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## **NBA Retiree Benefit Program Bolsters LPN Representation**

The Nurses' Bargaining Association (NBA) Retiree Benefit Program (RBP) Committee has expanded with the addition of two licensed practical nurse (LPN) committee positions. The new positions were created following a governance review conducted by the committee to identify options to increase LPN representation.

The review follows negotiated RBP funding for LPNs that came into effect on April 1, 2024. The review determined that one position on the RBP Committee be allocated to a retired LPN member and the other to an active LPN member. BCNU Council has appointed North East regional council member Danette Thomsen as the committee's active LPN member.

Expressions of interest (EOI) are now being solicited for the retired LPN position on the committee. Members wishing to serve on the committee are invited to file their EOI by visiting the [Retiree Benefit Program](#) webpage and submitting a form no later than Jan. 14, 2025 at 12:00 noon PST. BCNU will review all applications received and contact shortlisted candidates for interviews.

[Read our bulletin to learn more.](#)

## **Call for Participation in the Office of the Seniors Advocate Survey on Ageism**

BC's Office of the Seniors Advocate (OSA) invites British Columbians to participate in a survey about their experiences with ageism, particularly related to seniors. The OSA hopes survey responses will help to inform the future work of its office. Participants can take the survey online, download a printable PDF file, or request a paper copy by phone. The survey is anonymous and closes on Dec. 13. [Learn more.](#)

## **Health Care Access Among Older Canadians: Findings from the NIA's Ageing in Canada Survey**

The National Institute on Aging (NIA) has published its report, Health Care Access Among Older Canadians: Findings from the NIA's Ageing in Canada Survey . The report reveals challenges experienced by

Canadians aged 50 and older when accessing health-care services. These include the nearly five million older Canadians who have no access to reliable primary care – a circumstance made worse by the COVID-19 pandemic, staffing shortages and wait times. [Read](#) the report.

## **Nurses Mourn Passing of the Honourable Murray Sinclair**

BCNU mourned the November passing of the Honourable Murray Sinclair. Justice Sinclair – also known by his spirit name Mizhana, meaning “the One Who Speaks of Pictures in the Sky” - was a champion of Indigenous rights and an important leader in advancing truth and reconciliation efforts. [Read our bulletin](#).

## **Pension Plan Annual Reports Now Available**

Annual reports from the Municipal and Public Service Pension plans are now available. View the [MPP 2023 annual report](#) and the [PSPP 2024 annual report](#) to learn more about the plans' investments, governance and the trustees.

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