** SUPERANNUATED TEACHERS OF SASKATCHEWAN**

**MEMBER REPORT**

**Information**

**Membership** – 11,131 – 42 Chapters including 2 in British Columbia

**NOTE:**

The Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan is constituted as a local of the Saskatchewan Teachers′ Federation (STF) and is assigned eight voting councillors for all annual meetings of the STF.

1. **MAJOR CONCERNS OF YOUR ORGANIZATION**
2. **FEDERAL LEVEL**
3. Creating a National Pharmacare Program.
4. Lower age of OAS eligibility from 67 to 65.
5. Introduce Seniors′ Price Index to ensure OAS and GIS benefits align with true increases to cost of living.
6. Restore Canada Post′s door-to-door home mail delivery service and the need to provide bank services through the post office for individuals living in remote areas.
7. **PROVINCIAL LEVEL**
8. Over the next 10 years, the federal government will provide Saskatchewan an additional $190.3 million for better home care including addressing critical home care infrastructure requirements. Details have not yet been announced by the Saskatchewan government.
9. The minimum monthly fee for long-term care will rise from 50% to 57.5%. The maximum monthly fee will increase from $2,065 to $2,689.
10. **The Provincial Budget 2017 – impacts**
    1. Provincial sales tax to 6% from 5% and will now be charged on children′s clothing, restaurant meals and construction services.
    2. Operating funding for the 28 school divisions, down 1.2% ($22 million) from last year.
    3. Salaries for the public service cut by 3.5%.
    4. Closure of Saskatchewan Transit Company (STC) May 31, 2017, will affect seniors.
    5. .5 decrease to personal and corporate income tax rates in 2017 and 2019.
11. Superannuated teachers are calling on the government to amend legislation that regulates pharmacies and the dispensing fees to effect changes that would protect the consumers, provide a consistent approach to the dispensing of medications and enable dispensing a prescription for more than one month for one fee.
12. **MAIN ACTIVITIES OF YOUR ASSOCIATION SINCE LAST ACER-CART AGM**
    1. Annual President′s Meeting.
    2. Five Executive meetings annually – conference calls as required.
    3. STS President′s visits to STS chapters.
    4. Provincial Executive liaison representatives to each of the 42 Chapters.
    5. Publication and distribution of five issues of *OUTREACH.*
    6. Support of Chapters hosting provincial recreational events.
    7. Member of the *Saskatchewan Seniors′ Mechanism*.
    8. Two $1,500.00 scholarships to support university studies.
    9. Annual grant of $2,000.00 in support of the activities of the *Dr. Stirling McDowell Foundation.*
    10. Honorary Life Member Awards.
13. **AGM MOTIONS FROM YOUR ASSOCIATION TO THE ACER-CART AGM.**

Will be forwarded to ACER-CART immediately following the STS AGM May 9-11,

2017.