

**PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND**

**RETIRED TEACHERS’ ASSOCIATION**

**MEMBER REPORT**

1. **Major concerns of our association:**
2. **Federal Level:**
	1. Bill C-27
	2. National Pharmacare
	3. Poverty among Seniors
	4. Hospital to Home Care Funding
3. **Provincial Level:**
4. Changing 30-day prescriptions to 90 days (routine prescriptions)
5. More subsidized senior housing
6. More nursing care beds (long waiting list)
7. Hospital to Home Care Assistance
8. **Main activities of our association since last ACER-CART AGM:**
9. PEI RTA AGM – Nov. 2, 2017- Guest Speaker spoke about the Senior’s Drug Plan and catastrophic drugs. Sellina Pellerin, Member Services for PEITF, approached the RTA re: interest in being on the substitute list as there is a shortage of substitutes especially in the rural areas and specialist areas. It was a productive day. Attendance was lower than anticipated.
10. ECRTO – PEIRTA will be hosting the ECRTO on October 24-25, 2018 in Charlottetown. Plans for the meeting are progressing nicely.
11. Scholarships and Bursaries - The president attended a ceremony at Holland College celebrating students who received bursaries. A student received a PEIRTA bursary as she entered her second year of study. The president will attend an awards ceremony at University of PEI on May 11 where students will receive a PEIRTA scholarship and a bursary. The PEIRTA funds a scholarship and a bursary to UPEI and two bursaries to Holland College.
12. Retirement Seminars – The president and the vice president attended the Retirement seminars for PEITF members.
13. PEI Health Coalition and Pharmacists–Dialogue Continues on drugs for seniors and 30 vs 90-day prescriptions.
14. f. ACER-CART Support- Distribute information to all PEIRTA members through newsletters and AGM. Lobby MPs and MLAs and support ACER-CART in their lobbying and work for seniors.

Since beginning as president in January 2018 I am thoroughly enjoying my role. I do find it pleasantly busy as I learn and experience everything that it entails. I certainly appreciate the help and support received from all the PEIRTA and ACER-CART executive members.

**Cynthia MacDonald**

PEIRTA President