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**Retired Member
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You are receiving this newsletter to update you on issues and BCNU initiatives you may find important in retirement.

Retiree Benefits Program – Deadline to Apply for \$500 Payment is Nov. 30

Eligible members of the Nurses' Bargaining Association (NBA) Retiree Benefit Program (RBP) are entitled to a one-time payment of \$500. These members must have retired on or before Dec. 31, 2022 and be enrolled in the RBP.

The deadline to enrol in the RBT and apply for the payment is Nov. 30, 2023. Members who retired on or after Jan. 1, 2023 are not eligible.

To register in the Retiree Benefit Program, please complete an [RBP application form](#).

Visit bcnu.org/RBP for answers to frequently asked questions about the RBP.

Interim Provincial Treasurer Elected

The BCNU council elected Thompson North Okanagan region council member Scott Duvall as interim provincial treasurer following the resignation of Anita Dickson in September. Duvall will remain in the roll until a new treasurer is elected during the upcoming special election beginning on Nov. 29

Retired members are not eligible vote in BCNU special elections but can learn more about the upcoming election in the Oct. 3 [member bulletin](#).

Seniors Deserve Better Campaign Launched

Following National Seniors Day on Oct. 1, BCNU joined nurses' unions across the country in renewed calls for coordinated action on investments in seniors' and long-term care. [Seniors Deserve Better](#) is BCNU's new campaign to support these calls for action.

Seniors Deserve Better provides retired members with opportunities to take action and support this work by sending a message to the federal government, saying now is the time to fix the crisis in Canada's long-term care system.

Upcoming Webinars: Long-Term Care in BC

Retired members are invited to the following webinars offered by the Action for Reform of Residential Care Association (ARRCBC):

- *LTC – Quality Initiative on Oct. 25*
- *Quality of Life in LTC – the Seniors Advocate's Perspective is on Nov. 22.,* featuring Isobel Mackenzie, Office of the Seniors Advocate BC.

Webinars are from 7 p.m. – 8 p.m. PST and there is no need to pre-register. Learn more on the [ARRCBC web page](#).

Flu and COVID Vaccinations Now Available

Following Thanksgiving, the province invited eligible individuals to book an appointment for updated influenza and COVID-19 vaccines. Invitations include a direct link to book an appointment online. If you have previously received a COVID-19 vaccine in BC, then you are registered in the province's Get Vaccinated system. Invitations were sent to priority populations first, including those 65 or older, long-term care residents, Indigenous Peoples, those with chronic health conditions, and health-care workers.

[Learn more](#)

Pension Plan Annual Reports Now Available

Municipal Pension Plan (MPP) and Public Service Pension Plan (PSPP) 2022 annual reports are now available. Members can [review the MPP report](#) and the [PSPP report](#) for updates on investment performance, governance and financial statements.

If you know another retired member who did not yet receive this email, please forward this to let them know they can update their information with BCNU and be added to this mailing list by contacting Membership@bcnu.org.

Questions or suggestions? Reply to this email with your feedback for future eNewsletters.

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