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## **Retiree Benefit Program Fund Update**

Recently, the committee responsible for administering the Nurses' Bargaining Association Retiree Benefit Program requested a Canada Revenue Agency advance income tax ruling to help inform the ongoing plan design review process. The committee also welcomed retired LPN Marlene Goertzen as its newest member.

Read our [bulletin](#) for the full update.

## **For-Profit Clinic Ordered to Pay Legal Costs**

BCNU welcomes Monday's BC Supreme Court ruling ordering Cambie Surgeries to pay the BC government's legal costs from a lawsuit and constitutional challenge to public health care it launched in 2009. The union has always argued the plaintiffs' motivations were never really about surgical wait lists or patient suffering, but about doctors being allowed to charge patients whatever they want for necessary medical services.

[Read more](#) in the Vancouver Sun.

## **Expand Your Tax Knowledge with CRA Webinars**

The deadline to file 2024 income tax returns for most Canadians is April 30, 2025. Every year, the importance of filing your tax return grows because eligibility for government supports, such as the new [Canadian Dental Care Plan](#) and [Guaranteed Income Supplement](#), are based on your annual income.

The Government of Canada offers a series of webinars and recordings for Canadians to learn about tax benefits and credits. Retired members are encouraged to watch the Feb. 12 webinar, [Benefits and credits for adults 65 years and older](#), which provides information on GST/HST credit, pension income splitting, ways to do your taxes and other services available.

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