



PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

MEMBER REPORT

A. FEDERAL LEVEL:

1. The National Seniors Strategy focusing on "Aging in Place." The need to provide seniors with safe care in or near their homes and communities in which they presently reside in.
2. National Pharmacare.
3. Elder Abuse Awareness—What is it? What steps need to be addressed for the safety of all seniors being abused.

B. PROVINCIAL LEVEL:

1. World Elder Abuse Awareness Day—June 15, 2022.
2. Evaluating the "Elected School Board Model Consultations" for the Public Schools Branch which serves English students from K –12 in 56 schools across PEI.
3. Evaluating the Pharmacogenetic Testing Benefit available for Plan members.
4. Continue Reaching Out to teachers (currently teaching or retired) to show them the benefits of becoming a member of the PEIRTA.
5. Continuing building a collaborative relationship with other Seniors groups in PEI with similar concerns and issues (i.e., Health, Seniors Abuse, Housing, etc.).

2. PRIORITIES OF THE PEIRTA 2021-2022

1. Senior Abuse Awareness. This is designed to help educate and promote the public's role to identify and address financial, mental and/or physical abuse of PEI's Seniors. We will work to support the efforts of the PEI Police Association's 2022 Annual Crime Prevention Guide which focuses on Seniors Abuse Awareness. Refer to www.peipolice.com to view some of their recent community guides published for the benefit of the citizens of PEI.
2. Evaluation of the new awards presented by the PEIRTA to graduates of Island High Schools:
 - a. The Young Leader Award—Annually to one graduating student in each High School (10) of the PSB and to one student in the Commission scolaire de langue française (East & West) (2).
3. Criteria: leadership in school activities, a volunteer in the community, supports or mentors others within the school and is dedicated to school work. Not based on academic standing!
 - a. An annual bursary to a second-year student entering the Early Childhood Education Program at Collège isle.
 - b. An annual scholarship to support a student entering a BEd or MEd program as a FULL-TIME student at a university with a recognized program in those areas of study.

4. Health Resources to support all ages need to be reviewed and modified (Mental Health, Health Care Professionals, Facilities, Training.....). UPEI will be starting a NEW Medical School for Doctors in the near future!
5. Supporting the results of the UPEI study investigating the needs of seniors. This study also addresses the “Age in Place” of individuals. Data from this study should be utilized to inform the government what seniors perceive will benefit the creation of services and programs to foster healthy aging. Data from this study will be useful to government developing policies, services and programs to foster healthy aging. Results should engage seniors so they can act as “Change Agents” and identify future research projects about healthy aging in PEI.

3. MAIN ACTIVITIES OF THE PEIRTA 2021-2022

1. Creation of three new Annual Education Awards for High School, College and University students.
2. We held our 2021 AGM as an “In Person” event with strict COVID regulations—what a relief as we had to cancel our 2020 AGM.
3. COVID brought many retired teachers (English and French) back to the classroom (K-12), as guidance personnel, tutors, volunteers, administrative support and coaching, refereeing or coordinating school sports.
4. There was increased communications and awareness of the PEIRTA to PEITF members.
5. Planning of the next ECRTTO meeting in Montreal in the Fall of 2022.
6. Planning is underway for our Annual PEIRTA Golf Tournament on September 6/22—the first day for returning teachers!
7. COVID cancelled our first Curling Event—planning is underway for next season.
8. The PEIRTA volunteered to carry on as an executive for another year due to COVID and the cancellation of our AGM. Passed as a Resolution at our 2021 AGM.
9. The PEITF Pre Retirement Seminars were held in April 2022 with presentations at both sessions by the PEIRTA President’s Group—Past, Present and Future (Cynthia, Wayne, Phyllis)
10. We are embarking on a Minor review of our Constitution and Bylaws as a result of our new awards and a few other minor changes—needs to be completed for our 2022 AGM (November)
11. Planning for PEIRTA AGM 2022—November 3, 2022. An Election year so we need to ask our current executive if they wish to remain for another term (2 years). The Nominating Committee will have to find a person to serve as Vice President and maybe some other positions. Our last Newsletter asked for nominations of retirees interested in joining our team. Nominations are also allowed from the floor at the AGM.