actions: Mike Sisco discussed the Pension Security Bill. Pensioners are always the last ones to get in line if there is anything left once a company goes

bankrupt. Creditors get paid first. This bill is gone to the Senate. Moving forward. It is Bill C228 on the House of Commons website

12. Other Business: Ralph is concerned about the grants for Heat Pumps and who can really afford to apply for such grants. The money needed upfront for these grants is often well out of reach for the average senior. He suggested we make this an issue with Minister Abbott. Also, it was suggested that the Social Engagement Recovery Plan be discussed with Minister Abbott too. Roland discussed the topic of Ageism with respect to the move within government and business to a digital service model. Sharron said she will forward two letters to Roland that were sent to various provincial government officials concerning technology and seniors.

13. Next Meeting: Call of the Chair.

14. Adjournment: Moved by Ralph Morris.

Minutes kept by: Ann-Marie Cleary