**Pension Committee Report – March 2018**

Gerry Tiede, Committee Chair

BCRTA members have received many communications on Bill C-27 and we have had significant numbers of contacts with MPs although we have not reached our goal of 25 contacts for each MP. We have also met with the Council of Senior Citizens Organizations of BC, at their request, but they have failed to contribute anything of substance to the efforts so far.

JoAnn Lauber has spoken with Herb John of the National Pensioners Federation whose contribution seemed to be limited to the inclusion of their logo onto our communications.

JoAnn also spoke to Seniors Voice during a conference call that ACER-CART participated in. They had heard of advocacy action occurring in B.C. around C- 27 by the Retired Teachers. Sayward Montague, Advocacy Director of the National Association of Federal Retirees, reported that they had sent 30,000 emails to MPs. Everyone agreed that the issues inherent in Bill C-27 would not be disappearing, though they appear at a standstill because of Morneau ‘s current difficulties.

BCRTA’s Board is meeting this week and by the time of our phone call I expect to report to you that we will be undertaking the development of an on-line petition against Bill C-27. If that happens, we will share that action with ACER-CART affiliates as well as Seniors’ Voice.